

Motion and Position Tracking System Using MPU6050 Sensor

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Aim

To interface an ESP32 microcontroller with MPU5060 and an OLED display using I2C communication and visualize real-time text message on the screen

Tools/Hardware Required

- ESP32
- MPU-6050
- OLED Display
- Buzzer
- Breadboard
- Jumper wires

Theory

ESP32 - The ESP32 represents an affordable System on a Chip (SoC) microcontroller which features built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities. Espressif Systems created this powerful microcontroller to serve numerous Internet of Things (IoT) applications. The ESP32 core consists of dual-core 32-bit Xtensa LX6 microprocessors which deliver sufficient processing capability to execute advanced calculations including sensor data fusion.



MPU-6050

The **MPU-6050** is a sensor that measures motion. It contains both an **accelerometer** (to measure acceleration and gravity) and a **gyroscope** (to measure rotation). The ESP32 reads these measurements to determine the object's movement and position.



OLED Display

The **OLED display** is a small screen used to show information. It receives data from the ESP32 and displays it in real-time, such as the sensor's readings or the calculated position.



Buzzer

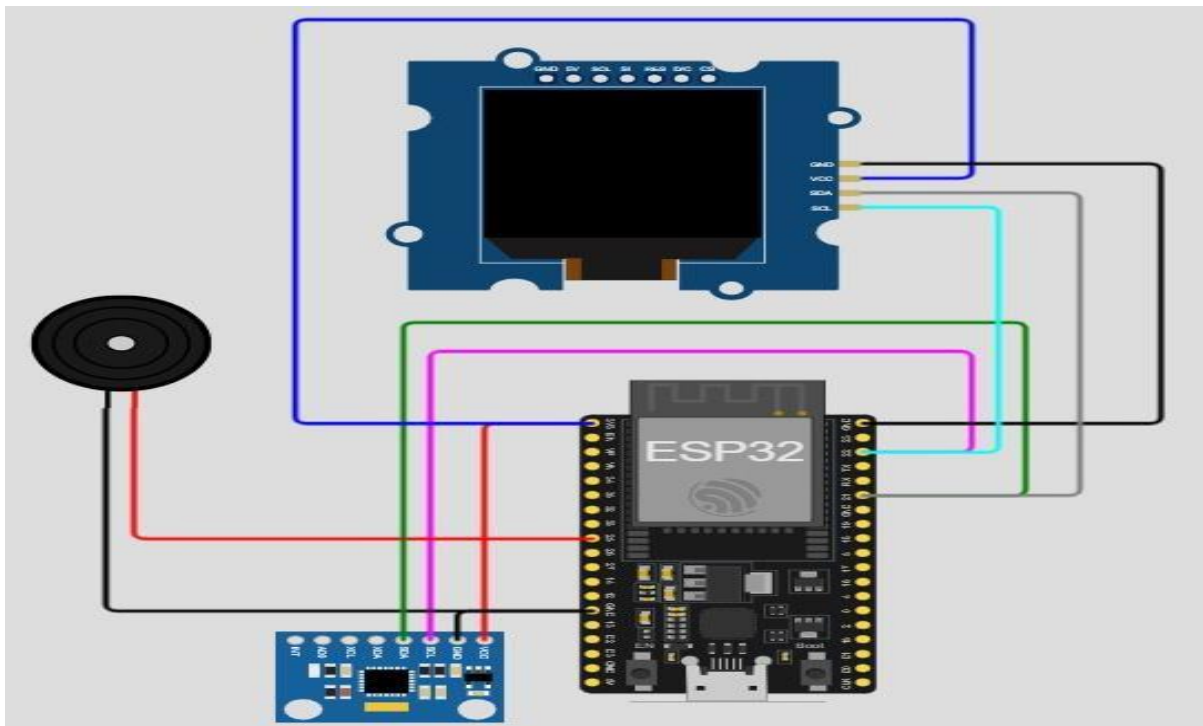
The **buzzer** is an output device that makes a sound. The ESP32 can be programmed to trigger the buzzer when a specific event occurs, such as a sudden tilt or movement detected by the MPU-6050.



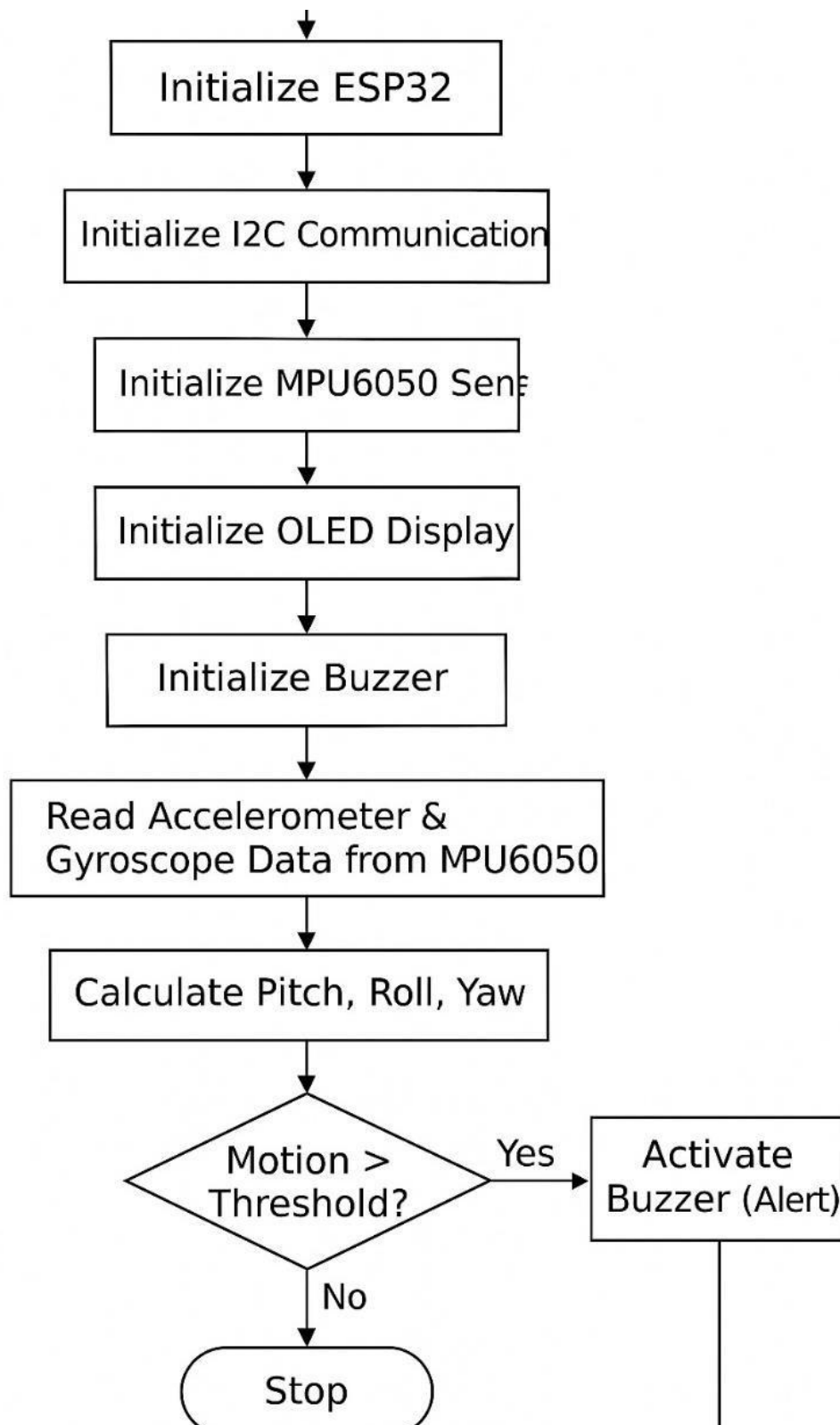
Pin Connections

| Components | ESP32 |
|--------------|--------|
| MPU-6050 VCC | 3.3V |
| MPU-6050 GND | GND |
| MPU-6050 SDA | GPI021 |
| MPU-6050 SCL | GPI022 |
| OLED VCC | 3.3V |
| OLED GND | GND |
| OLED SDA | GPI021 |
| OLED SCL | GPI022 |
| Buzzer + | GPI025 |
| Buzzer - | GND |

Circuit Diagram



Flowchart



Code

```
#define SCREEN_WIDTH 128
#define SCREEN_HEIGHT 64
#define OLED_RESET -1

Adafruit_SSD1306 display(SCREEN_WIDTH, SCREEN_HEIGHT, &Wire,
    OLED_RESET);

Adafruit_MPU6050 mpu;

#define BUZZER_PIN 5 // ESP32 pin for buzzer
#define MOTION_THRESHOLD 1.5 // adjust sensitivity

// Calibration offsets
float ax_offset = 0, ay_offset = 0, az_offset = 0;

void calibrateMPU()
{
    const int samples = 200;
    float ax = 0, ay = 0, az = 0;

    Serial.println("Calibrating MPU6050... keep the sensor still.");

    for (int i = 0; i < samples; i++)
    {
        sensors_event_t a, g, temp;
        mpu.getEvent(&a, &g, &temp);

        ax += a.acceleration.x;
        ay += a.acceleration.y;
```

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az += a.acceleration.z;
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delay(10);
```

```
}
```

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ax_offset = ax / samples;
```

```
ay_offset = ay / samples;
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```
az_offset = (az / samples) - 9.81; // subtract gravity for Z-axis
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```
Serial.println("Calibration complete!");
```

```
Serial.print("Offsets -> X: "); Serial.print(ax_offset);
```

```
Serial.print(" Y: "); Serial.print(ay_offset);
```

```
Serial.print(" Z: "); Serial.println(az_offset);
```

```
}
```

```
void setup()
```

```
{ Serial.begin(115200);
```

```
pinMode(BUZZER_PIN, OUTPUT);
```

```
// OLED init
```

```
if (!display.begin(SSD1306_SWITCHCAPVCC, 0x3C))
```

```
{ Serial.println("SSD1306 allocation failed");
```

```
for (;;);
```

```
}
```

```
display.clearDisplay();
```

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display.setTextSize(1);
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```
display.setTextColor(SSD1306_WHITE);

// MPU init
if (!mpu.begin())
{ Serial.println("MPU6050 not found!");
  while (1) delay(10);
}
mpu.setAccelerometerRange(MPU6050_RANGE_8_G);
mpu.setGyroRange(MPU6050_RANGE_500_DEG);
mpu.setFilterBandwidth(MPU6050_BAND_21_HZ);

delay(1000);
calibrateMPU();
}

void loop()
{ sensors_event_t a, g,
temp;
mpu.getEvent(&a, &g, &temp);

// Apply calibration offsets
float ax = a.acceleration.x - ax_offset;
float ay = a.acceleration.y - ay_offset;
float az = a.acceleration.z - az_offset;

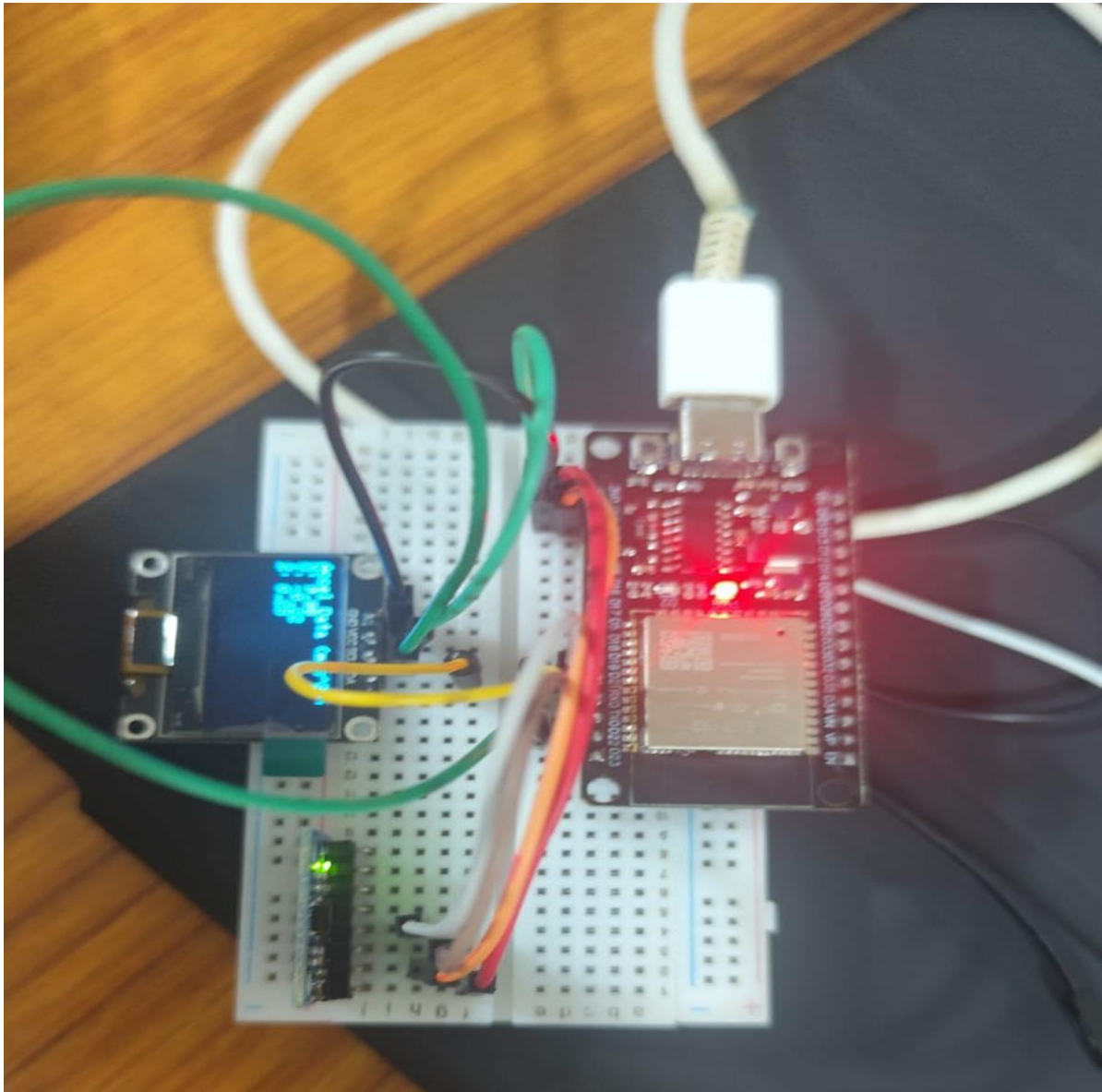
// Show data on OLED
display.clearDisplay();
```

```
display.setCursor(0, 0);
display.printf("X: %.2f", ax);
display.setCursor(0, 10);
display.printf("Y: %.2f", ay);
display.setCursor(0, 20);
display.printf("Z: %.2f", az);

// Motion detection
if (abs(ax) > MOTION_THRESHOLD || abs(ay) > MOTION_THRESHOLD ||
abs(az) < 8) {
    display.setCursor(0, 40);
    display.print("Motion Detected!");
    digitalWrite(BUZZER_PIN, HIGH);
} else
{ display.setCursor(0,
40);
display.print("Stable");
digitalWrite(BUZZER_PIN, LOW);
}

display.display();
delay(200);
}
```


Demonstration



Execution

1. Hardware Setup:

- Connect MPU6050 sensor to ESP32 via I2C (SDA → GPIO21, SCL → GPIO22).
- Connect SSD1306 OLED display via I2C (SDA → GPIO21, SCL → GPIO22).
- Connect buzzer to GPIO5 (or your chosen pin).
- Provide 3.3V and GND to all components.

2. Install Required Libraries in Arduino IDE:

- Go to **Sketch → Include Library → Manage Libraries**.
- Install the following:
 - Adafruit MPU6050
 - Adafruit Unified Sensor
 - Adafruit GFX Library
 - Adafruit SSD1306

3. Board Selection:

- In Arduino IDE, go to **Tools → Board → ESP32 Arduino → ESP32 Dev Module**.
- Select correct **COM port** (visible when ESP32 is connected).

4. Upload the Code:

- Copy and paste the provided calibrated MPU6050 code into Arduino IDE.
- Verify the code by clicking the checkmark (✓).
- Upload to ESP32 using the right-arrow button (→).

5. Calibration Process:

- When ESP32 starts, keep MPU6050 sensor **completely still** during calibration.
- Serial Monitor will show offset values.
- These offsets are automatically applied for stable readings.

6. Execution:

- OLED will display calibrated accelerometer values (X, Y, Z).
- If movement is detected above threshold, the buzzer will sound, and OLED will show 'Motion Detected!'.
- If stable, buzzer will be OFF, and OLED will show 'Stable'.

7. Troubleshooting:

- If you get COM port not found error → Ensure drivers are installed (CP2102/CH340 depending on ESP32 board).
- Check **Tools → Port** and reselect the correct COM.
- Ensure USB cable supports data transfer (not just charging).