

Practical 5

Implementation of Publishing data on ThingSpeak cloud.

```
#include <WiFi.h> //include WiFi library for internet connection
#include <Wire.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>
#include <HTTPClient.h> // Include the HTTPClient library for ThingSpeak communication
#include <time.h>      // Include for time functions

LiquidCrystal_I2C LCD = LiquidCrystal_I2C(0x27, 16, 2);

#define NTP_SERVER    "pool.ntp.org"
#define UTC_OFFSET    0
#define UTC_OFFSET_DST 0

const char* apiKey = "3A9WD6THNG10L8Q9"; // ThingSpeak Write API Key
const char* server = "http://api.thingspeak.com/update";

void spinner() {
    static int8_t counter = 0;
    const char* glyphs = "\xa1\xa5\xdb";
    LCD.setCursor(15, 1);
    LCD.print(glyphs[counter++]);
    if (counter == strlen(glyphs)) {
        counter = 0;
    }
}
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void printLocalTime() {
    struct tm timeinfo;
    if (!getLocalTime(&timeinfo)) {
        LCD.setCursor(0, 1);
        LCD.println("Connection Err");
        return;
    }

    LCD.setCursor(8, 0);
    LCD.println(&timeinfo, "%H:%M:%S");

    LCD.setCursor(0, 1);
    LCD.println(&timeinfo, "%d/%m/%Y %Z");
    // Call function to upload the timeinfo to ThingSpeak
    uploadDataToThingSpeak(timeinfo);
}

// Function to upload time data to ThingSpeak
void uploadDataToThingSpeak(struct tm timeinfo) {
    if (WiFi.status() == WL_CONNECTED) {
        HTTPClient http;

        // Format the time as HHMMSS and the date as DDMMYYYY

        String timeStr = String(timeinfo.tm_hour * 10000 + timeinfo.tm_min * 100 +
timeinfo.tm_sec);

        String dateStr = String(timeinfo.tm_mday * 1000000 + (timeinfo.tm_mon + 1) * 10000 +
(timeinfo.tm_year + 1900));

        String url = server;
        url += "?api_key=" + String(apiKey);
        url += "&field1=" + dateStr; // Send the time as HHMMSS in field1
        url += "&field2=" + timeStr; // Send the date as DDMMYYYY in field2
    }
}

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http.begin(url);
int httpCode = http.GET();

if (httpCode > 0) {
  Serial.println("Data sent to ThingSpeak successfully.");
} else {
  Serial.println("Error in sending data.");
}
http.end();
} else {
  Serial.println("WiFi not connected.");
}
}

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);

  LCD.init();
  LCD.backlight();
  LCD.setCursor(0, 0);
  LCD.print("Connecting to ");
  LCD.setCursor(0, 1);
  LCD.print("WiFi ");

  WiFi.begin("Wokwi-GUEST", "", 6); //WiFi.begin(ssid, password, channel, bssid);
  while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
    delay(250);
    spinner();
  }
}
```

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Serial.println("");
Serial.println("WiFi connected");
Serial.print("IP address: ");
Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());

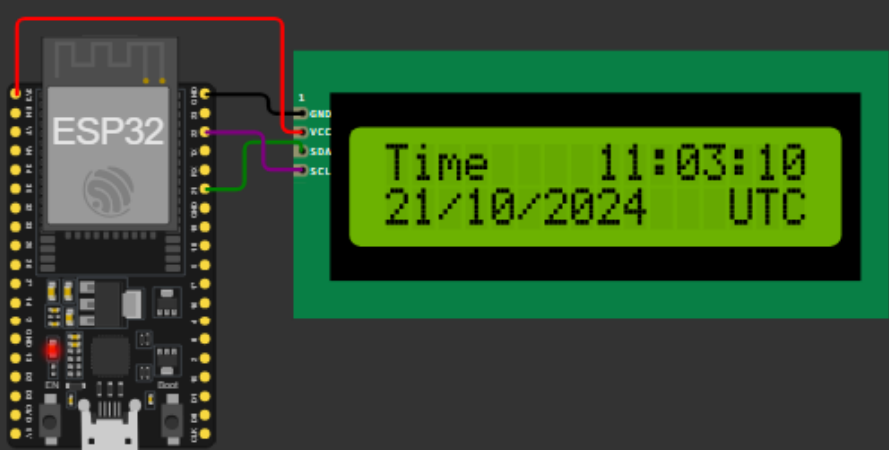
LCD.clear();
LCD.setCursor(0, 0);
LCD.println("Online");
LCD.setCursor(0, 1);
LCD.println("Updating time...");
configTime(UTC_OFFSET, UTC_OFFSET_DST, NTP_SERVER);
LCD.clear();
}

void loop() {

  LCD.setCursor(0, 0);
  LCD.println("Time ");
  printLocalTime();
  delay(15000); // ThingSpeak accepts data updates every 15 seconds
}
```

Simulation

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The simulation shows an ESP32 microcontroller board connected to an LCD display. The display shows the time 11:03:10 and the date 21/10/2024 UTC. The board is connected to a power source and a USB port.

```
ho 0 tail 12 room 4
load:0x40080400,len:2972
entry 0x400805dc

WiFi connected
IP address: 10.10.0.2
Data sent to ThingSpeak successfully.
```

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