

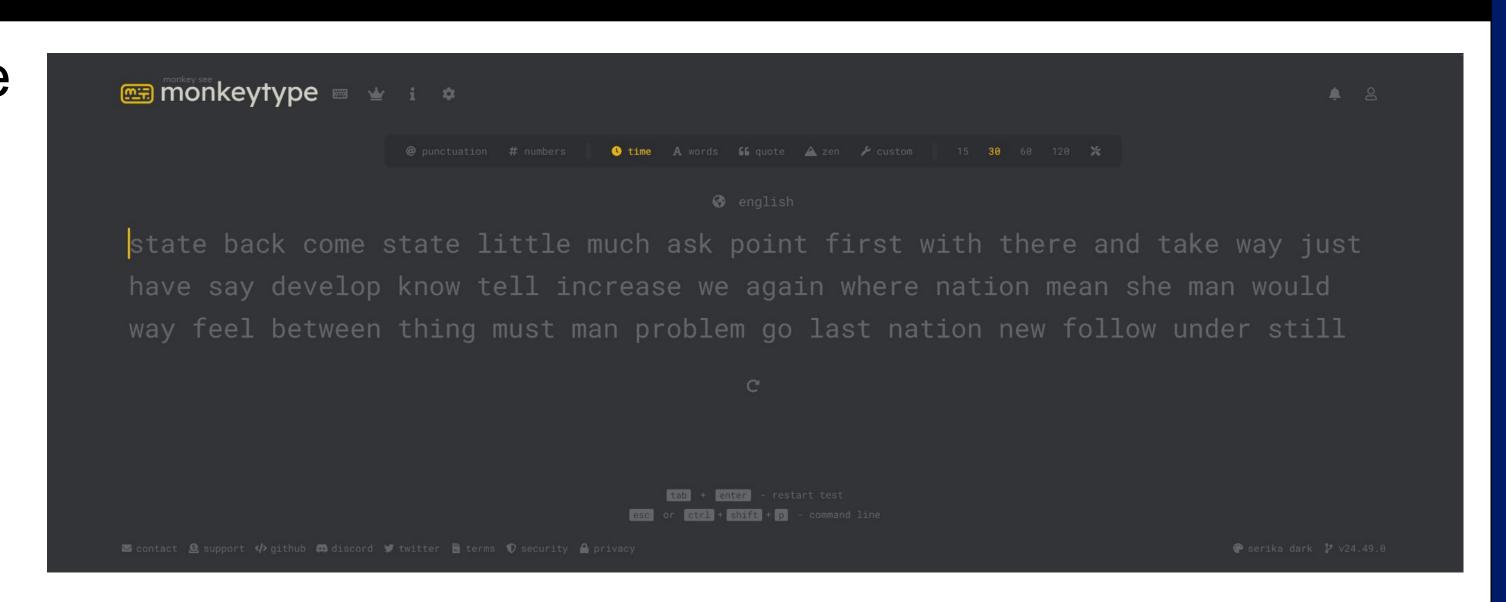
EECS 373 Introduction to Embedded System Design

Interactive Typing Trainer

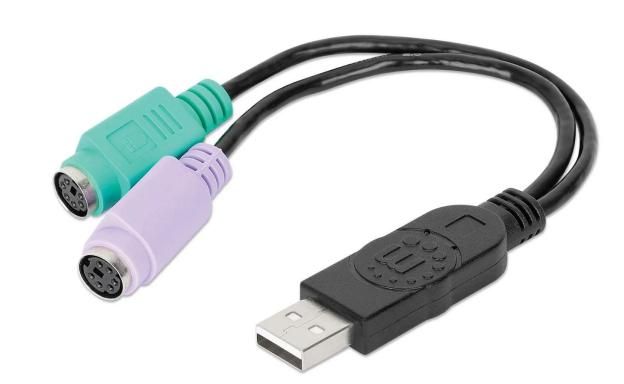
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Motivation:

- We wanted to create an interactive typing game based on the online website monkeytype.com.
- The system is designed to assess the typing speed of the user based on words per minute (WPM) typed.
- The system can be used offline, in conjunction with the display, or as a headless interface.



Design Considerations:



Keyboard: PS/2 was chosen over USB because of its specialized function and simpler interface. **Display:** VGA was chosen over HDMI due to

smaller overhead and simpler display driver.



System Overview:

STM32:

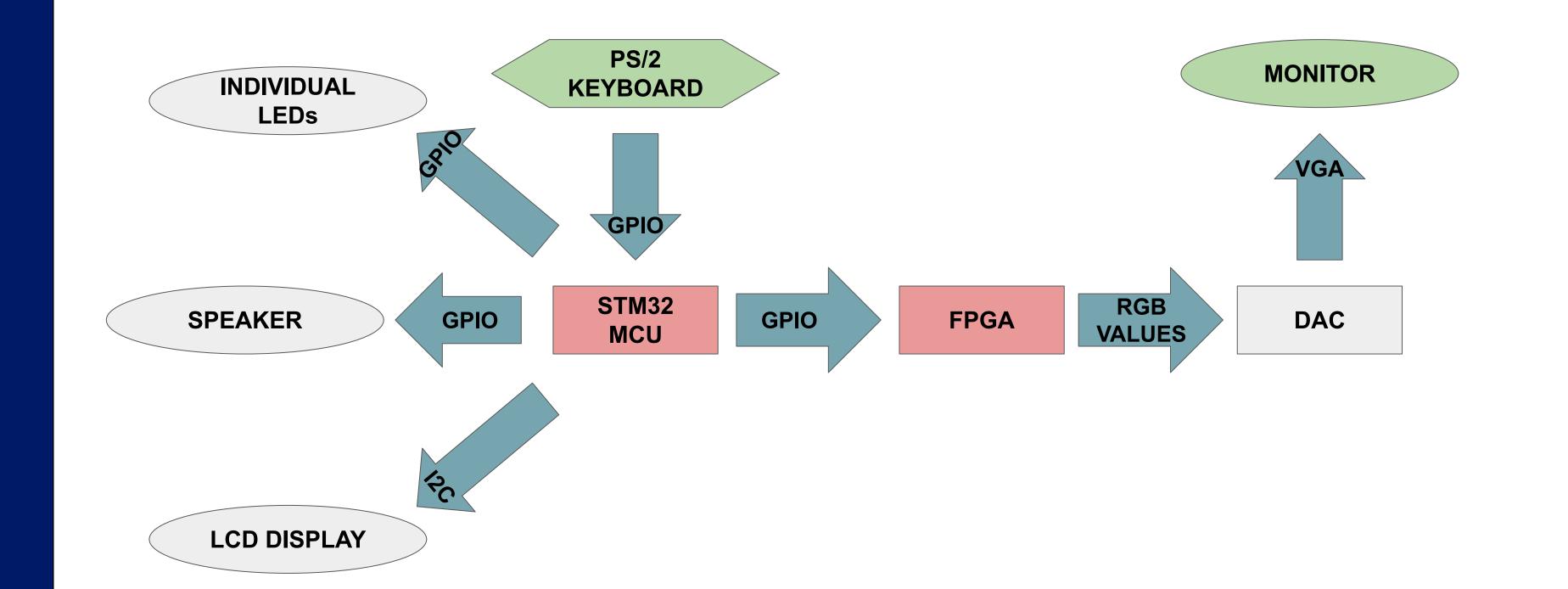
- Receives key presses from the PS/2 keyboard and translates to corresponding characters
- Controls LCD display, speaker, and LED peripherals

FPGA:

- Displays the prompt and user progression on the VGA monitor
- Converts digital RGB values to analog VGA signal using the DAC
- Receives control signals from the MCU

Peripherals:

- LCD display shows the number of words per minute (WPM) typed by the user
- LEDs indicate the current typing speed of the user
- Speaker plays a sound effect when the prompt is completed



Design Loop:

- 1. STM32 reads the key presses and updates the FPGA.
- 2. LCD/LEDs indicate the current typing speed of the user.
- 3. Speaker plays a sound effect for each word typed correctly
- 4. FPGA updates the prompt progression on the VGA display.

Further Improvements:

- Bank of stored prompts that change every time the game is played, with different difficulty options
- Configurable graphics such as fonts, colors, backgrounds, etc.
- More interactive / in-depth leaderboard with names / initials and possibly other statistics

