FI-PI RASPBERRY-PI ADAPTOR BOARD FOR FIREBIRD-V



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Abstract

The project aims at developing Raspberry-pi based Adaptor board for Firebird series Robots. As Raspberry-Pi can cater to more applications specifically in domain of image processing and IOT and provides a new feature of onboard computing which was not present in earlier versions Firebird series. Main features included in this Raspberry-pi based firebird are:

- Different communication choices i.e through XBEE,Bluetooth,USB,DB9, or any serial communication protocol of your choice can used for communication purposes.
- Interfacing Camera on board and live image capturing and video streaming enhances its capabilities and horizon of its applications in different domains.



Completion status

The work flow of the project designed and its completion status is as follows:-

Task	Completion	Remarks
	Status	
Understanding Fire-	Completed	Firebird and Raspberry -pi were
bird and Raspberry-Pi		studied and pins of firebird
		mapped properly and BAsic op-
		erations of Raspberry -Pi werev
		studied
Interfacing ADC and	Completed	ADC MCP3008 and Port Ex-
port Expander		pander MCP23017 were inter-
		faced with raspberry-pi and fire-
		bird by enabling spi and i2c com-
		munication and installing pack-
		ages serial and smbus
Powering circuit for pi	Completed	A circuit for powering Raspberry-
		pi using LM7805BT with 3A cur-
		rent capacity was designed
Communication pro-	Completed	Communication protocols like
tocols		XBEE,DB9,USB were tested by
	*	sending commands to firebird
		through pi
LCD and Motion con-	Completed	LCD in 4 bit mode was interfaced
trol		using pi and motors were oper-
		ated at different speeds
Camera interfacing	Completed	Camera was interfaced with pi
		and images, videos were saved on
		pi.
Adaptor Board PCB	Completed and	PCB was designed and tested
	revised to new	with firebird. A newer version was
	version	designed with some changes
Manual	Completed	Both Hardware and Software
		manuals were designed incuding
		all the features ob board with
		their codes.



1.1 Hardware parts

- List of hardware
- Detail of each hardware: Datasheet, page 5, Vendor link,
- Connection diagram

1.2 Software used

- MobaXterm Download Link Personal Edition 9.4
- Raspbian Jessie Download Link Disk Image Version 2
- Autodesk Eagle Download Link Version 8.2.1
- XCTU Download Link
- Win32 Disk Imager Download Link
- SD card Formatter Download Link
- DHCP server Download Link Version 2.5.2
- Serial Terminal Download Link

1.3 Assembly of hardware

Circuit diagram and Steps of assembly of hardware with pictures for each step

Circuit Diagram

Circuit schematic, simplified circuit diagram, block diagram of system

Step 1

Steps for assembling part 1



Step 2

Steps for assembling part 2

Step 3

Steps for assembling part 3

1.4 Software and Code

Github link for the repository of code



1.5 Use and Demo

Final PCB Image:-



Figure 1.1:

1.6 Future Work

Raspberry-pi is a good option for IOT applications so a website can be designed which could be linked to the Raspberry-pi enabled Firebird and data from firebird can be regularly sent let be the sensor values and displayed on the site and stored for further applications.

It may help in tracking conditions of environment from internet and making plant watering bot by detecting plants in the garden through image processing and water them by detecting the humidity and hence watering accordingly.

1.7 Bug report and Challenges

Some changes in Hardware (PCB) have been made and a newer version of PCB is designed:-

• External powering port with external separate battery



1.7. BUG REPORT AND CHALLENGES

- Raspberrypi pin header modified for plug and play directly
- Transistors are interfaced instead of jumpers for changing the communication platform from one to another and hence can be controlled through software means.
- Motors moved to Pi pin header and LCD to port expander beacuse LCD is somewhat useless as we can do ssh and check it on laptop and hence saving power.



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