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Final year project presentation on “Touchscreen Based Electronic Voting machine using ARM”

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Motivation

- Election is an integral part of democratic system
- Current paper based ballot voting system has many flaws
- Such flaws can be corrected using electronic voting system
- Electronic systems are becoming popular in every aspect of modern society

Objective

- Adopt modern technology
- Take into account essential voting requirements in terms of privacy, uniqueness, completeness, efficiency and fairness
- Eliminate bogus voting and vote repetition
- Reduce election expenditure in the long run
- Offer more transparency and faster voting results

Scope

- Can be implemented in:
 - Small scale elections
 - Opinion polls during annual share holder's meetings
 - General assembly elections

Related Works

Technology Sales Pvt. Ltd. situated at Lainchaur, Kathmandu has also released a similar type of voting machine in the name of “Nepali Voting Machine”

Advantages of our project:

- use of ARM microcontroller enables cost reduction
- password based authentication used for both administrators and voters increases reliability
- use of touchscreen enables size reduction and portability
- implementation of software controller for easier modification and more flexibility
- cheaper(\$200 vs. \$1000)
- lower power consumption

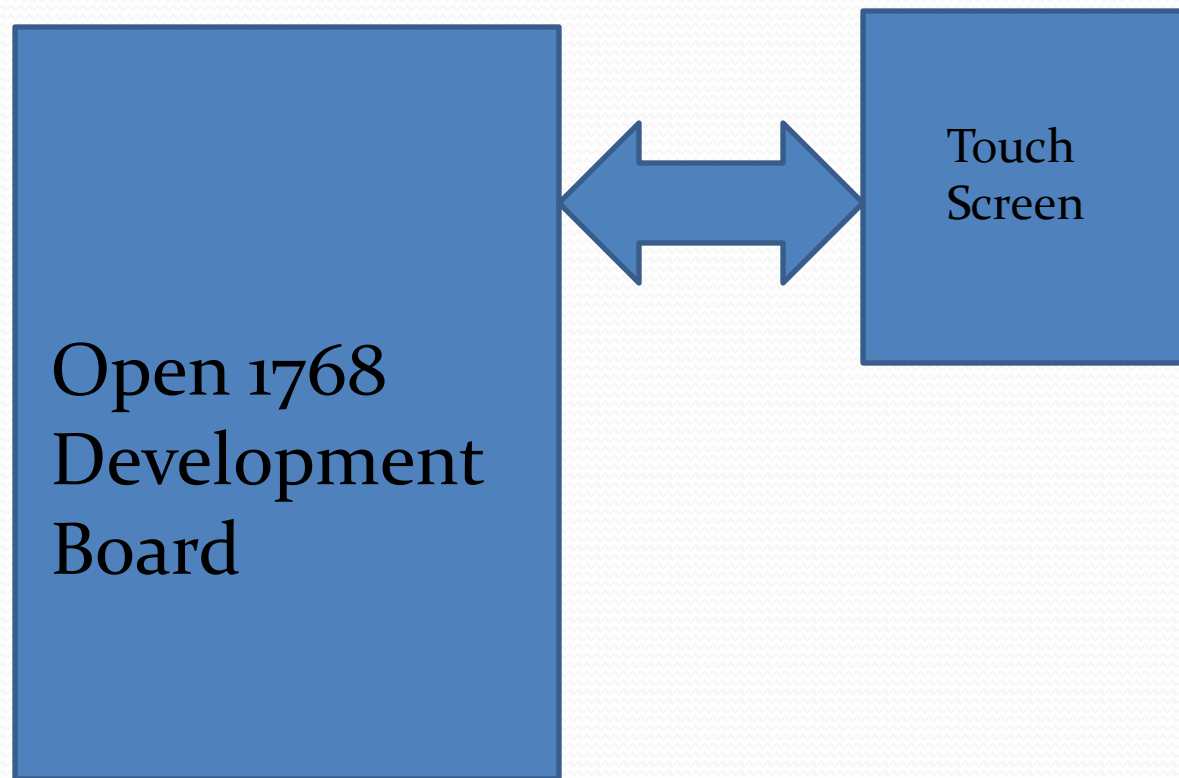
Introduction

- Reflection of advanced technology and changing demand of society
- Demonstration of a better voting system compared to traditional voting system
- Interfacing of touch screen for voting
- Elimination of bogus voting and vote repetitions

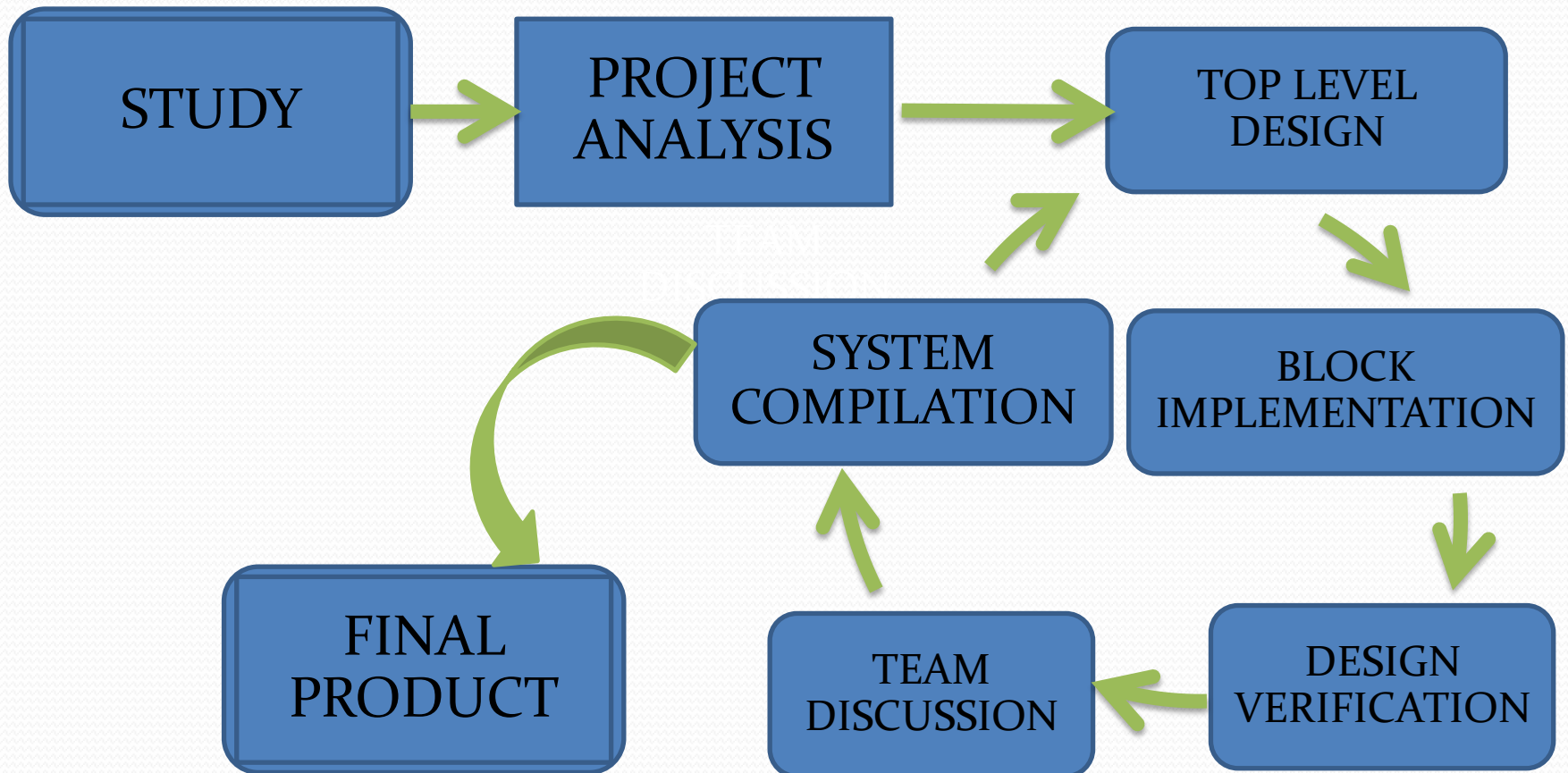
Statement of Purpose

- Reducing rigging in elections
- Decreasing probability of vote disqualification
- Eliminating bogus voting and vote repetition
- Offering an economical voting solution in the long run
- Delivering faster voting results
- Constructing a portable system
- Lessening reliance on manpower

System Block Diagram



Methodology



Major Tools

- C Programming language to build software
- Keil microvision5 to build target
- Flash Magic to burn the software into ARM micro-controller

Comparison between Microcontrollers

| | ARM | PIC | AVR(8bit mega) | 8051 |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Processing Speed | Faster processing speed | Comparatively slower processing speed | Comparatively slower processing speed | Comparatively slower processing speed |
| Operating frequency | OPERATING clock FREQUENCY 1GHZ OR MORE | AT MOST 50 MHZ CLOCK SPEED | Internal operating frequency 4.8-9.6 MHz | crystal oscillator frequency is 11.0592 MHz |
| Flash Memory | Up to 512 kB on-chip flash programming memory | 3-128 KB | Flash memory up to 256 kb | 4-8 KB MEMORY |
| Configuration | INBUILT CPU,ETHERNET | Inbuilt Ethernet absent | Inbuilt Ethernet absent | Inbuilt Ethernet absent |
| RAM | 32/16 kB of SRAM on the CPU with local code/data bus for high-performance CPU Access. | 4-128 KB RAM | 32KB RAM | 128-256 KB RAM |
| Architecture | RISC | RISC | RISC | CISC |
| Power Consumption | least | Relatively higher | Relatively higher | Relatively higher |

Power Consumption

- ARM micro-controller: 1.5 Watts, 5 V
- Touch-screen : 0.8 Watt, 3 V
- Total: 2.3 Watt, 5 V

A simple mobile charger or USB port of laptop can provide the required power to the device.

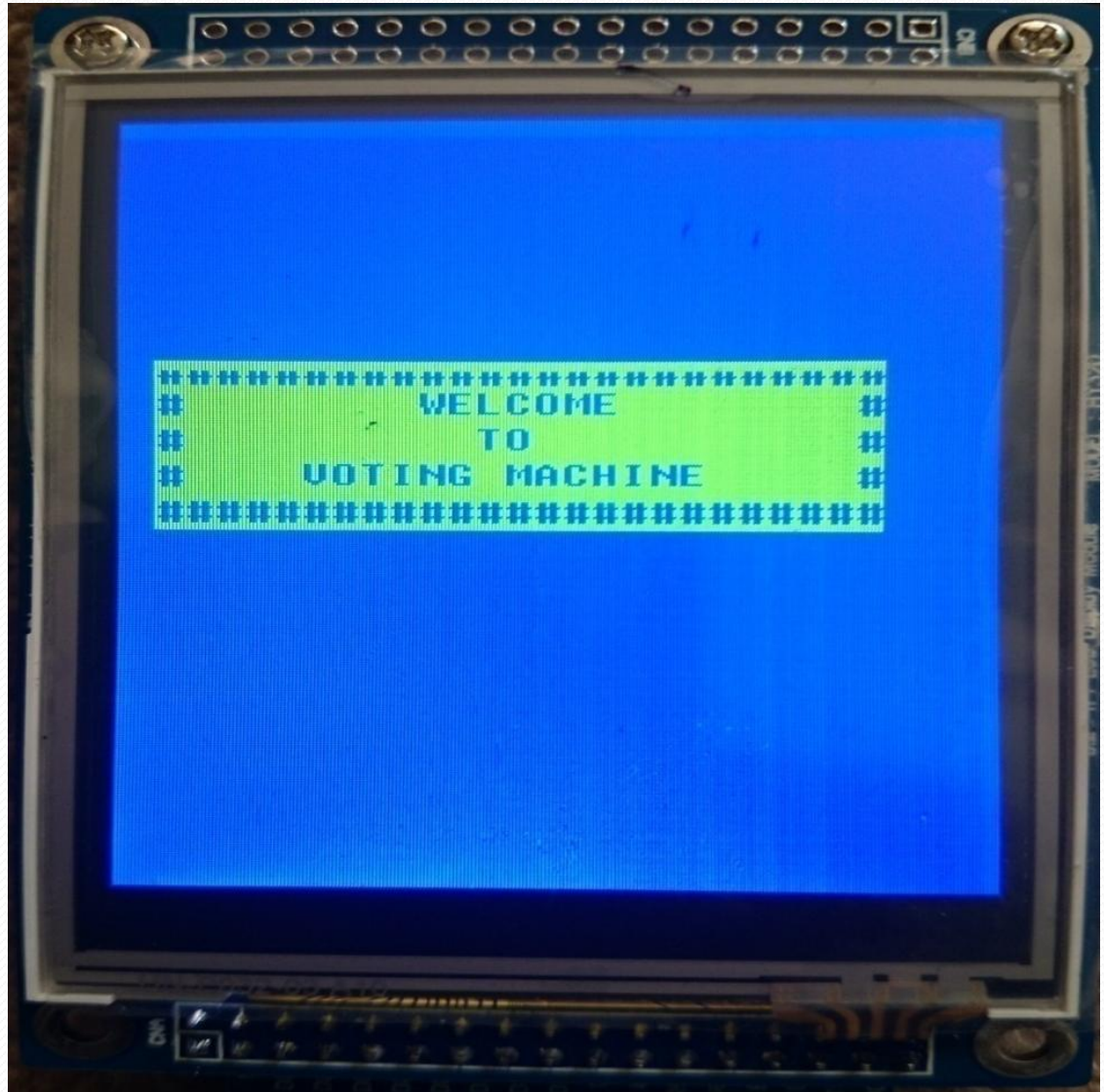
Result –[1]

- Touch screen initialization



Result –[2]

- Users are welcomed

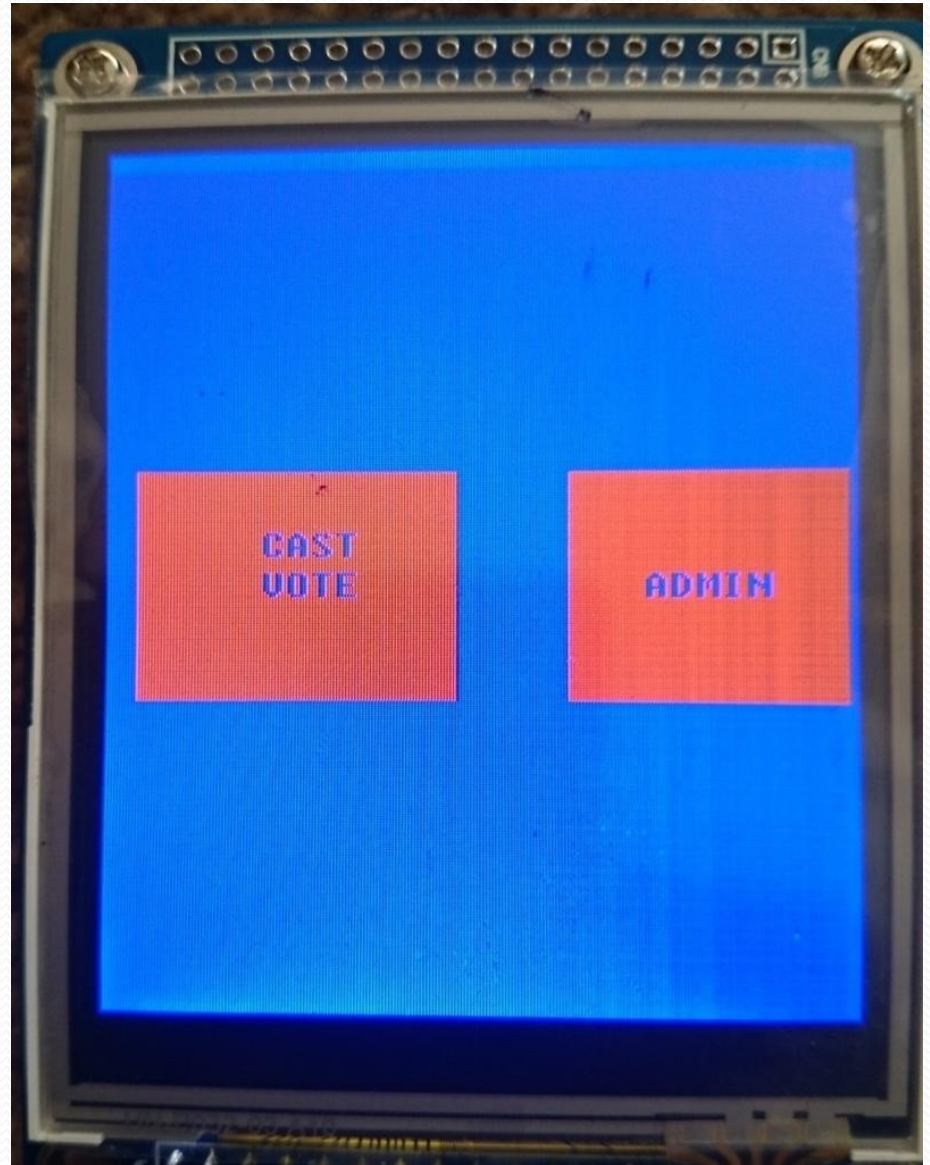


Result –[3]

- User Types

- Voters

- Admin



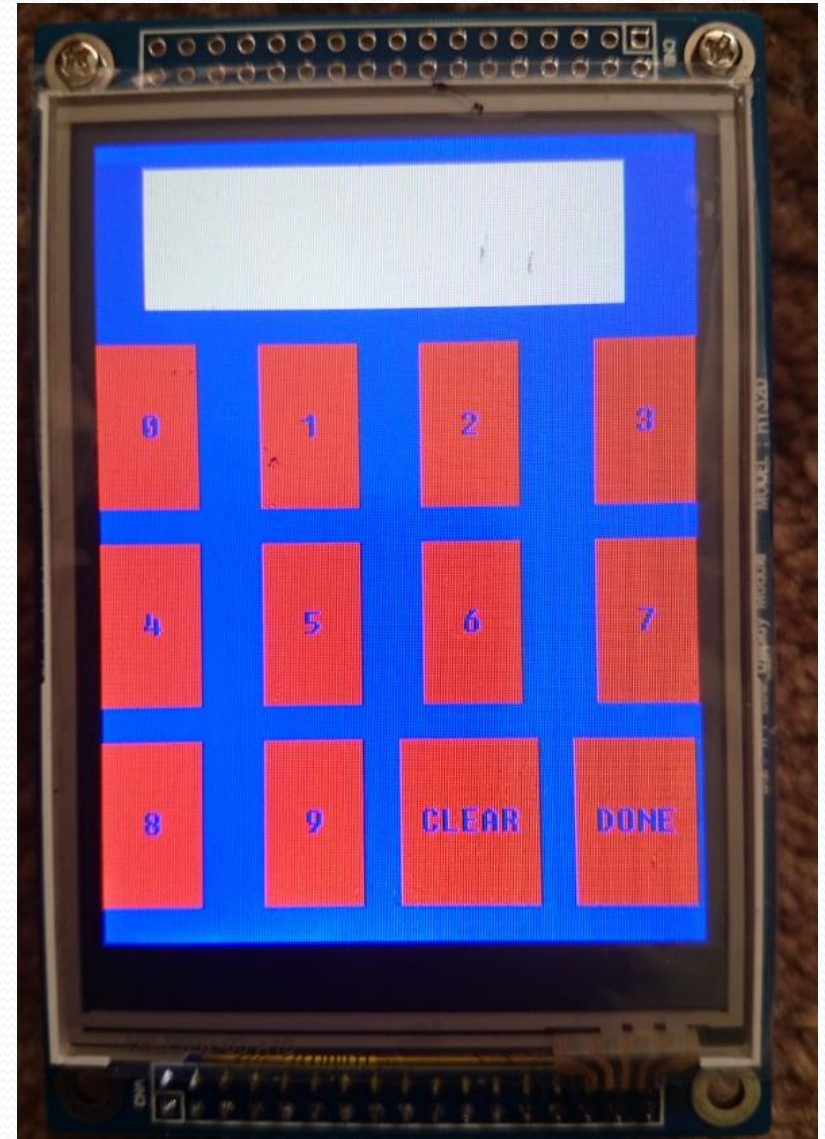
Result –[4]

- Instruction screen displayed to voters



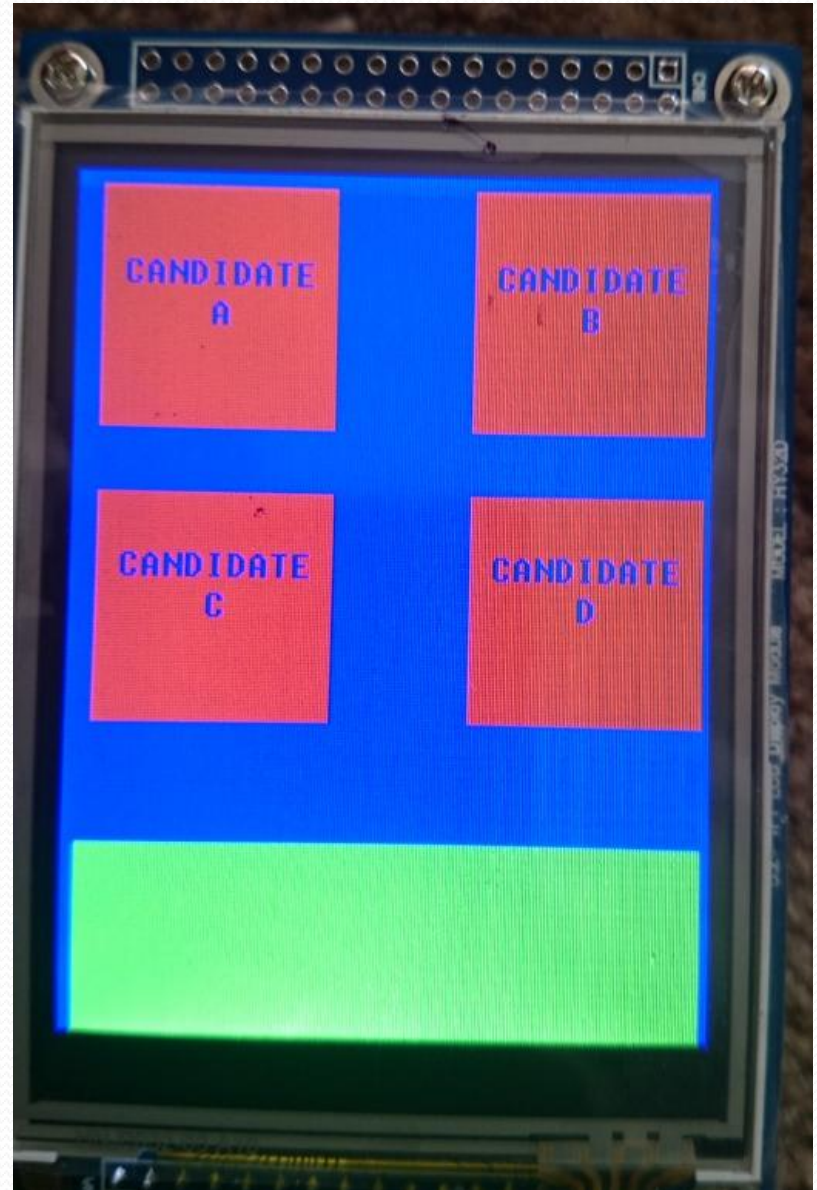
Result –[5]

- Authentication screen displayed to voters



Result –[6]

- Candidate selection screen displayed to voters



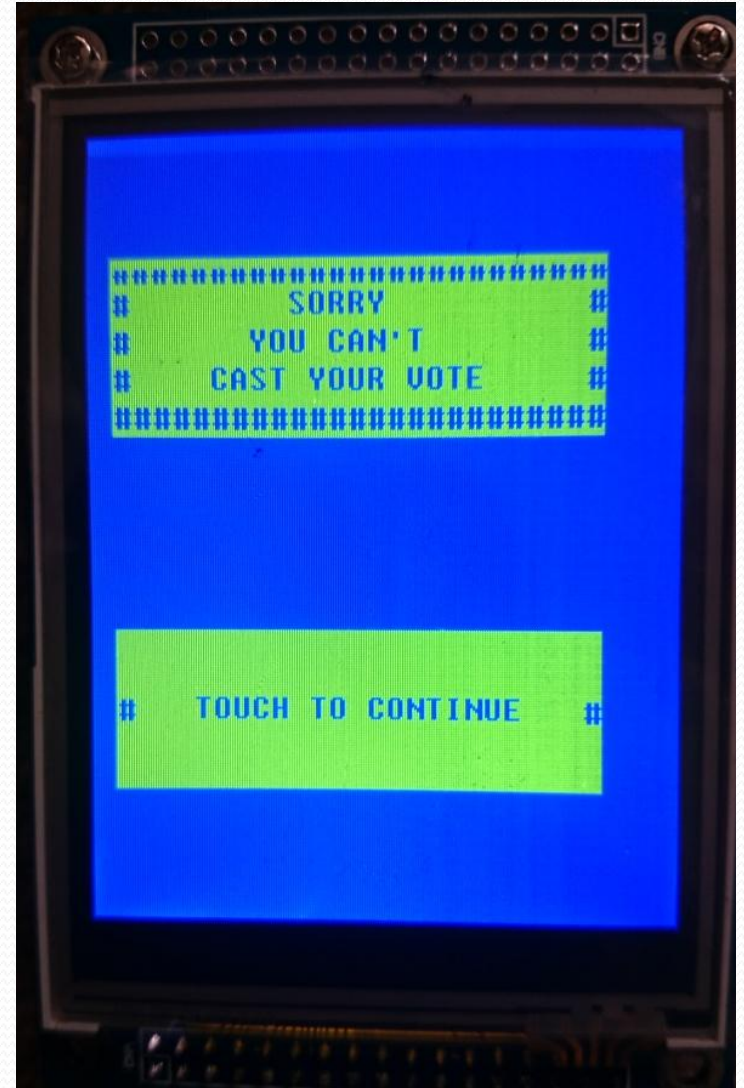
Result –[7]

- Screen displaying a successful voting outcome



Result –[8]

- Screen displaying an error message if same voter tries to recast his/her vote



Cost Estimation

| DEVICE | COST (NRs.) |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| ● ARM microcontroller | 10,000 |
| ● Touch screen | 7,000 |
| ● Stationery | 2,000 |
| ● Miscellaneous | 5,000 |
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| Total | 24,000 |

Future Enhancements

- Incorporating better version of ARM
- Using encryption to secure data
- Interfacing printer to machine
- Connecting with personal computer
- Employing fingerprint module for authentication

Conclusion

- System provides efficient way to cast vote free of fraud
- Resistive touch screen has disadvantage of resolution compared to capacitive touchscreen
- ARM cortex series is far more flexible, less power consuming and highly efficient microcontroller than other microcontrollers
- Application of theoretical engineering knowledge in practical scenario

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