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1 ABSTRACT

The student attendance system is an automated embedded solution designed to streamline the tracking of student attendance using RFID technology. The system utilizes an AVR microcontroller and integrates a Real-Time Clock (RTC) module, GSM module, LCD display, 1x4 keypad and RFID reader to register and record attendance. Authorized students mark their attendance by scanning RFID cards, triggering an LED, buzzer, and SMS alert to the admin. Additionally, an administrator can manage student registrations via a password-protected mode. The system also features a reset function to clear records. The integration with a mobile app allows for remote management of attendance and communication with parents of absent students.

2 INTRODUCTION

Efficient and accurate attendance tracking is a critical administrative task in educational institutions. As technology advances, there is a growing need for automated solutions that streamline this process, ensuring reliability, accuracy, and ease of use.

This project introduces an embedded system designed to automate student attendance using RFID technology, integrating a GSM module for real-time alerts. At the core of the system is the ATmega328P microcontroller, an 8-bit AVR-based microcontroller that provides the processing power. The ATmega328P features 32K bytes of in system programmable flash memory, 1K bytes of EEPROM, and 2K bytes of internal SRAM, making it ideal for embedded applications that require efficient data handling.

The system utilizes RFID cards to identify students, with each card linked to a unique student ID stored in the system's memory. When a registered student scans their RFID card, the system logs their attendance, blinks a green LED, sounds a buzzer, and sends an SMS notification to the administrator. The system displays prompts and statuses on an LCD screen connected to the microcontroller. A 1x4 keypad is used for secure password entry during critical operations, such as registering new students or resetting the system. In addition to the core attendance function, the system includes a mobile app that allows the admin to manage attendance records, register new students, and notify the parents of absent students.

Normal Mode: Displays the current time and prompts students to scan their RFID cards. Registered students successfully mark their attendance, while unregistered students are notified that they are not in the system.

Registration Mode: Accessed by pressing a dedicated button and entering a password using the 1x4 keypad. The admin can register new students by scanning their RFID cards, with visual and auditory feedback provided to confirm registration.

Reset Mode: Allows the admin to clear all stored data after password entry, ensuring system security and preventing unauthorized data manipulation.

The GSM module enhances the system by sending SMS alerts to the admin whenever a registered student scans their RFID card, providing real time updates. This feature is particularly useful for administrators who want to monitor attendance remotely. Additionally, the mobile application offers flexibility by allowing the admin to manage student data and send notifications to parents.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 ATMega328P Pinouts and PCB diagram

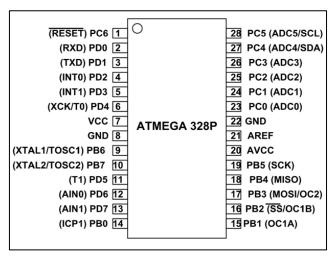


Figure 1: Labeling of pins on the ATMega328P microcontroller.

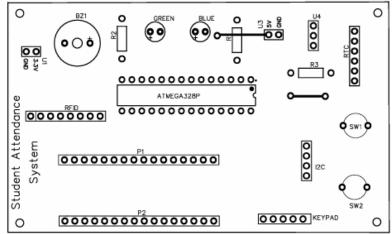


Figure 2: PCB Front Side

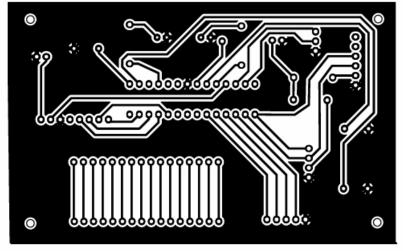


Figure 3: PCB Back Side

3.2 Set the RFID Module

The RFID module allows students to scan their IDs for attendance marking. The communication between the microcontroller and the MFRC522 RFID reader is established using SPI.

- In the **initSPI()** function, the necessary pins for SPI communication are configured. Pins PB3, PB5, and PB2 are set as outputs to handle the MOSI, SCK, and SS lines, respectively.
- The SPCR is configured to enable SPI in master mode with clock rate control.
- Data transmission and reception through SPI are done using the SPI_send() and SPI_receive() functions. These functions handle writing and reading to and from the MFRC522 module by utilizing the SPI Data Register (SPDR).

```
void initSPI(void) {
    DDRB = (1<<PB3) | (1<<PB5) | (1<<PB2); // Set MOSI, SCK, SS as output
    SPCR = (1<<SPE) | (1<<MSTR) | (1<<SPR0); // Enable SPI, Master mode, set clock rate
}</pre>
```

- MFRC522 write(): Sends data to a specified register using the SPI protocol.
- MFRC522_read(): Reads data from a specified register by first sending a read command and then retrieving the response from the MFRC522.

3.3 Set the RTC Module

The RTC module is a widely used real-time clock that communicates with microcontrollers via the I2C protocol. It provides highly accurate time and date tracking, maintaining data even during power loss due to its internal battery. The time and date from RTC module and converting the data between Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) and decimal format.

- The function **rtc_read_time()** reads the current time (hours, minutes, and seconds) from the module.
- The values for seconds, minutes, and hours are read sequentially using i2c_read_ack() for the first two values (seconds and minutes) and i2c_read_nack() for the last value (hours).
- The data is stored in the provided pointer variables seconds, minutes, and hours.

The function **rtc_read_date()** reads the current date information from the module.

The RTC module stores the time and date values in Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) format, which is a compact representation of decimal numbers where each digit is stored as a 4 bit binary number. The microcontroller typically processes values in standard decimal format. Therefore, conversions between BCD and decimal are necessary.

The function **bcd_to_decimal()** converts a BCD value to its equivalent decimal form.

```
uint8_t bcd_to_decimal(uint8_t bcd) {
   return ((bcd / 16 * 10) + (bcd % 16)); // Convert BCD to decimal
}
```

3.4 LCD Display

The LCD display, focusing on the I2C communication protocol and the specific commands required to control the display. The I2C protocol uses a clock line (SCL) and a data line (SDA) for data transfer. The LCD shows prompts such as "Scan the ID," "Enter Password" and status updates for registered and unregistered students.

I2C Communication

- i2c_start(): Initiates the communication by sending a start condition and the device address.
- i2c write(): Sends data to the slave device.
- i2c_read_ack() / i2c_read_nack(): Reads data with acknowledgment (ACK) or no acknowledgment (NACK).
- i2c_stop(): Terminates the communication.

LCD Initialization

The function **LCD_Init()** initializes the LCD to work in 4-bit mode, enabling the microcontroller to communicate with the LCD using only 4 data lines instead of 8.

The LCD from an unknown state to **4-bit mode**. These commands are transmitted using the **LCD_SendCommand()** function.

- The **0x03** command is sent multiple times to reset the LCD and prepare it for 4-bit mode.
- The **0x02** command is then sent, which officially sets the LCD to 4-bit mode.
- The 0x28 command sets the function parameters (4-bit mode, 2-line display, 5x8 dot matrix).
- The OxOC command turns on the display without the cursor or blinking.
- The **0x06** command sets the entry mode (automatic increment, no display shift).
- The **0x01** command is used to clear the display.

Send Command to LCD

The function **LCD_SendCommand()** for sending a command to the LCD. The command is split into two parts

- 1. The high nibble is sent first, followed by a pulse on the **enable pin** (E) to latch the data.
- 2. The low nibble is then sent in a similar manner.

```
void LCD_SendCommand(uint8_t cmd) {
    i2c_start(LCD_ADDR<<1); // Start I2C communication
    i2c_write((cmd & 0xF0) | 0x08); // Send high nibble
    i2c_write((cmd & 0xF0) | 0x0C); // Enable bit high
    i2c_write((cmd & 0xF0) | 0x08); // Enable bit low
    i2c_write((cmd << 4) | 0x08); // Send low nibble
    i2c_write((cmd << 4) | 0x0C); // Enable bit high
    i2c_write((cmd << 4) | 0x08); // Enable bit low
    i2c_stop(); // End I2C communication
}</pre>
```

Send Data to LCD

The function **LCD_SendData()** works similarly to **LCD_SendCommand()**, but instead of sending control commands, it sends character data to be displayed on the screen.

```
void LCD_SendData(uint8_t data) {
   i2c_start(LCD_ADDR<<1); // Start I2C communication
   i2c_write((data & 0xF0) | 0x09); // Send high nibble with RS = 1
   i2c_write((data & 0xF0) | 0x0D); // Enable bit high
   i2c_write((data & 0xF0) | 0x09); // Enable bit low
   i2c_write((data << 4) | 0x09); // Send low nibble
   i2c_write((data << 4) | 0x0D); // Enable bit high
   i2c_write((data << 4) | 0x09); // Enable bit low
   i2c_stop(); // End I2C communication
}</pre>
```

Print Data to LCD

The LCD_Print() function sends a string of characters to the LCD by repeatedly calling LCD_SendData() for each character in the string. It loops through the string, sending each character's ASCII value to the LCD's DDRAM to be displayed.

```
void LCD_Print(char *str) {
    while (*str) {
        LCD_SendData(*str++);
    }
}
```

3.5 1x4 Keypad (Password Entry)

The 1x4 keypad is used to capture numeric input from the admin in the system. It consists of four keys, each corresponding to a specific input.

Keypad Initialization

- DDR (Data Direction Register): Set the keypad pins as input.
- Pull-up Resistors: Enable pull-up resistors on each input pin.

```
// Set PORTC pins as input for the 1x4 keypad DDRC &= \sim((1 << PIN_KEY_1) | (1 << PIN_KEY_2) | (1 << PIN_KEY_3) | (1 << PIN_KEY_4)); 
// Enable pull-up resistors on input pins PORTC |= (1 << PIN_KEY_1) | (1 << PIN_KEY_2) | (1 << PIN_KEY_3) | (1 << PIN_KEY_4);
```

Debouncing

This debounceDelay() function is used to filter out signal fluctuations during keypresses.

```
#define DEBOUNCE_TIME 10 // 10 ms debounce time void debounceDelay() {
    __delay_ms(DEBOUNCE_TIME); // Wait for debounce time to ensure stable keypress detection
}
```

Key Detection

- The function **getKeyPressed()** scans the input pins to detect if any key is pressed by comparing the current state of the keys with the previous state (lastKeyState).
- A keypress is detected when the previous state is high (1) and the current state is low (0), signifying a transition from unpressed to pressed.

```
int getKeyPressed() {
    uint8_t currentState[KEY_NUM] = {
        (PINC & (1 << PIN_KEY_1)) >> PIN_KEY_1,
        (PINC & (1 << PIN_KEY_2)) >> PIN_KEY_2,
        (PINC & (1 << PIN_KEY_3)) >> PIN_KEY_3,
        (PINC & (1 << PIN_KEY_4)) >> PIN_KEY_4
    };

for (int i = 0; i < KEY_NUM; i++) {
    if (lastKeyState[i] == 1 && currentState[i] == 0) {
        debounceDelay(); // Debounce
        lastKeyState[i] = currentState[i]; // Update the last state
        return i + 1; // Return key number (1-based index)</pre>
```

```
}
  lastKeyState[i] = currentState[i];
}
return 0; // No key pressed
}
```

- Once a keypress is detected, the corresponding key number (1-4) is returned. The system then converts this key number into its respective character ('1', '2', '3', or '4') for further processing.
- The admin enters a numeric password by pressing the keys. Each keypress is stored in an array **enteredPassword[]** and displayed on the LCD using the **LCD_SendData()** function.
- The system waits for the admin to input a complete password (determined by PASSWORD_LENGTH), after which the password is processed.

Timeout Action

if (elapsed_time >= 2000) Checks if elapsed_time has reached 2 seconds.

- LCD SendCommand(0x01): Clears the LCD to prepare for a new message.
- LCD_Print("Press Register"): Displays a prompt instructing the user to press the "Register" button to exit.
- LCD_SendCommand(0xC0) and LCD_Print("Button to Exit") After press button go to Normal Mode.

3.6 GSM Module (SMS Communication)

The GSM module sends SMS notifications to the admin whenever a student's attendance is marked. Communication with the GSM module is handled through UART.

The **UART_init()** function configures the UART with the specified baud rate for serial communication with the GSM module. This function calculates the **ubrr** value to set the baud rate accurately by using the formula

$$UBRR = \frac{F_{CPU}}{16 \times baud\ rate} - 1$$

- Transmit and receive functionalities are enabled with the flags TXENO and RXENO, respectively.
- The **UART_send_char()** function transmits a single character by waiting until the UART Data Register Empty (UDREO) flag indicates that the transmit buffer is empty, then loading the character into the UDRO register to be sent.
- **UART_send_string()** sends an entire string to the GSM module by calling **UART_send_char()** for each character in the string, facilitating the transmission of multiple AT commands sequentially.

- The GSM_send_SMS() function sends an SMS with a predefined attendance message containing an ID number.
- Using a sequence of AT commands, the function initializes the GSM module, configures it for text mode, and specifies the recipient's phone number.
- The mark_and_send_ID() function integrates the GSM messaging functionality with the LCD display for user feedback.
- The function displays a message on the LCD to indicate the ID has been marked, followed by a "Sending SMS" notification.
- After sending the SMS, a confirmation message "SMS Sent" is displayed on the LCD to confirm successful transmission.

3.7 EEPROM

The EEPROM is used to store and retrieve data about RFID cards. Each card has a unique serial number in RFID tag and an assigned ID number. This system includes functions to check if a card is already registered and to store a new card.

- The function isUnregistered() verifies if a card's serial number is already registered in the EEPROM. It reads each card entry from EEPROM, comparing the stored tag_id with the provided serial. If a match is found, the card is considered registered, and its id_number is assigned to assigned_id. If no match is found after checking all entries, the function returns and indicating the card is unregistered.
- The storeCard() function adds a new card to EEPROM if space is available. It iterates through EEPROM entries, searching for an empty slot (indicated by default values 0xFF in tag_id). When an empty slot is found, an id_number is assigned sequentially (e.g., ID_1, ID_2) based on the entry index and the tag_id is stored. The assigned ID is displayed on an LCD.

3.8 LED and Buzzer

Normal Mode

 When an RFID card is detected, the green LED (PD5) blinks, and the buzzer (PB0) rings to notify the user that the card is being scanned.

Register Mode

• The blue LED (PD3) blinks, and the buzzer (PB0) rings to notify the admin that a new card is being registered. This behavior provides a clear indication of the system's state, differentiating between normal scanning and registration.

3.9 Buttons

The system has buttons for entering registration and reset modes.

• Register Button (PD4)

Toggles between Normal and Register modes. Each press of this button changes the mode state, allowing easy mode switching for the user.

• Reset Button (PD7)

Activates Reset Mode to clear stored data. When pressed again after clearing memory, it returns the system to Normal Mode.

Implement a debounce delay for stable button detection to avoid rapid mode changes due to button noise.

4 RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The system successfully integrates multiple functionalities to streamline attendance tracking and improve administrative oversight. In the "Normal" operation mode, registered students scan their RFID tags, upon which the system records their attendance and transmits this information to the admin's mobile application via GSM. This allows the administrator to manage and monitor attendance efficiently in real time. For each attendance entry, the admin can send automated SMS notifications directly to the parents of absent students, enhancing parental engagement and accountability. The "Register" mode enables new student entries to be added securely with password verification, ensuring that only authorized personnel can modify the list of registered students.

Furthermore, for unregistered students, the LCD displays a "Not Registered" message, providing clear and immediate feedback. This feature prevents unauthorized access while allowing administrators to easily identify students who need to be enrolled. During testing, each mode demonstrated consistent functionality, with RFID and GSM integration proving to be both responsive and reliable. The LED and buzzer feedback in both modes offered an additional layer of interaction, helping to maintain user awareness of the current system state. Overall, this integrated design supports a secure and efficient attendance management solution that aligns well with administrative and parental needs.



Figure 4: System at Start



Figure 6: Not Registered Student



Figure 5: Normal Mode



Figure 7: When enter Register Mode or Reset Mode should enter password



Figure 8: Register New Student



Figure 9: After finish register student go to Normal Mode New student can mark attendance



Figure 10: Send attendance to Admin via SMS





Figure 11: Press Reset button then enter password go to Reset Mode



Figure 12: Clear all ID's in memory

5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The RFID and GSM based attendance system is highlighted, along with its potential for significant improvements in school attendance management and parental involvement. This system not only automated the attendance tracking process but also introduced real time communication with parents, offering a proactive approach to student monitoring. Through each design phase, the integration of RFID, GSM, and LCD displays was validated to be functional and reliable, allowing the administrator to manage and oversee the attendance status remotely. The addition of a password protected registration mode is especially notable, as it enhances security by ensuring that only authorized personnel can add new students to the system. This design prioritizes both user interaction and security, essential features in educational applications.

The dual button setup enabled seamless mode switching, with the "Register" button toggling between normal and registration modes and the "Reset" button allowing memory clearance, thereby preventing data overflow and ensuring a clean restart when needed. The ability of the system to display "Not Registered" for unauthorized tags provides real time feedback, helping to prevent unauthorized entries and guiding users in real time. The system's accuracy in identifying registered versus unregistered tags was instrumental in achieving its purpose, further enhanced by the immediate GSM notification to the administrator, which enables prompt response and attendance updates.

In conclusion, the RFID attendance system presented in this project demonstrates an effective approach to streamlining school attendance management. With further development, such systems could expand to include additional features such as detailed reporting tools, integration with school databases, and enhanced user interfaces for administrators. The successful testing and deployment of this system affirms the feasibility of similar implementations in educational institutions, emphasizing automated, real time, and secure attendance tracking as essential features for modern school environments. The project's outcomes show that this system provides not only operational efficiency but also a positive impact on parental engagement, which is a critical aspect of academic success and student accountability.

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7 APPENDIX

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```
#include <avr/io.h>
#include <util/delay.h>
#include <avr/eeprom.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdarg.h>
#include <stdio.h>
// Define CPU clock and LCD I2C address
\#define F CPU 16000000UL // Define CPU clock as 16 MHz
#define LCD_ADDR 0x27  // LCD I2C address
#define KEY NUM 4
#define PASSWORD LENGTH 4
#define PIN_KEY_1 PC0
#define PIN KEY 2 PC1
#define PIN_KEY_3 PC2
#define PIN KEY 4 PC3
// Pins for the LEDs and debug
#define LED PIN PD3 PD3 // LED connected to PD3
//#define DEBUG PIN PD4
#define LED PIN PD5 PD5 // LED connected to PD3
#define LED PIN PD7 PD7
#define LED PIN PB0 PB0 // Additional LED connected to PB0
#define BUTTON PIN PD4
#define RESET PIN PD7
#define DEBOUNCE TIME 10 // 10 ms debounce time
#define MAX LEN 16
// Status codes
#define MI OK
                                 0
#define MI NOTAGERR
#define MI ERR
// MFRC522 command set
#define PCD_IDLE
                                0x00
#define PCD AUTHENT
                                0 \times 0 E
#define PCD_RECEIVE
#define PCD_TRANSMIT
                                0x08
                                0x04
#define PCD_TRANSCEIVE
#define PCD_RESETPHASE
                                0x0C
                                0x0F
#define PCD CALCCRC
                                 0x03
// Mifare One card command set
#define PICC_REQIDL 0x26
#define PICC_REQALL 0x52
#define PICC_ANTICOLL 0x93
#define PICC_REQALL
#define PICC_ANTICOLL
// MFRC522 registers
#define CommandReg
                                0x01
#define CommIEnReg
                                 0x02
                                0x04
0x06
0x07
#define CommIrqReg
#define ErrorReg
#define Status1Reg
#define Status2Reg
#define FIFODataReg
                                0x08
#define FIFODataReg
#define FIFOLevelReg 0x0A
#define ControlReg 0x0C
#define BitFramingReg 0x0D
```

```
#define TxModeReg
                             0x12
#define RxModeReg
                             0x13
#define TxControlReg
                            0x14
#define TxASKReq
                             0x15
#define TModeReq
                             0x2A
#define TPrescalerReg
                             0x2B
#define TReloadRegH
                             0x2C
#define TReloadRegL
                             0x2D
// Structure to hold RFID card ID and tag ID
typedef struct {
    uint8 t id number;
    uint8 t tag id[5];
} RFIDCard;
uint8 t lastKeyState[KEY NUM] = {1, 1, 1, 1}; // 1 = not pressed, 0 = pressed
// Password checking
const char correctPassword[PASSWORD LENGTH + 1] = "2431"; // Correct password
char enteredPassword[PASSWORD LENGTH + 1]; // Store entered password as a string
uint8 t enteredIndex = 0; // Track entered digits
// Function prototypes
void initSPI(void);
void SPI_send(char data);
char SPI_receive(void);
void initLEDs(void);
void blinkLED(uint8_t led_pin);
void LCD Init(void);
void LCD_SendCommand(uint8_t cmd);
void LCD_SendData(uint8_t data);
void LCD Print(char *str);
void MFRC522 init(void);
void MFRC522_reset(void);
void MFRC522 write(uint8 t addr, uint8 t val);
uint8 t MFRC522 read(uint8 t addr);
void MFRC522 setBitMask(uint8 t reg, uint8 t mask);
void MFRC522 clearBitMask(uint8 t reg, uint8 t mask);
void MFRC522 antennaOn(void);
uint8 t MFRC522 request(uint8 t reqMode, uint8 t *TagType);
uint8 t MFRC522 toCard(uint8 t command, uint8 t *sendData, uint8 t sendLen, uint8 t
*backData, uint8 t *backLen);
uint8 t MFRC522 anticoll(uint8 t *serNum);
uint8 t isUnregistered(uint8 t *serial, uint8 t *assigned id);
void storeCard(uint8 t *serial);
void i2c init(void);
void i2c start(uint8 t address);
void i2c stop(void);
void i2c write(uint8 t data);
uint8 t i2c read ack(void);
uint8 t i2c read nack(void);
void rtc read time(uint8 t *hours, uint8 t *minutes, uint8 t *seconds);
void rtc read date(uint8 t *day, uint8 t *date, uint8 t *month, uint8 t *year);
uint8 t bcd to decimal(uint8 t bcd);
uint8 t decimal_to_bcd(uint8_t decimal);
void LCD Printf(const char *fmt, ...);
void GSM send SMS(char *id number);
void mark and send ID(uint8 t assigned id);
void clearStoredCards(void);
void debounceDelay(void);
int getKeyPressed(void);
void checkPassword(void);
void resetPasswordEntry(void);
// DS3231 RTC address
```

```
#define DS3231 ADDRESS 0x68
void UART init(unsigned int baudrate) {
    unsigned int ubrr = F CPU / 16 / baudrate - 1;
    UBRROH = (unsigned char) (ubrr >> 8); // Set baud rate
    UBRROL = (unsigned char)ubrr;
    UCSROB = (1 << RXENO) | (1 << TXENO); // Enable transmitter and receiver
    UCSROC = (1 << UCSZO1) | (1 << UCSZO0); // Set frame: 8data, 1 stop bit
}
// Send a single character via UART
void UART send char(char data) {
    while (!(UCSROA & (1 << UDREO))); // Wait until buffer is empty
    UDR0 = data; // Send data
void UART send string(const char *str) {
    while (*str) {
        UART send char(*str++);
}
// Function to send SMS with the ID number
void GSM send SMS(char *id number) {
    UART send string("AT\r"); // Initialize GSM module
    _delay ms(500);
    UART send string("AT+CMGF=1\r"); // Set SMS to text mode
    delay ms(500);
    UART send string("AT+CMGS=\"+94771590486\"\r"); // Set the recipient phone number
    delay ms(500);
    UART send string(id number); // Send the ID number in the SMS
    UART send char(26); // ASCII code for CTRL+Z to send SMS
    delay ms(500);
}
void clearStoredCards() {
    RFIDCard card;
    memset(&card, 0xFF, sizeof(RFIDCard)); // Set all bytes to 0xFF (empty EEPROM
state)
    for (uint8 t i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        eeprom write block((const void*)&card, (void*)(i * sizeof(RFIDCard)),
sizeof(RFIDCard));
        delay ms(10); // Delay to ensure stability after each EEPROM write
    }
    // Display reset confirmation on the LCD
    LCD SendCommand (0x01); // Clear the LCD
    LCD Print ("Clear All..");
    _delay_ms(200); // Give the user time to see the message
}
// Debounce delay function
void debounceDelay() {
    delay ms (DEBOUNCE TIME);
}
void resetPasswordEntry() {
   enteredIndex = 0;
    enteredPassword[0] = '\0'; // Clear the entered password
    LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear display
    LCD\_SendCommand(0x80); // Set cursor to the beginning of first line
    LCD Print("Enter Password:");
```

```
LCD SendCommand(0xC0); // Move cursor to second line
}
uint8 t registerMode = 0;
// Keypad functions
int getKeyPressed() {
    uint8 t currentState[KEY NUM] = {
        (\overline{PINC} \& (1 << \overline{PIN} \overline{KEY} 1)) >> \overline{PIN} \overline{KEY} 1,
        (PINC & (1 << PIN KEY 2)) >> PIN KEY 2,
        (PINC & (1 << PIN KEY 3)) >> PIN KEY 3,
        (PINC & (1 << PIN KEY 4)) >> PIN KEY 4
    };
    for (int i = 0; i < KEY NUM; i++) {
        if (lastKeyState[i] == 1 && currentState[i] == 0) {
            debounceDelay(); // Debounce
            lastKeyState[i] = currentState[i]; // Update the last state
            return i + 1; // Return key number (1-based index)
        lastKeyState[i] = currentState[i];
    return 0; // No key pressed
}
int main(void) {
    uint8_t status;
    uint8_t str[MAX_LEN];
    uint8_t buttonPressed = 0;
    uint8_t hours, minutes, seconds;
    uint8_t day, date, month, year;
    uint8_t assigned_id;
    uint16 t elapsed time = 0;
    initSPI();
    initLEDs(); // Initialize both LEDs
    MFRC522 init();
    i2c init(); // Initialize I2C communication for LCD
    LCD Init();
    UART init(9600); // Initialize UART with baud rate 9600
    delay ms(500); // Shorter startup delay for the GSM module
    // Display the welcome message in the center of the LCD
    LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
    // First line: "Attendance" centered (10 characters, start at position 3 for 16x2
LCD)
    LCD SendCommand(0x83); // Set cursor to the 4th position (index starts from 0)
    LCD Print("Attendance");
    // Second line: "System" centered (6 characters, start at position 5 for 16x2
LCD)
    LCD SendCommand(0xC5); // Set cursor to the 6th position of the second line
    LCD Print("System");
    delay ms(100); // Keep the message on screen for 2 seconds
   //DDRD \mid = (1 << DEBUG PIN); // Set DEBUG PIN as output
   // Set PORTC pins as input
   DDRC &= \sim ((1 << PIN KEY 1) | (1 << PIN KEY 2) | (1 << PIN KEY 3) | (1 <<
PIN KEY 4));
    // Enable pull-up resistors on input pins
    PORTC |= (1 << PIN KEY 1) | (1 << PIN KEY 2) | (1 << PIN KEY 3) | (1 <<
PIN KEY 4);
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while (1) {
        if (buttonPressed == 0) { // Only update RTC when RFID session is not active
            // Continuously read and display the current time and date
            rtc read time(&hours, &minutes, &seconds);
            rtc read date(&day, &date, &month, &year);
            hours = bcd to decimal(hours);
            minutes = bcd to decimal (minutes);
            seconds = bcd to decimal(seconds);
            date = bcd to decimal(date);
            month = bcd to decimal(month);
            year = bcd_to_decimal(year);
            LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
            LCD Printf("Time: %02d:%02d:%02d", hours, minutes, seconds);
            LCD SendCommand(0xC0); // Move to the second line
            LCD Printf("Date: %02d/%02d/20%02d", date, month, year);
             delay ms(100); // Update every second
            LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
            LCD_Print("Scan the ID");
            _delay_ms(200);
            status = MFRC522_request(PICC_REQIDL, str);
            if (status == MI_OK) {
                status = MFRC522_anticoll(str);
                if (status == MI_OK) {
                    LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                    LCD Print("Scanning...");
                    // Blink both LEDs when a card is detected
                    blinkLED(LED PIN PD5);
                   blinkLED(LED PIN PB0);
                    if (isUnregistered(str, &assigned id)) {
                        LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                        LCD Print("Not Registered");
                        delay ms(200);
                    } else {
                       mark and send ID(assigned id);
                   LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                    LCD Printf("Time: %02d:%02d:%02d", hours, minutes, seconds);
                    LCD SendCommand(0xC0); // Move to the second line
                    LCD Printf("Date: %02d/%02d/20%02d", date, month, year);
                }
            }
         while (!(PIND & (1 << BUTTON PIN))) { // If the button is pressed (low)
              if (!buttonPressed) { // First time the button is pressed
                  buttonPressed = 1; // Mark the button as pressed
                  resetPasswordEntry(); // Reset the password entry process
                  enteredIndex = 0;
                  int key = 0;
                  while (enteredIndex < PASSWORD LENGTH) {
                      delay ms(10); // Poll every 50ms
                      elapsed time += 50;
                      key = getKeyPressed(); // Check if a key is pressed
                      if (key) {
                          char keyChar = key + '0'; // Convert the key number to
character
                          LCD SendData(keyChar); // Show the key on the LCD
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key
                          delay ms(DEBOUNCE TIME); // Debounce delay to prevent
rapid keypress detection
                          elapsed time = 0;
                      if (elapsed time >= 2000) {
                        LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear LCD
                        LCD Print("Press Register");
                        LCD SendCommand(0xC0);
                        LCD Print("Button to Exit");
                        // Check for button release to go back to normal mode
                        if ((PIND & (1 << BUTTON PIN)) && (PIND & (1 << RESET PIN)))
{
                            buttonPressed = 0; // Exit reset mode
                            break; // Exit the password entry loop
                    }
              enteredPassword[enteredIndex] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the entered
password
              // Check if the entered password matches the correct password
              if (strcmp(enteredPassword, correctPassword) == 0) {
                  LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                  LCD Print("Register Mode");
                  LCD SendCommand(0xC0);
                  LCD Print("Scan the ID");
                }else {
                    // Password was incorrect
                    LCD_SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the display
                    LCD SendCommand(0x80); // Set cursor to the beginning of first
line
                    LCD Print("Try Again!");
                    delay ms(300); // Show "Try Again!" for 2 seconds
                    resetPasswordEntry(); // Reset for next attempt
                    enteredIndex = 0; // Reset index
                    buttonPressed = 0; // Allow button press to trigger again
                    LCD\_SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                    LCD Print(""); // Prompt for a new password
                    delay ms(100);
                }
                 status = MFRC522 request(PICC REQIDL, str);
                 if (status == MI OK) {
                    status = MFRC522 anticoll(str);
                    if (status == MI OK) {
                        LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                        LCD Print("Scanning...");
                        // Blink both LEDs when a card is detected
                        blinkLED(LED PIN PD3);
                        blinkLED(LED PIN PB0);
                        if (isUnregistered(str, &assigned id)) {
                            // Store the card in EEPROM
                            storeCard(str);
                        } else {
                            // If card is already registered, show its ID
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enteredPassword[enteredIndex++] = keyChar; // Store the

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LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                            LCD Printf("Already ID %d", assigned id);
                            delay ms(200); // Delay to show the message
                       LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                       LCD Print("Register Mode");
                       LCD SendCommand(0xC0);
                       LCD Print("Scan the ID");
                    }
            }
              }
           if (!(PIND & (1 << RESET PIN))) { // Check if RESET PIN is pressed (low)
                debounceDelay();
                buttonPressed = 1; // Mark the button as pressed
                // Start by showing "Enter Password"
                resetPasswordEntry();
                int key = 0;
                while (enteredIndex < PASSWORD LENGTH) {</pre>
                    _delay_ms(10); // Poll every 50ms
                    elapsed time += 50;
                    key = getKeyPressed(); // Check if a key is pressed
                    if (key) {
                        char keyChar = key + '0'; // Convert the key number to
character
                        LCD SendData(keyChar); // Show the key on the LCD
                        enteredPassword[enteredIndex++] = keyChar; // Store the key
                        delay ms(DEBOUNCE TIME); // Prevent rapid keypress
detection
                        // Reset the timeout
                        elapsed time = 0;
                    }
                     // If no key is pressed within 500ms, show "press to Exit"
message
                    if (elapsed time >= 2000) {
                        LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear LCD
                        LCD Print("Press REST");
                        LCD SendCommand(0xC0); // Set cursor to first line
                        LCD Print("Button to Exit");
                        // Check for button release to go back to normal mode
                        if ((PIND & (1 << BUTTON PIN)) && (PIND & (1 << RESET PIN)))
{
                            buttonPressed = 0; // Exit reset mode
                            break; // Exit the password entry loop
                    }
                }
                enteredPassword[enteredIndex] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the entered
password
                // Check if the entered password matches the correct one
                if (strcmp(enteredPassword, correctPassword) == 0) {
                    // Clear stored cards
                    LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                    LCD_Print("RESET Mode");
                    delay ms(500); // Delay for user to see the message
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clearStoredCards(); // Execute clear operation
                    // After clearing, reset the state
                     delay ms(1000); // Give time for the EEPROM reset process
                    LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
                    LCD Print("Press Button to");
                    LCD_SendCommand(0xC0); // Move to the second line
                    LCD Print("Exit!!");
                    // Wait until the button is released
                    while (!(PIND & (1 << RESET PIN))) {
                        // Do nothing, just wait for the button release
                    }
                } else {
                    // Password was incorrect
                    LCD_SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the display LCD_SendCommand(0x80); // Set cursor to the beginning of first
line
                    LCD Print("Try Again!");
                     delay ms(300); // Show "Try Again!" for 2 seconds
                    resetPasswordEntry(); // Reset for next attempt
                }
        if (buttonPressed) { // If the RFID session just ended
            buttonPressed = 0;
            // After the RFID session ends, resume RTC display
            LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
            // Read and display the current time and date
            rtc_read_time(&hours, &minutes, &seconds);
            rtc_read_date(&day, &date, &month, &year);
            hours = bcd to decimal(hours);
            minutes = bcd_to_decimal(minutes);
            seconds = bcd_to_decimal(seconds);
            date = bcd to decimal(date);
            month = bcd to decimal(month);
            year = bcd to decimal(year);
            LCD Printf("Time: %02d:%02d:%02d", hours, minutes, seconds);
            LCD SendCommand(0xC0); // Move to the second line
            LCD Printf("Date: %02d/%02d/20%02d", date, month, year);
        }
      }
      return 0;
void mark and send ID(uint8 t assigned id) {
    // Display the ID on the LCD
    LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
    LCD Printf("ID %d Marked", assigned id);
    _delay_ms(200); // Delay to show the message
    // Show "Sending SMS" on the LCD
    LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
    LCD Print("Sending SMS");
    _delay_ms(500); // Give the user a little time to see the message
    // Send SMS with the marked ID
    char id message[16];
    sprintf(id message, "ID %d", assigned id); // Prepare ID message
    GSM send SMS(id message); // Send the ID via SMS
     // After SMS is sent, show confirmation
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LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
    LCD Print("SMS Sent");
    delay ms(100); // Show the confirmation message for 1 second
}
void initSPI(void) {
    DDRB = (1 << PB3) | (1 << PB5) | (1 << PB2);
    SPCR = (1 << SPE) | (1 << MSTR) | (1 << SPR0);
}
void SPI send(char data) {
    SPDR = data;
    while(!(SPSR & (1<<SPIF)));
char SPI receive(void) {
    SPI send(0x00);
    while(!(SPSR & (1<<SPIF)));
    return SPDR;
void MFRC522 init(void) {
    MFRC522 reset();
    MFRC522_write(TModeReg, 0x8D);
    MFRC522_write(TPrescalerReg, 0x3E);
    MFRC522_write(TReloadRegL, 30);
    MFRC522_write(TReloadRegH, 0);
    MFRC522_write(TxASKReg, 0x40);
    MFRC522_write(ModeReg, 0x3D);
    MFRC522 antennaOn();
}
void MFRC522 reset(void) {
    MFRC522 write (CommandReg, PCD RESETPHASE);
}
void MFRC522 write(uint8 t addr, uint8 t val) {
    PORTB &= \sim (1 << PB2);
    SPI send((addr<<1)&0x7E);
    SPI send(val);
    PORTB \mid = (1 << PB2);
    delay ms(1); // Small delay after each SPI transaction to ensure stability
}
uint8 t MFRC522 read(uint8 t addr) {
    uint8 t val;
    PORTB &= \sim (1 << PB2);
    SPI send(((addr<<1) \&0x7E) | 0x80);
    val = SPI receive();
    PORTB \mid = (1 << PB2);
    delay ms(1); // Small delay after each SPI transaction to ensure stability
    return val;
}
void MFRC522 setBitMask(uint8 t reg, uint8 t mask) {
    uint8 t tmp = MFRC522 read(reg);
    MFRC522_write(reg, tmp | mask);
}
void MFRC522 clearBitMask(uint8 t reg, uint8 t mask) {
    uint8 t tmp = MFRC522 read(reg);
    MFRC522 write(reg, tmp & (~mask));
}
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void MFRC522 antennaOn(void) {
    uint8 t temp = MFRC522 read(TxControlReg);
    if (!(temp \& 0x03)) {
       MFRC522 setBitMask(TxControlReg, 0x03);
    }
}
uint8 t MFRC522 request(uint8 t reqMode, uint8 t *TagType) {
    uint8 t status;
    uint8 t backBits;
    MFRC522 write (BitFramingReg, 0x07);
    TagType[0] = reqMode;
    status = MFRC522 toCard(PCD TRANSCEIVE, TagType, 1, TagType, &backBits);
    if ((status != MI OK) || (backBits != 0x10)) {
        status = MI ERR;
    return status;
}
uint8 t MFRC522 toCard(uint8 t command, uint8 t *sendData, uint8 t sendLen, uint8 t
*backData, uint8_t *backLen) {
    uint8_t status = MI_ERR;
    uint8_t irqEn = 0x00;
    uint8_t waitIRq = 0x00;
    uint8_t lastBits;
    uint8_t n;
    uint16 t i; // Use uint16 t to avoid truncation issues
    switch (command) {
        case PCD AUTHENT:
            irqEn = 0x12;
            waitIRq = 0x10;
            break;
        case PCD TRANSCEIVE:
            irqEn = 0x77;
            waitIRq = 0x30;
            break;
        default:
            break;
    }
    MFRC522 write (CommIEnReg, irqEn | 0x80);
    MFRC522 clearBitMask(CommIrqReg, 0x80);
    MFRC522 setBitMask(FIFOLevelReg, 0x80);
    MFRC522 write (CommandReg, PCD IDLE);
    for (i = 0; i < sendLen; i++) {
        MFRC522 write(FIFODataReg, sendData[i]);
    MFRC522 write (CommandReg, command);
    if (command == PCD TRANSCEIVE) {
        MFRC522 setBitMask(BitFramingReg, 0x80);
    }
    i = 2000; // Use a higher limit to avoid timeout issues
        n = MFRC522 read(CommIrqReg);
        i--:
    } while ((i != 0) \&\& !(n \& 0x01) \&\& !(n \& waitIRq));
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MFRC522 clearBitMask(BitFramingReg, 0x80);
    if (i != 0) {
        if (!(MFRC522 read(ErrorReg) & 0x1B)) {
            status = MI OK;
            if (n & irqEn & 0x01) {
                status = MI NOTAGERR;
            if (command == PCD TRANSCEIVE) {
                n = MFRC522 read(FIFOLevelReg);
                lastBits = MFRC522 read(ControlReg) & 0x07;
                if (lastBits) {
                    *backLen = (n - 1) * 8 + lastBits;
                } else {
                    *backLen = n * 8;
                if (n == 0) {
                    n = 1;
                if (n > MAX LEN) {
                    n = MAX_LEN;
                for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
                    backData[i] = MFRC522 read(FIFODataReg);
            }
        } else {
            status = MI_ERR;
    }
    return status;
}
uint8 t MFRC522 anticoll(uint8 t *serNum) {
    uint8 t status;
    uint8 t i;
    uint8 t serNumCheck = 0;
    uint8 t unLen;
    MFRC522 write (BitFramingReg, 0x00);
    serNum[0] = PICC ANTICOLL;
    serNum[1] = 0x20;
    status = MFRC522 toCard(PCD TRANSCEIVE, serNum, 2, serNum, &unLen);
    if (status == MI OK) {
        for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
            serNumCheck ^= serNum[i];
        if (serNumCheck != serNum[i]) {
           status = MI ERR;
        }
    }
    return status;
}
void initLEDs(void) {
    // Initialize both LEDs
    DDRD \mid = (1 << LED PIN PD3);
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DDRD \mid = (1 << LED PIN PD5);
    DDRB |= (1<<LED PIN PB0);
    // Set BUTTON PIN and RESET PIN as input and enable internal pull-up resistor
    DDRD &= \sim (1 << BUTTON PIN); // Set BUTTON PIN as input
    PORTD |= (1 << BUTTON PIN); // Enable pull-up resistor for BUTTON PIN
    DDRD &= ~(1 << RESET PIN); // Set RESET PIN as input
    PORTD |= (1 << RESET PIN); // Enable pull-up resistor for RESET PIN
}
void blinkLED(uint8 t led pin) {
    // Blink the specified LED
    if (led pin == LED PIN PD3) {
        PORTD \mid = (1 << led pin);
         delay ms(50);
        \overline{PORTD} \stackrel{-}{\&} = \sim (1 << \text{led_pin});
    } else if (led pin == LED PIN PB0) {
        PORTB \mid = (\overline{1} << \text{led pin});
         _delay_ms(50);
        PORTB &= \sim (1 << led pin);
    } else if (led pin == LED PIN PD5) {
        PORTD \mid = (1 << led pin);
         _{delay\_ms(50)};
        PORTD &= \sim (1 << \text{led pin});
    }else if (led_pin == LED_PIN_PD7) {
        PORTD \mid = (1 << led pin);
         _{delay\_ms(50)};
        PORTD &= \sim (1 << led pin);
    }
}
uint8 t isUnregistered(uint8 t *serial, uint8 t *assigned id) {
    RFIDCard card;
    for (uint8 t i = 0; i < 15; i++) {
        eeprom read block((void*)&card, (const void*)(i * sizeof(RFIDCard)),
sizeof(RFIDCard));
         delay ms(10); // Add delay after each EEPROM read to ensure stability
        if (memcmp(serial, card.tag id, 5) == 0) {
             *assigned id = card.id number; // Return the existing ID number
             return 0; // Card is registered
    }
    return 1; // Card is unregistered
}
void storeCard(uint8_t *serial) {
    RFIDCard card;
    for (uint8 t i = 0; i < 15; i++) {
        eeprom read block((void*)&card, (const void*)(i * sizeof(RFIDCard)),
sizeof(RFIDCard));
         delay ms(10); // Add delay after each EEPROM read to ensure stability
        if (card.tag id[0] == 0xFF \&\& card.tag id[1] == 0xFF) { // EEPROM is empty}
(0xFF)
             card.id number = i + 1; // Assign ID 1, ID 2, ..., ID 10
             memcpy(card.tag id, serial, 5);
             eeprom write block((const void*)&card, (void*)(i * sizeof(RFIDCard)),
sizeof(RFIDCard));
             delay ms(10); // Add delay after each EEPROM write to ensure stability
             \overline{\ \ \ \ \ \ \ } Display the assigned ID on the LCD
            LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear the LCD
             LCD Printf("ID %d Registered!", card.id number);
             delay ms(200); // Delay to show the message
             break;
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}
    }
}
void i2c init(void) {
    // Initialize I2C (TWI) interface
    TWSR = 0x00; // Prescaler value of 1
    TWBR = ((F CPU/100000UL) - 16) / 2; // SCL frequency 100kHz
}
void i2c start(uint8 t address) {
    // Send start condition
    TWCR = (1 << TWSTA) \mid (1 << TWEN) \mid (1 << TWINT);
    while (!(TWCR & (1 \le TWINT))); // Wait for start to be transmitted
    // Load slave address into data register
    TWDR = address;
    {\tt TWCR} = (1 << {\tt TWEN}) \mid (1 << {\tt TWINT}); // {\tt Clear} \; {\tt TWINT} \; {\tt to} \; {\tt start} \; {\tt transmission}
    while (!(TWCR & (1<<TWINT))); // Wait for end of transmission
}
void i2c stop(void) {
    // Send stop condition
    TWCR = (1 << TWSTO) | (1 << TWEN) | (1 << TWINT);
    while (TWCR & (1<<TWSTO)); // Wait for stop to be transmitted
}
void i2c write(uint8 t data) {
    TWDR = data;
    TWCR = (1 << TWEN) | (1 << TWINT);
    while (!(TWCR & (1<<TWINT))); // Wait for end of transmission
}
uint8 t i2c read ack(void) {
    \overline{TWCR} = (1 << \overline{TWEN}) \mid (1 << \overline{TWINT}) \mid (1 << \overline{TWEA});
    while (!(TWCR & (1<<TWINT)));
    return TWDR;
}
uint8 t i2c read nack(void) {
    TWCR = (1 << TWEN) | (1 << TWINT);
    while (!(TWCR & (1<<TWINT)));
    return TWDR;
}
void LCD Init(void) {
    // Initialize LCD (Assuming 4-bit mode)
     delay ms(50); // Wait for more than 40ms after VCC rises to 4.5V
    LCD SendCommand(0x03);
     delay ms(5); // Wait for more than 4.1ms
    LCD SendCommand(0x03);
     delay us(150);
    LCD SendCommand (0x03);
    LCD SendCommand(0x02); // Set to 4-bit mode
    LCD SendCommand(0x28); // Function set: 4-bit, 2 lines, 5x8 dots
    LCD SendCommand(0x0C); // Display ON, cursor OFF, blink OFF
    LCD SendCommand(0x06); // Entry mode set: increment automatically, no shift
    LCD SendCommand(0x01); // Clear display
    delay ms(2); // Delay after clearing display
}
void LCD SendCommand(uint8 t cmd) {
    // Send a command to the LCD
    i2c start(LCD ADDR<<1);</pre>
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i2c write((cmd & 0xF0) | 0x08); // Send high nibble
    i2c write((cmd & 0xF0) | 0x0C); // Enable bit high
    i2c write((cmd & 0xF0) | 0x08); // Enable bit low
    i2c\_write((cmd << 4) \mid 0x08); // Send low nibble i2c\_write((cmd << 4) \mid 0x0C); // Enable bit high
    i2c_write((cmd << 4) \mid 0x08); // Enable bit low
    i2c stop();
}
void LCD SendData(uint8 t data) {
    // Send data to the LCD
    i2c start(LCD ADDR<<1);</pre>
    i2c write((data & 0xF0) | 0x09); // Send high nibble
    i2c write((data & 0xF0) | 0x0D); // Enable bit high
    i2c write((data & 0xF0) | 0x09); // Enable bit low
    i2c\_write((data << 4) \mid 0x09); // Send low nibble i2c\_write((data << 4) \mid 0x0D); // Enable bit high
                                       // Enable bit low
    i2c write((data \ll 4) | 0x09);
    i2c stop();
}
void LCD Print(char *str) {
    while (*str) {
        LCD_SendData(*str++);
}
void rtc read time(uint8 t *hours, uint8 t *minutes, uint8 t *seconds) {
    i2c_start(DS3231_ADDRESS<<1);</pre>
    i2c_write(0x00); // Start at register 0x00 (seconds)
    i2c stop();
    i2c start((DS3231 ADDRESS<<1) | 1);</pre>
    *seconds = i2c_read_ack();
    *minutes = i2c read ack();
    *hours = i2c read nack();
    i2c stop();
}
void rtc read date(uint8 t *day, uint8 t *date, uint8 t *month, uint8 t *year) {
    i2c start(DS3231 ADDRESS<<1);</pre>
    i2c write(0x03); // Start at register 0x03 (day)
    i2c stop();
    i2c start((DS3231 ADDRESS<<1) | 1);</pre>
    *day = i2c read ack();
    *date = i2c read ack();
    *month = i2c read ack();
    *year = i2c read nack();
    i2c stop();
}
uint8 t bcd to decimal(uint8 t bcd) {
    return ((bcd / 16 * 10) + (bcd % 16));
uint8 t decimal to bcd(uint8 t decimal) {
    return ((decimal / 10 * \overline{16}) + (decimal % 10));
void LCD Printf(const char *fmt, ...) {
    char buffer[32];
    va list args;
    va start(args, fmt);
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vsnprintf(buffer, sizeof(buffer), fmt, args);
va_end(args);

char *p = buffer;
while (*p) {
    LCD_SendData(*p++);
}
```