Rui Filipe Santos Carapinha Intermediate Project – Project Proposal

Low Power Sensor Station Datalogger

Description

My project proposal is a Low Power Sensor Station Datalogger, this project is based on an ATmega328 processor and the goal is to last the most time possible with a 3.3V battery. The component of storing and analyzing the data is just to check we can have a proper function of the processor even when it spends the most part of the time sleeping.

Objectives

The main objectives of this project are the Low Power Mode, Data log (save to a SD card values of temp., humidity, light, etc.) and a Matlab Interactive Interface to read and analyze the data.

It must, last a reasonable time with the battery, store correctly the values and have a proper analysis program.

I hope it last at least a month.

The main difficulties of this project will be to wake up the processor and turn back to sleep again.

Hardware and Software

The hardware I will use is: ATmega328 (Arduino Uno with Detachable Processor to be easier to connect to computer and program), Temperature Sensor, Humidity Sensor, battery 3.3V, a microSD or SD card reader and RTC clock module.

The software I will use is: Matlab and C.

Sources

http://www.home-automation-community.com/arduino-low-power-how-to-run-atmega328p-for-a-year-on-coin-cell-battery/

http://www.gammon.com.au/power

https://github.com/rocketscream/Low-Power

https://learn.sparkfun.com/tutorials/reducing-arduino-power-consumption/all

• Where to buy

For this project I would need the following material:

- 1) Arduino UNO with detachable processor https://nettigo.eu/products/arduino-uno-r3-clone-atmega328p-mega16u2
- 2) 2 * Temperature Sensor https://nettigo.eu/products/digital-temperature-sensor-ds18b20
- 3) 2*AA Battery Holder https://nettigo.eu/products/battery-holder-2xaa-no-cover
- 4) MicroSD Card Reader Module https://nettigo.eu/products/micro-sd-card-reader-module
- 5) RTC Module https://nettigo.eu/products/modul-zegara-rtc-i-pamiecia-eeprom

The estimated price of this is around 56 zloty.