



VOLTORB OCTOBER - 2023

# THE PROBLEM STATEMENT

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Rashmi is a protestor who is protesting against the rising prices of food. For this she comes up with the idea for making the protest more effective: an electronic protest sign. Help her make the sign with the following requirements:

- A design for a portable and lightweight protest sign that incorporates electronic components to display dynamic text messages or slogans.
- Incorporate renewable energy sources to power the electronic components. Ensure that the sign can operate continuously.
- Design a user friendly interface for the protestors to input the messages they want to display (Using simple buttons for input)

Instructions:

- Use of microcontrollers is allowed.
- Additional functionality and creativity attracts more points.
- Both physical and simulation circuits are accepted.

# HINTS

Use LCD displays for lighter weight.

Use solar cells as the energy source.

Use rechargeable batteries to store the energy from solar cells.

# HOW TO SOLVE?

## Step-1

Identify the components required to solve the given problem statement.

## Step-2

Make the circuit connections.

## Step-3

Write the code accordingly to get the components working.

## Step-4

Test and debug, finally add extra functionality to make it fancy.

# MAIN COMPONENTS NEEDED

## Component-1



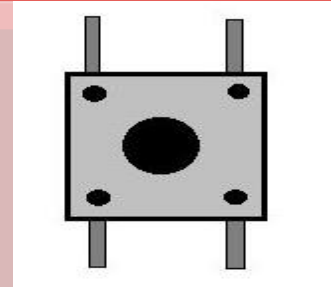
A **liquid-crystal display (LCD)** is a flat-panel display or other electronically modulated optical device that uses the light-modulating properties of liquid crystals combined with polarizers. Liquid crystals do not emit light directly but instead use a backlight or reflector to produce images in color or monochrome.

## Component-2



**Solar cells** use the photovoltaic effect to immediately transform light energy into electrical energy. Solar cells, often known as photovoltaic cells, have been created using the photovoltaic effect.

## Component-3



**Pushbuttons or switches** connect two points in a circuit when you press them. This example turns on the built-in LED on pin 13 when you press the button.

# METHOD

## Step-1

Use the Arduino Uno to make the necessary connections between the bread board and the LCD screen. Program it in such a way that the LCD screen shows us the necessary text.

## Step-2

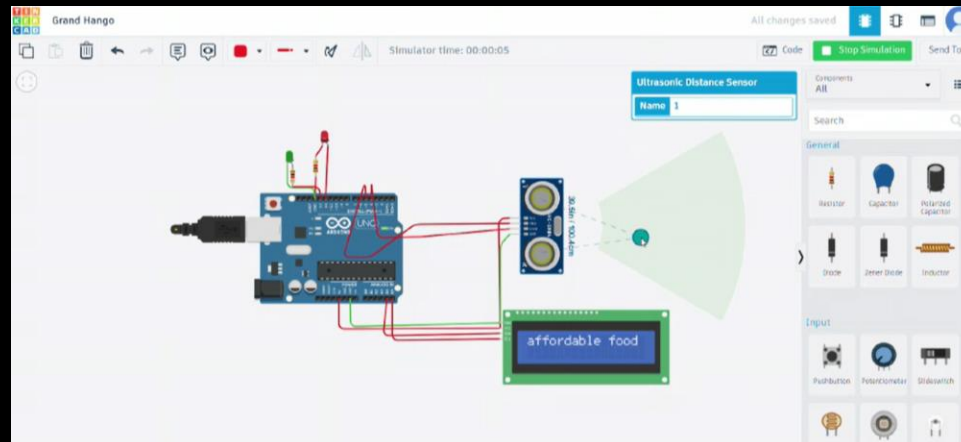
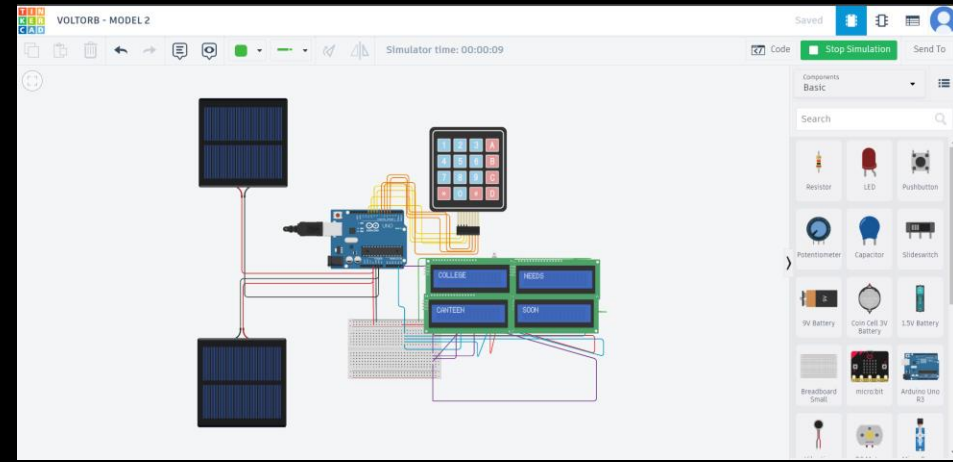
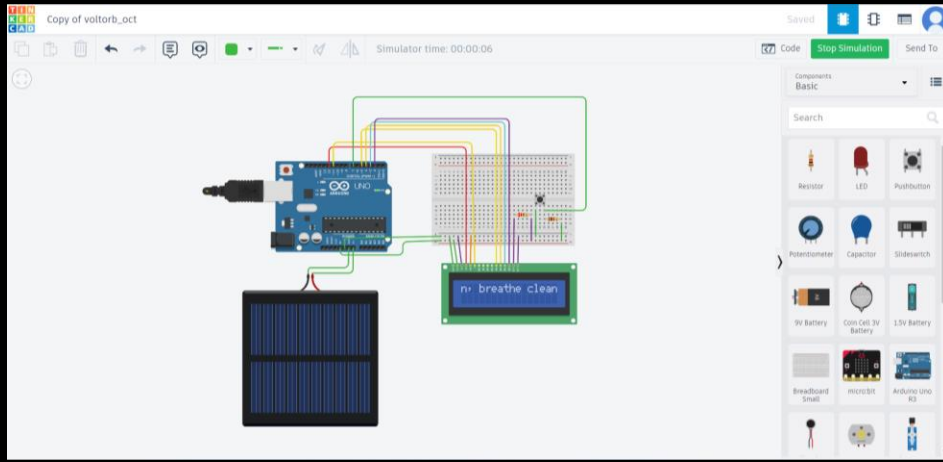
Use a push switch(or a keypad) to ensure that the sign says what we want it to say. You can use it to switch between what we want the sign to say.

## Step-3

Use solar cells to make the energy source renewable, sustainable and environment-friendly. Ensure to make the sign light-weight by using a minimum number of components.



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