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#### **Advanced Power Window Control System**

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# 1 Objective

This project aims to develop an advanced power window control system using the Tiva C Series TM4C123GH6PM microcontroller and FreeRTOS for real-time task management. The system will control a front passenger door window, featuring manual and automatic operation, obstacle detection, window lock functionality, and precise position tracking. The implementation emphasizes safety, reliability, and efficient resource utilization.

## 2 Components Used

A variety of electronic components were used, these included:

- Basic components
  - Male-Male jumper wires
  - Male-female jumper wires
  - Push buttons
  - Switches
- Sensory components
  - Limit Switch: Used to detect end positions.
  - IR sensor: Used to detect obstacles in the window path.
  - Rotary Encoder: Used to detect the position of the window.
- Alert Components
  - Buzzer: Used to signal that an object was detected.
  - LCD: Used to display different statuses of the system.
- Actuator & Control components
  - 12 DC motor
  - H-Bridge: Used as a control circuit for the motor.

## 3 System Architecture

The system architecture of the Power Window Control System is designed around the Tiva C microcontroller; the system implements real-time responsiveness and safety. It integrates multiple input sources such as push buttons, limit switches, rotary encoders, and obstacle detection sensors, while controlling outputs like a DC motor, buzzer, and LCD display. FreeRTOS is used to manage concurrent tasks such as handling manual/automatic commands, monitoring safety features, and controlling motor actions. The architecture ensures that each input or event is serviced efficiently and reliably, supporting both driver and passenger control with features like window lock, jam protection, and status reporting.

## 3.1 Port Configuration

Several ports were configured to interface the Tiva-c with the components used.

```
//global definitions
#define Buttons_Motor_Port      GPIO_PORTA_BASE
#define Sensors_Port            GPIO_PORTC_BASE
#define Object_Detection_Sensor (1<<4)
#define Window_Upper_Limit     (1<<5)
#define Window_Lower_Limit     (1<<6)
#define Window_Lock_Switch     (1<<7)
#define Passenger_Elevate_Button (1<<2)
#define Passenger_Lower_Button  (1<<3)
#define Driver_Elevate_Button   (1<<4)
#define Driver_Lower_Button     (1<<5)

#define GPIO_PORTA_BASE        0x40004000 // GPIO Port A
#define GPIO_PORTB_BASE        0x40005000 // GPIO Port B
#define GPIO_PORTC_BASE        0x40006000 // GPIO Port C
#define GPIO_PORTD_BASE        0x40007000 // GPIO Port D

#define DC_Motor_In1           (1<<6)
#define DC_Motor_In2           (1<<7)
#define DC_Motor_Enable        0x02
```

### 3.1.1 Port A

Pins PA2-PA5 are configured as inputs while pins PA6 and PA7 are configured as outputs. All pins are enabled for digital functionality.

PIN functions are as follows:

- PA2: interfaces the passenger elevate button.
- PA3: interfaces the passenger lower button.
- PA4: interfaces the driver elevate button.
- PA5: interfaces the driver lower button.
- PA6: Used to control motor direction using the H-bridge (motor-input).
- PA7: Used to control motor direction using the H-bridge (motor-input).

### 3.1.2 Port B

Pins PB2-PB3 are configured as I2C communication lines for the Icd

- PB2: Used as the serial clock line.
- PB3: Used as the serial data line.

### 3.1.3 Port C

Pins PC4-PC7 are all used as inputs.

PIN functions:

- PC4: interfaces the IR sensor used for object detection.
- PC5: Interfaces the limit switch that marks the upper limit for the window.
- PC6: Interfaces the limit switch that marks the lower limit for the window.
- PC7: Interfaces the passenger lock switch.

### 3.1.4 Port F

Pin PF1 is configured as output.

PIN functions:

- PF1: Used as control the motor enable (pin in the H-bridge).

## 3.2 System Components

The power window control system is divided into functional components, each implemented as a dedicated FreeRTOS task. These components work together to create a complete, reliable window control system

### 3.2.1 Window Movement Control

Window movement is controlled by several tasks, each one serving a purpose based on movement is manual\automatic and whether this is the driver or the passenger.

- Driver Window Control:

```
198
199 void vUpTask(void *pvParameters) {
200     xSemaphoreTake(xDriverWindowElevateTaskUnlockerSemaphore, 0);
201     while (1){
202         xSemaphoreTake(xDriverWindowElevateTaskUnlockerSemaphore, portMAX_DELAY);
203         // delay for debounce
204         vTaskDelay(800/portTICK_RATE_MS);
205
206         driver_elevate_button_state = GPIOPinRead(Buttons_Motor_Port, Driver_Elevate_Button);
207         //manual
208         if ( driver_elevate_button_state == HIGH && window_state != WINDOW_CLOSED){
209             // Update LCD to show operation
210             LCD_Clear();
211             LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
212             LCD_Print("Driver Manual");
213             LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
214             LCD_Print("Window Moving Up");
215             // while its pressed
216             while (driver_elevate_button_state == HIGH && window_state != WINDOW_CLOSED){
217                 // Enable the motor first
218                 GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_Enable;
219                 // move window up
220                 GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_In1;
221                 GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
222                 operation = UP;
223                 window_state = MIDDLE;
224                 driver_elevate_button_state = GPIOPinRead(Buttons_Motor_Port, Driver_Elevate_Button);
225                 last_task = DU;
226             }
227             // Disable the motor first
228             GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
229             // Then clear direction pins
230             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
231             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
232             last_task = STOP;
233             // Update LCD status
```

```

0      //automatic
1      else if (driver_elevate_button_state == LOW && window_state != WINDOW_CLOSED){
2          // Update LCD to show operation
3          LCD_Clear();
4          LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
5          LCD_Print("Driver Auto");
6          LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
7          LCD_Print("Window Moving Up");
8          // Enable the motor first
9          GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_Enable;
10         // move window up
11         GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_In1;
12         GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
13         operation = UP;
14         window_state = MIDDLE;
15         last_task = DU;
16     }

```

The driver control supports both automatic and manual elevating or lowering the window. On semaphore acquisition, the pins interfaced with the H-Bridge are set to the suitable combination to lower or elevate the window (different motor rotations) and the motor enable is set high. The task figures out whether the user wants a manual or automatic movement by checking if the driver\_elevate button is still pressed, if the user is still pressing (elongated press) this is a manual elevation or lowering of the window, if the button status was low that means it was a quick press and the window is elevated or lowered automatically without a continuous press.

- Passenger window control:

```

13 }
14
15 void vFUpTask(void *pvParameters) {
16     xSemaphoreTake(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskUnlockerSemaphore, 0);
17     while (1){
18         xSemaphoreTake(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskUnlockerSemaphore, portMAX_DELAY);
19         vTaskDelay(800/portTICK_RATE_MS);
20         passenger_elevate_button_state = GPIOPinRead(Buttons_Motor_Port, Passenger_Elevate_Button);
21         // MANUAL MODE
22         if (passenger_elevate_button_state == HIGH && window_state != WINDOW_CLOSED){
23             // Update LCD to show operation
24             LCD_Clear();
25             LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
26             LCD_Print("Passenger Manual");
27             LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
28             LCD_Print("Window Moving Up");
29
30             while (passenger_elevate_button_state == HIGH && window_state != WINDOW_CLOSED){
31                 // Enable the motor first
32                 GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_Enable;
33                 // move window up
34                 GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_In1;
35                 GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
36                 last_task = PU;
37                 operation = UP;
38                 window_state = MIDDLE;
39                 passenger_elevate_button_state = GPIOPinRead(Buttons_Motor_Port, Passenger_Elevate_Button);
40             }

```

```

54     // AUTOMATIC MODE
55     else if (passenger_elevate_button_state == LOW && window_state != WINDOW_CLOSED){
56         // Update LCD to show operation
57         LCD_Clear();
58         LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
59         LCD_Print("Passenger Auto");
60         LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
61         LCD_Print("Window Moving Up");
62         // Enable the motor first
63         GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_Enable;
64         // move window up
65         GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_In1;
66         GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
67         operation = UP;
68         last_task = PU;
69         window_state = MIDDLE;
70     }
71 }
72
73

```

The passenger window buttons have the same functionalities as the driver, but the driver can choose to lock window control to driver buttons only.

### 3.2.2 Window Safety Features

- As mentioned, the driver can choose to disable the passenger buttons.

```

433 void vLockWindows(void *pvParameters) {
434     xSemaphoreTake(xLockWindowsTaskUnlockerSemaphore, 0);
435     while (1){
436         // Turn buzzer on
437         GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R |= buzzen;
438         // Simple delay - consider replacing with a timer-based delay for better accuracy
439         for(volatile int i = 0; i < 1000000; i++);
440         // Turn buzzer off
441         GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R &= ~buzzen;
442         xSemaphoreTake(xLockWindowsTaskUnlockerSemaphore, portMAX_DELAY);
443         // delay for debounce
444         vTaskDelay(500/portTICK_RATE_MS);
445         lock_state = GPIOPinRead(Sensors_Port, Window_Lock_Switch);
446         if (lock_state == HIGH){
447             vTaskSuspend(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle);
448             vTaskSuspend(xPassengerWindowLowerTaskHandle);
449
450             // Update LCD with lock status
451             LCD_Clear();
452             LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
453             LCD_Print("Window Control");
454             LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
455             LCD_Print("Status: LOCKED");
456
457             xSemaphoreTake(xLockWindowsTaskUnlockerSemaphore, portMAX_DELAY);
458         }
459         else{
460             vTaskResume(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle);
461             vTaskResume(xPassengerWindowLowerTaskHandle);
462
463             // Update LCD with unlock status
464             LCD_Clear();
465             LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
466             LCD_Print("Window Control");
467             LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
468             LCD_Print("Status: UNLOCKED");
469
470             xSemaphoreTake(xLockWindowsTaskUnlockerSemaphore, portMAX_DELAY);
471         }
472     }
473 }

```

This is done by suspending the tasks responsible for passenger lowering and elevating and resuming when the switch is pressed again.

- The system can detect obstacles in window path using IR Sensor

```

474 void vObstacleDetection(void *pvParameters) {
475     xSemaphoreTake(xObstacleDetectionUnlockerSemaphore, 0);
476     while (1) {
477         // Turn buzzer on
478         GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R |= buzzen;
479         // Simple delay - consider replacing with a timer-based delay for better accuracy
480         for(volatile int i = 0; i < 1000000; i++);
481         // Turn buzzer off
482         GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R &= ~buzzen;
483         xSemaphoreTake(xObstacleDetectionUnlockerSemaphore, portMAX_DELAY);
484         vTaskDelay(200/portTICK_RATE_MS);
485         if_sensor_state = GPIOPinRead(Sensors_Port, Object_Detection_Sensor);
486         if (if_sensor_state == LOW && operation == UP) {
487             // Update LCD with obstacle detection
488             LCD_Clear();
489             LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
490             LCD_Print("OBSTACLE DETECTED!");
491             LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
492             LCD_Print("Reversing window...");
493
494             // Disable the motor first
495             GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
496             // Then clear direction pins
497             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
498             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
499             vTaskDelay(1000/portTICK_RATE_MS);
500             // Enable the motor first
501             GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_Enable;
502             // Set motor direction to move down
503             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
504             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R |= DC_Motor_In2;
505             vTaskDelay(1000/portTICK_RATE_MS);
506             // Disable the motor first
507             GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
508             // Then clear direction pins
509             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
510             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
511             vTaskSuspend(xDriverWindowElevateTaskHandle);
512             vTaskSuspend(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle);
513         }
514     }
515 }

```



On detection the system is interrupted and the ISR points to the object detection task which stops then reverses the direction to lower the window to avoid jamming. A buzzer is enabled to alert the user.

### 3.2.3 Position Tracking

The system uses a rotary encoder and limit switched to track the position of the window.

There are 2 limit switches for upwards and downwards direction. On Upper limit switch press, an interrupt stops the system and the ISR gives the semaphore for the UpperLimit task.

```

28 void vUpperLimit(void *pvParameters) {
29     xSemaphoreTake(xUpperLimitUnlockerSemaphore, 0);
30     while (1) {
31         // Turn buzzer on
32         GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R |= buzzen;
33
34         for(volatile int i = 0; i < 1000000; i++);
35         // Turn buzzer off
36         GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R &= ~buzzen;
37         xSemaphoreTake(xUpperLimitUnlockerSemaphore, portMAX_DELAY);
38         upper_limit_switch_state = GPIOPinRead(Sensors_Port, Window_Upper_Limit);
39         // STOPPING MOTOR AT UPPER LIMIT
40         if ((upper_limit_switch_state == LOW) && (operation == UP)) { // Function to check if an obstacle is detected
41             // Disable the motor first
42             GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
43             // Then clear direction pins
44             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
45             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
46             window_state = WINDOW_CLOSED;
47             vTaskSuspend(xDriverWindowElevateTaskHandle);
48             vTaskSuspend(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle);
49             // Update LCD with window closed status
50             LCD_Clear();
51             LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
52             LCD_Print("Window Position");
53             LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
54             LCD_Print("Status: CLOSED");
55         }
56         // RE-ALLOW WINDOW CLOSING OPTION
57         else {
58             vTaskResume(xDriverWindowElevateTaskHandle);
59             vTaskResume(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle);
60         }
61     }
62 }

```

The task acquires the semaphore and is unblocked, it then checks if for limit switch status and operation, it stops the motor if the operation is up and sets the window as closed meaning the window won't elevate again unless it is lowered first and set as not closed.

The Lower limit switch works with the same logic.

```

563 //
564 void vLowerLimit(void *pvParameters) {
565     xSemaphoreTake(xLowerLimitUnlockerSemaphore, 0);
566     while (1) {
567         // Turn buzzer on
568         GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R |= buzzen;
569
570         for(volatile int i = 0; i < 1000000; i++);
571         // Turn buzzer off
572         GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R &= ~buzzen;
573         xSemaphoreTake(xLowerLimitUnlockerSemaphore, portMAX_DELAY);
574         lower_limit_switch_state = GPIOPinRead(Sensors_Port, Window_Lower_Limit);
575         //stop motor at lower limit
576         if ((lower_limit_switch_state == LOW) && (operation == DOWN)) {
577             // Disable the motor first
578             GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
579             // Then clear direction pins
580             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
581             GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
582             window_state = WINDOW_OPEN;
583             vTaskSuspend(xDriverWindowLowerTaskHandle);
584             vTaskSuspend(xPassengerWindowLowerTaskHandle);
585             // Update LCD with window open status
586             LCD_Clear();
587             LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
588             LCD_Print("Window Position");
589             LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
590             LCD_Print("Status: OPEN");
591         }
592         //allow windows to be used again
593         else {
594             vTaskResume(xDriverWindowLowerTaskHandle);
595             vTaskResume(xPassengerWindowLowerTaskHandle);
596         }
597     }
598 }
599 //

```

The rotary encoder helps the system track the position of the window in intermediary phases other than Closed or Open.

The encoder tracking task is awakened by notification from ISR. In our system min position is 0 and the maximum is 10.

```
617 void vEncoderTask(void *pvParameters)
618 {
619     // Initialize display
620     LCD_Clear();
621     LCD_SetCursor(0,0);
622     LCD_Print("Encoder:");
623     LCD_SetCursor(1,0);
624     {
625         char buf[16];
626         snprintf(buf, sizeof(buf), "Pos:%2ld Dir:%2ld", encoderPos, encoderDirection);
627         LCD_Print(buf);
628     }
629
630     for(;;)
631     {
632         // Wait for notification from ISR
633         ulTaskNotifyTake(pdTRUE, portMAX_DELAY);
634
635         // Clamp range
636         if(encoderPos < ENC_MIN_POS) encoderPos = ENC_MIN_POS;
637         if(encoderPos > ENC_MAX_POS) encoderPos = ENC_MAX_POS;
638
639         // Display updated position and direction info for debugging
640         LCD_SetCursor(1,0);
641         {
642             char buf[16];
643             snprintf(buf, sizeof(buf), "Pos:%2ld Dir:%2ld", encoderPos, encoderDirection);
644             LCD_Print(buf);
645         }
646
647         // Map encoder to window position if needed
648         if(encoderPos <= 2) {
649             window_state = WINDOW_OPEN;
650         } else if(encoderPos >= 8) {
651             window_state = WINDOW_CLOSED;
652         } else {
653             window_state = MIDDLE;
654         }
655     }
656 }
```

```
if(encoderPos == 0){
    GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
    // Then clear direction pins
    GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
    GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;

    window_state = WINDOW_OPEN;

    vTaskSuspend(xDriverWindowLowerTaskHandle);
    vTaskSuspend(xPassengerWindowLowerTaskHandle);
    // Update LCD with window open status
    LCD_Clear();
    LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
    LCD_Print("Window Position");
    LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
    LCD_Print("Status: OPEN");
}
```

If the encoder position reaches 0 that means that window is fully open, it behaves like the limit switch, suspending the lower task and setting the window status OPEN effectively stopping the window from lowering below the limit. If the encoder value changes from 0 it resumes the lower tasks.

```

3  if(encoderPos == 10){
4      // Disable the motor first
5      GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
6      // Then clear direction pins
7      GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
8      GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
9      window_state = WINDOW_CLOSED;
10     vTaskSuspend(xDriverWindowElevateTaskHandle);
11     vTaskSuspend(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle);
12
13     // Update LCD with window closed status
14     LCD_Clear();
15     LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
16     LCD_Print("Window Position");
17     LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
18     LCD_Print("Status: CLOSED");
19 }
20 else {
21     vTaskResume(xDriverWindowElevateTaskHandle);
22     vTaskResume(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle);
23 }
24 }

```

- Elevating and lowering

```

// Update LCD status
LCD_Clear();
LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
LCD_Print("Window: Middle");
LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
LCD_Print("Manual Up Done");
}
//automatic

// Update LCD status
LCD_Clear();
LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
LCD_Print("Window: Middle");
LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
LCD_Print("Manual Down Done");
}
else if (driver_lower_button_state == LOW && window_state
// Update LCD to show operation
LCD_Clear();
LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
LCD_Print("Driver Auto");
LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
LCD_Print("Window Moving Down");

```

- Limits reached

```

// Update LCD with window closed status:
LCD_Clear();
LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
LCD_Print("Window Position");
LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
LCD_Print("Status: CLOSED");
}
// DELAY WINDOW CLOSING OPTION

// Update LCD with window open status
LCD_Clear();
LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
LCD_Print("Window Position");
LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
LCD_Print("Status: OPEN");

```

- Driver Lock

```

// Update LCD with lock status
LCD_Clear();
LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
LCD_Print("Window Control");
LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
LCD_Print("Status: LOCKED");

xSemaphoreTake(xLockWindowsTaskUnlockerSemaph
}
else{
vTaskResume(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle
vTaskResume(xPassengerWindowLowerTaskHandle);

// Update LCD with unlock status
LCD_Clear();
LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
LCD_Print("Window Control");
LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
LCD_Print("Status: UNLOCKED");

```

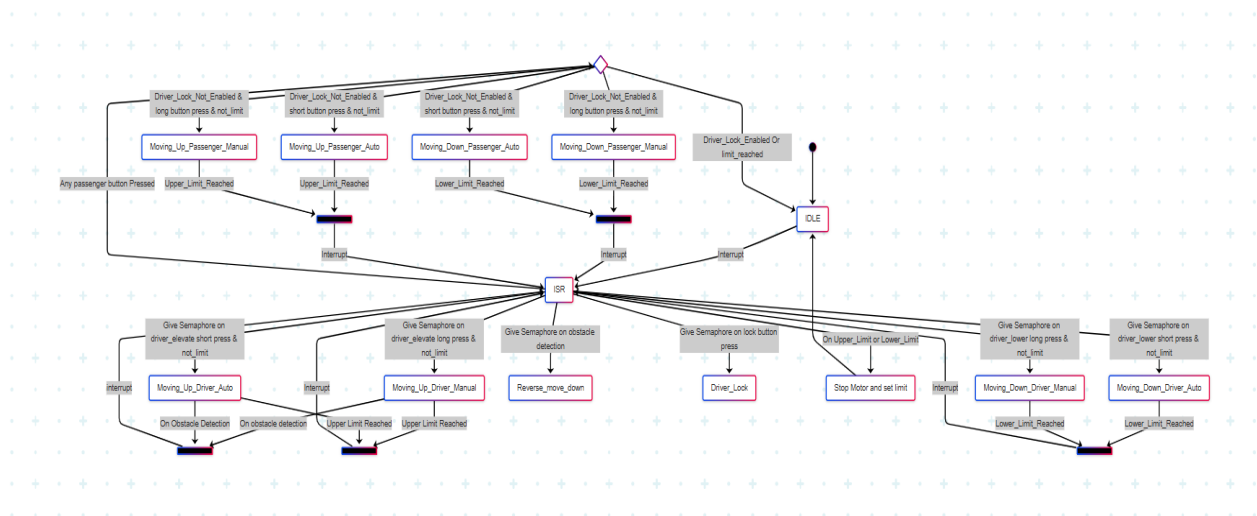
- Obstacle detection

```
// Update LCD with window status after reversal
LCD_Clear();
LCD_SetCursor(0, 0);
LCD_Print("Safety Activated");
LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
LCD_Print("Window: Middle");
}
```

- Encoder position updates

```
// Display updated position and direction info
LCD_SetCursor(1,0);
{
    char buf[16];
    snprintf(buf, sizeof(buf), "Pos:%2ld Dir:%2ld", encoderPos, encoderDirection);
    LCD_Print(buf);
}
```

### 3.3 System State Diagram





## 4 Free RTOS Implementation

The power window system uses a multi-task architecture implemented with FreeRTOS, dividing functionality into specialized tasks with appropriate priorities.

### 4.1 Task Priorities

Tasks are assigned priorities based on their importance to system and safety.

```
//createbg tasks
xTaskCreate(vUPupTask      , "PassengerWindowElevate" , 150, NULL, 1, &xPassengerWindowElevateTaskHandle);
xTaskCreate(vPLowerTask    , "PassengerWindowLower"    , 150, NULL, 1, &xPassengerWindowLowerTaskHandle);
xTaskCreate(vDUPupTask     , "DriverWindowElevate"    , 150, NULL, 2, &xDriverWindowElevateTaskHandle);
xTaskCreate(vDLowerTask    , "DriverWindowLower"     , 150, NULL, 2, &xDriverWindowLowerTaskHandle);
xTaskCreate(vLockWindows   , "LockWindows"           , 100, NULL, 2, &xLockWindowsTaskHandle);
xTaskCreate(vUpperLimit    , "UpperLimitAction"       , 100, NULL, 4, &xUpperLimitActionHandle);
xTaskCreate(vLowerLimit    , "LowerLimitAction"       , 100, NULL, 4, &xLowerLimitActionHandle);
xTaskCreate(vODetection    , "ObstacleDetection"      , 100, NULL, 3, &xObsatcleDetectionHandle);
xTaskCreate(vEncoderTask   , "Encoder"               , 128, NULL, 1, &xEncoderTaskHandle);
```

#### 4.1.1 Critical Tasks

The most important tasks to execute immediately are given the highest priority in our system, which is 4.

- VUpperLimit: Needs to work immediately to mark limit and preempt any window movement tasks.
- VLowerLimit: Needs to work immediately and preempt any window movement tasks.

#### 4.1.2 Important Tasks

- VODetection: Needs to preempt every other task, but doesn't need to necessarily preempt the limit action tasks as they already stop the window from moving so that is good for evading obstacles. The object detection task can pick off where the limit tasks ended.

#### 4.1.3 Lower importance tasks

Priorities 2 and 1 are reserved for driver and passenger control tasks. The driver tasks are higher priority than the passenger tasks so the driver gets to have more authority. They all get preempted by the other safety critical tasks.

## 4.2 Task Synchronization

The system uses binary semaphores as the primary mechanism for task synchronization:

- Each task has a dedicated semaphore
- Semaphores are given from ISRs when a relevant event occurs
- Tasks block indefinitely (portMAX\_DELAY) waiting for their semaphore
- Task notification mechanism is used for encoder position updates

```
//semaphores
xDriverWindowElevateTaskUnlockerSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
xDriverWindowLowerTaskUnlockerSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
xPassengerWindowElevateTaskUnlockerSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
xPassengerWindowLowerTaskUnlockerSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
xLockWindowsTaskUnlockerSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
xObstacleDetectionUnlockerSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
xLowerLimitUnlockerSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
xUpperLimitUnlockerSemaphore = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
```

## 4.3 Interrupt Service Routine Integration

The system employs a unified interrupt service routine (ISR) approach with clear handling of different interrupt source.

### 4.3.1 Passenger Controls

```
BaseType_t xHigherPriorityTaskWoken = pdFALSE;
// WE ALWAYS CLEAR THE INTERRUPT FLAG BEFORE EACH ISR HANDLING

// if interrupt from passenger up
if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, Passenger_Elevate_Button) == Passenger_Elevate_Button)
{
    GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, GPIO_INT_PIN_2);
    lock_state = GPIOPinRead(Sensors_Port, Window_Lock_Switch);
    if (lock_state == HIGH){
        //
    }
    else if(lock_state == LOW && last_task == STOP){
        xSemaphoreGiveFromISR(xPassengerWindowElevateTaskUnlockerSemaphore, &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
        portYIELD_FROM_ISR(xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
    }
    else if(lock_state == LOW && (last_task == PU || last_task == DU || last_task == DD || last_task == PD)){
        // Disable the motor first
        GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
        // Then clear direction pins
        GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
        GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
        last_task = STOP;
    }
}
}
```

```

// int from pass lower
else if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, Passenger_Lower_Button) == Passenger_Lower_Button)
{
    GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, GPIO_INT_PIN_3);
    lock_state = GPIOPinRead(Sensors_Port, Window_Lock_Switch);

    if (lock_state == HIGH){
        //
    }
    else if(lock_state == LOW && last_task == STOP){
        xSemaphoreGiveFromISR(xPassengerWindowLowerTaskUnlockerSemaphore, &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
        portYIELD_FROM_ISR(xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
    }
    else if(lock_state == LOW && (last_task == PU || last_task == DU || last_task == DD || last_task == PD)){
        // Disable the motor first
        GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
        // Then clear direction pins
        GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
        GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
        last_task = STOP;
    }
}
}

```

If the interrupt comes from passenger buttons, the isr checks whether the driver lock is on or off. If lock is enabled no action will be taken, otherwise it gives the semaphore and passenger elevate or lower task will be woken.

### 4.3.2 Driver Controls

Work the same as passenger controls but without the check of the lock state.

```

758 // int from driver up
759 else if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, Driver_Elevate_Button) == Driver_Elevate_Button)
760 {
761     GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, GPIO_INT_PIN_4);
762     if(last_task == STOP){
763         xSemaphoreGiveFromISR(xDriverWindowElevateTaskUnlockerSemaphore, &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
764         portYIELD_FROM_ISR(xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
765     }
766     else if(last_task == PU || last_task == DU || last_task == DD || last_task == PD){
767         // Disable the motor first
768         GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
769         // Then clear direction pins
770         GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
771         GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
772         last_task = STOP;
773     }
774 }
775 }
776
777 // int from driver lower
778 else if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, Driver_Lower_Button) == Driver_Lower_Button)
779 {
780     GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTA_BASE, GPIO_INT_PIN_5);
781     if(last_task == STOP){
782         xSemaphoreGiveFromISR(xDriverWindowLowerTaskUnlockerSemaphore, &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
783         portYIELD_FROM_ISR(xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
784     }
785     else if(last_task == PU || last_task == DU || last_task == DD || last_task == PD){
786         // Disable the motor first
787         GPIO_PORTF_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_Enable;
788         // Then clear direction pins
789         GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In1;
790         GPIO_PORTA_DATA_R &= ~DC_Motor_In2;
791         last_task = STOP;
792     }
793 }
794 }
795

```



### 4.3.3 Safety Interrupts

```
95
96
97 // int from passing object
98 else if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTC_BASE, Object_Detection_Sensor) == Object_Detection_Sensor)
99 {
100     GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTC_BASE, GPIO_INT_PIN_4);
101     xSemaphoreGiveFromISR(xObstacleDetectionUnlockerSemaphore, &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
102     portYIELD_FROM_ISR(xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
103 }
104
105
106 // int from lower limit
107 else if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTC_BASE, Window_Lower_Limit) == Window_Lower_Limit)
108 {
109     GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTC_BASE, GPIO_INT_PIN_6);
110     xSemaphoreGiveFromISR(xLowerLimitUnlockerSemaphore, &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
111     portYIELD_FROM_ISR(xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
112 }
113
114
115 // int from upper limit
116 else if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTC_BASE, Window_Upper_Limit) == Window_Upper_Limit)
117 {
118     GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTC_BASE, GPIO_INT_PIN_5);
119     xSemaphoreGiveFromISR(xUpperLimitUnlockerSemaphore, &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
120     portYIELD_FROM_ISR(xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
121 }
122
123
124 // int from lock switch
125 else if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTC_BASE, Window_Lock_Switch) == Window_Lock_Switch)
126 {
127     GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTC_BASE, GPIO_INT_PIN_7);
128     xSemaphoreGiveFromISR(xLockWindowsTaskUnlockerSemaphore, &xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
129     portYIELD_FROM_ISR(xHigherPriorityTaskWoken);
130 }
131
132
```

Depending on where the interrupt came from, the ISR wakes the task needed to handle the interrupt by giving the semaphore.

### 4.3.4 Encoder interrupt

```
832
833 // int from encoder
834 else if (GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTD_BASE, ENC_PIN_A | ENC_PIN_B))
835 {
836     BaseType_t woken = pdFALSE;
837     uint32_t status = GPIOIntStatus(GPIO_PORTD_BASE, true);
838     GPIOIntClear(GPIO_PORTD_BASE, status);
839     uint8_t pinA = (GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R & ENC_PIN_A) ? 1 : 0;
840     uint8_t pinB = (GPIO_PORTD_DATA_R & ENC_PIN_B) ? 1 : 0;
841     uint32_t currentTime = xTaskGetTickCount();
842     if ((currentTime - lastEncoderTime) < ENC_DEBOUNCE_MS) {
843         return;
844     }
845     lastEncoderTime = currentTime;
846     //check what pin changed
847     if (status & ENC_PIN_A) { // Pin A changed
848         if (pinA == pinB) { // If A and B are the same
849             encoderPos--;
850             encoderDirection = -1;
851         } else {
852             encoderPos++;
853             encoderDirection = 1;
854         }
855     }
856     else if (status & ENC_PIN_B) { // Pin B changed
857         if (pinA != pinB) { // If A and B are different
858             encoderPos--;
859             encoderDirection = -1;
860         } else {
861             encoderPos++;
862             encoderDirection = 1;
863         }
864     }
865     if (encoderPos < ENC_MIN_POS) encoderPos = ENC_MIN_POS;
866     if (encoderPos > ENC_MAX_POS) encoderPos = ENC_MAX_POS;
867     xTaskNotifyFromISR(xEncoderTaskHandle, 0, eNoAction, &woken);
868     portYIELD_FROM_ISR(woken);
869 }
870
871
```

On interrupt from the encoder, encoder position and direction are updated and encoder task is notified.

## 5 Challenges Faced

### 5.1 Faulty Power Supply

One of the challenges encountered during the development of the system was an unreliable power supply. Initially, the system had inconsistent behavior whenever the motor was connected like random resets or unresponsive components. We began troubleshooting by thoroughly inspecting the code and verifying the wiring to rule out any logical or connection errors. We then identified the issue as faulty power supply. When we connected a better power supply the system started working as intended.

### 5.2 Debounce

The mechanical switches and buttons produce multiple rapid transitions when pressed or released.

Solution:

- Software debounce using task delays
- Timestamp-based debounce for encoder signals to filter out electrical noise
- ISR debounce protection prevents multiple rapid triggering

## 6 Future Improvements

### 6.1 Better User Experience

- Allow user to control elevating or lowering speed.
- Customizable behaviors.

### 6.2 Remote Control

Allow user to control window using mobile app or car key.

### 6.3 System Optimization

Optimize execution time for tasks.