

The Implementation of Multiple 89c51 Microcontrollers through RS232C Serial Communication Interface

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Abstract— The paper presented the implementation of the RS232C serial communication interface to the intel 80c51 family microcontroller with circuit isolation of serial ports to avoid interferences during data transmission. It also presented the multiple serial interfaces or distributed system interfaces with simple serial communication programming codes and circuit diagrams. Also, a Visual Basic.net codes for the receiver/transmitter of the Windows Operating in the host computer/server. Finally, all the circuit diagrams presented were tested and functional, including program codes.

Keywords— 89c51 Microcontrollers; Distributed Systems; Embedded Systems; RS232C Serial Communication; UART.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Intel 8051 is a popular general-purpose microcontroller widely used for small-scale embedded systems. Many vendors such as Atmel, Philips, and Texas Instruments produce MCS-51 family microcontroller chips [1][3][11]. Some embedded application configures the 8051 UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter) port as read and writes to the serial port for software and hardware handshaking [1][10]

In our days, we can easily find embedded systems everywhere in our daily lives. Embedded Systems are quickly developing, particularly in remote and web applications. The Embedded Systems market is one of the quickest growing regions. By name, and installed embedded system device is a unique reason processing gadget intended to fill committed application [2][11][16][17]

An embedded system comprises its equipment and programming. The kit incorporates a microchip or microcontroller with extra connected outside memory, I/O, and different parts like sensors, keypad, LEDs, LCDs, and actuators. The embedded programs or code is the brain of an embedded system [3][11][16][17].

Increasingly more microcontrollers are embedded in an enormous area of items from modern to homegrown sites. A genuine model is an automobile, an advanced one containing several microcontrollers. As their number expanded, the communication between microcontroller to other microcontroller connectivity became important [2][3][16][17].

Therefore, the serial communication solution was preferred, and a lot of serial buses and protocols were

developed with different optimizing parameters of the communication [3][11][4][12][16][17][18][19].

Serial communication is probably the most established instrument to communicate from one computer to another. Beginning with the IBM PC and viable PCs, practically all PCs are equipped with at least one serial port and one parallel port. As the name infers, a serial port sends and receives information sequentially, one bit at a time. Interestingly, in parallel port sends and receives data in eight bits all at once, utilizing eight separate wires [5][8][12]. One of the most common interfaces for communications specified is RS 232C standard. Though widely accepted, RS232 has limited transmission speed, range, and networking capabilities [6][8][9][16][17][18][19].

Asynchronous serial communication utilize for information exchange between the test system and the peripheral to be tried in the innovative work of automated test systems. Nonetheless, in many circumstances, a test system with a single CPU chip can't fulfill the need for multi-channel asynchronous serial communication [7][8][9][12][16][17]. In the modern automatic testing field, asynchronous serial communications play an essential role in data exchange between the test system and the tested peripheral because of flexibility, facility, and reliability. As a result, this technology is widely used in military and commercial products.[9][12][15][17][18].

To reduce the traffic congestion of serial communication transmission lines. A coding method implements to reduce the transmission energy of a serial communication medium by diminishing the number of transitions on the serial communication wire [10][12][16][17].

This method is essential to the developer because instead of the whole string traveling to the media, only the assigned codes and assigned comparable data of the received codes are in the receiving end if connected to the desktop computer USB port at the receiver end.

Utilizing the USB on PC connections and the serial monitor screen element of the application makes it incredibly simple to use the on-screen serial monitor for troubleshooting and to make fetching application programs with insignificant electronic interfacing [11][12][14][16][17][18].

In this paper, the researcher presented multiple functional microcontrollers connected in serial communication with

asynchronous data transfer, guiding future researchers in developing a distributed system application using multiple microcontrollers connected serially through UART ports. Figure 1 below shows the typical architecture of numerous microcontrollers installed in one system application.

Objective of the Study

The study's main objective is to give the students and practicing hardware developers a reference in data communication, particularly in serial communication using the

80c51 family microcontrollers. Furthermore, it aims explicitly to develop the following:

1. Implement a multiple 89c51 family microcontroller connected to its isolated UART ports and distribute the I/O programmable ports.
2. Creating running a program code to activate the Serial Transmit and Received function of the UART.
3. Making a functional Visual Basic.net code to communicate the microcontroller to the personal computer using Asynchronous serial communication.

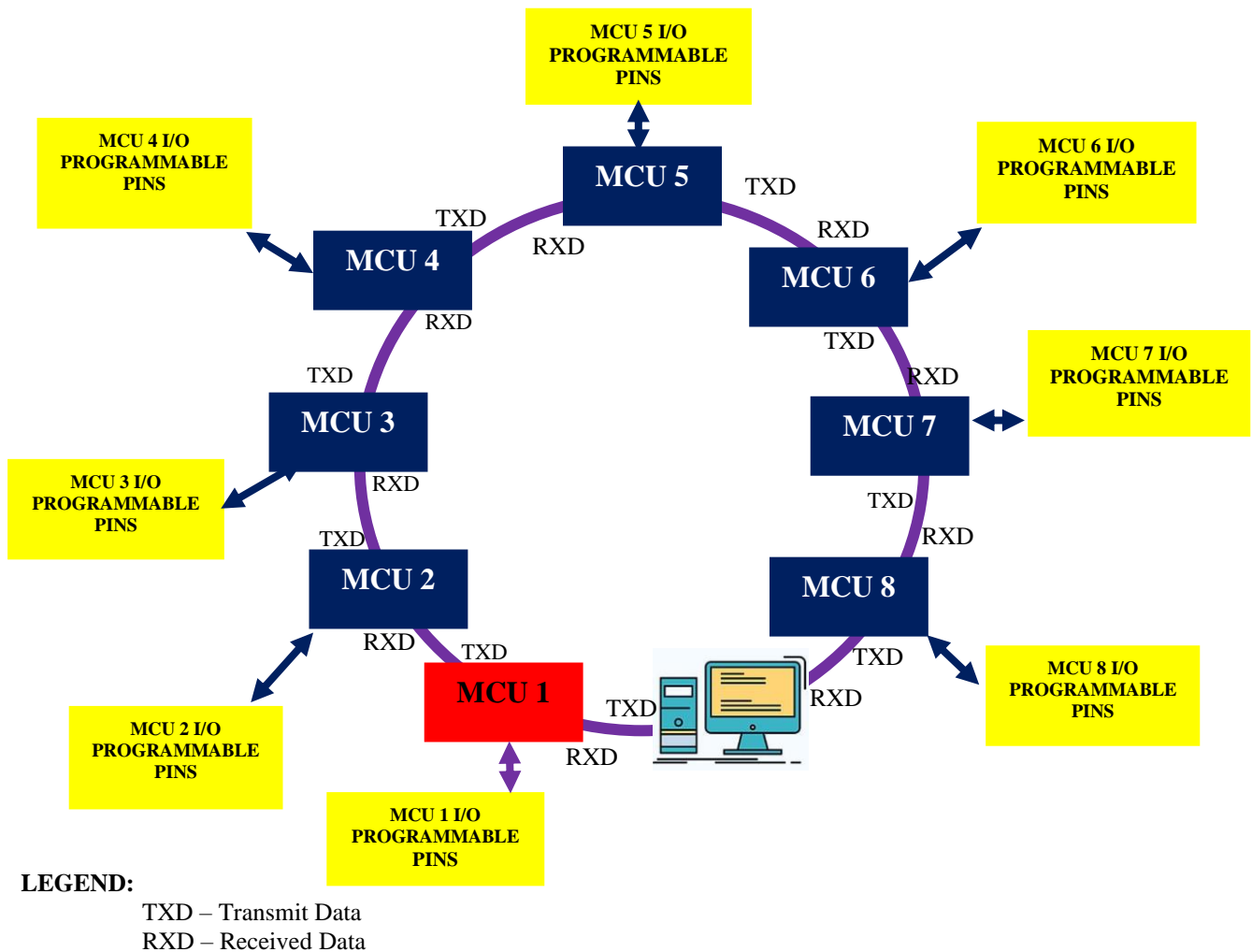


Fig. 1. Multiple Microcontrollers in a System

II. METHODOLOGY

The method used in this study is deductive because it is experimental by designing the circuit diagrams, simulating and implementing through the actual implementation using the specified microcontroller as shown below is the model as a guide in establishing a solution to the specific problem pointed out in this study.

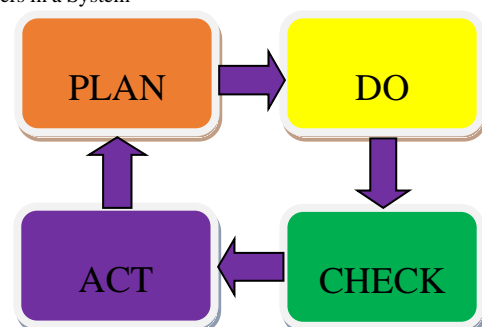


Fig. 2. Schema of the Study

Plan

Design

The researcher used AT89C2051/AT89C4051 as a primary controller of the system. This microcontroller is twenty pins (20) with fifteen input/output (I/O) programmable ports that include two (2) universal asynchronous receiver transmitter (UART) pins [16][17][18][19]. This UART provides transmit data (TXD) and received data (RXD); traditionally, when serial communication is implemented, the RS232C is the reference because it is a standard communication protocol for communicating with computers and peripheral devices to enable serial data exchange. Fig 3 below shows the DCE and DTE pinout

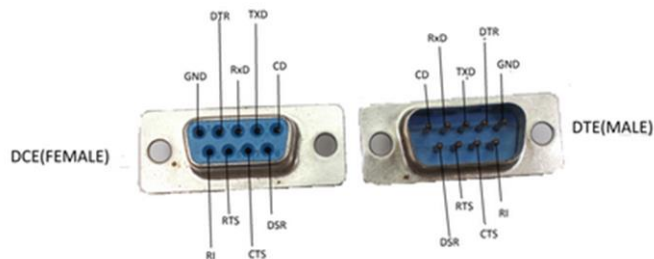


Fig. 3. DB9 Male and Female RS232C Pinout

In most basic asynchronous serial transmission, only three (3) pins are needed to communicate from device A to device B, which are the TXD, RXD, and GND pins, respectively, for full-duplex transmission mode. In contrast, only two (2) pins are required in a half-duplex, either TXD and GND or RXD and GND or vice versa. These pins are suitable for implementing the microcontroller because the AT89C2051 has a built-in UART port, TXD, and RXD pins. However, during the commission in an industrial application, these UART pins TXD and RXD require an isolation circuit to avoid interferences during data transmission. This time a PC 817 optocoupler linear device is used to prevent the physical connection between one microcontroller to the other connected microcontrollers in the system even though it is connected to one system board to secure the data transmission. Fig 4 below shows the isolated RS232 connection that connects all microcontrollers in a system.

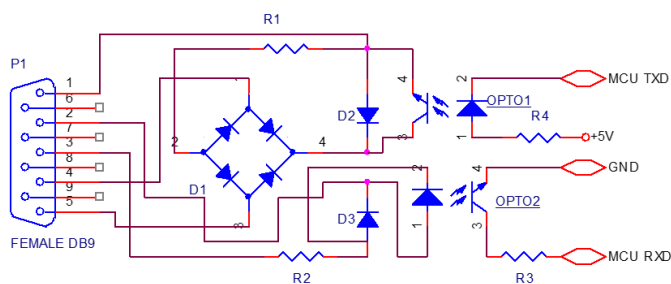


Fig. 4. Isolated RS232C from MCU

Figure 5 below represents the MCU1 or U1 of all MCUs in the system handling Input/Output programmable ports from IO01 to IO13 that can be used as both input and output programmable ports. For example, the eight (8) MCUs can

produce one hundred four (IO104) input and output programmable ports, as reflected in figures 5 to 12, respectively.

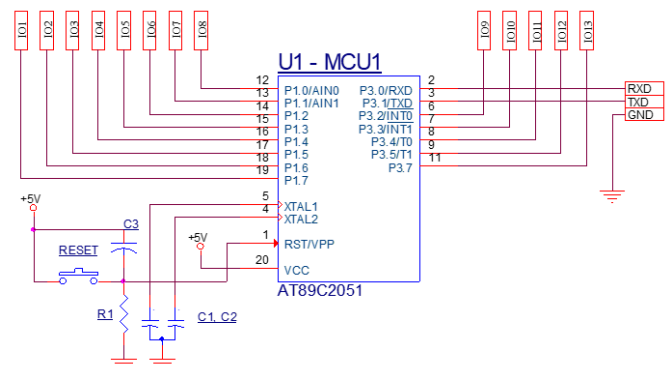


Fig. 5. MCU 1 circuit diagram I/O programmable port 01 to 13

Figure 6 below represents the MCU2 or U2 in the system that handles input and output programmable ports from IO14 to IO26 that can be used as input and output programmable ports.

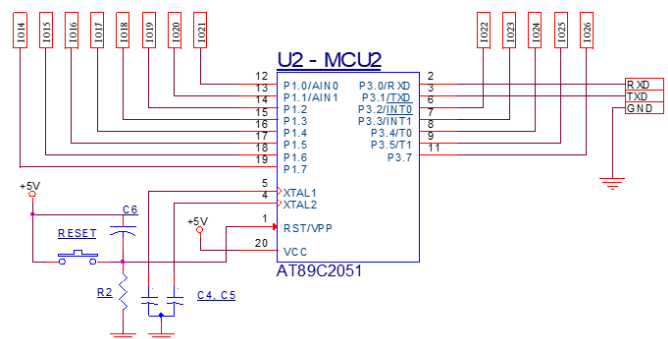


Fig. 6. MCU 2 circuit diagram I/O programmable port 14 to 26

Figure 7 below represents the MCU 3 or U3 of the systems that handle input and output programmable ports from IO27 to IO39 that can be used as input and output programmable ports.

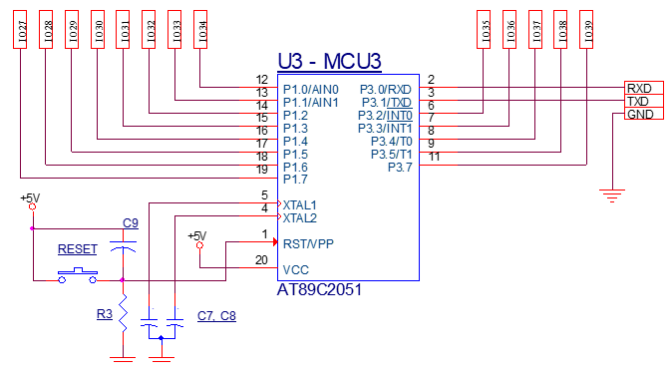


Fig. 7. MCU 3 circuit diagram I/O programmable port 27 to 39

Figure 8 below represents the MCU 4 or U4 of the systems that handle input and output programmable ports from IO40 to IO52 that can be used as input and output programmable ports.

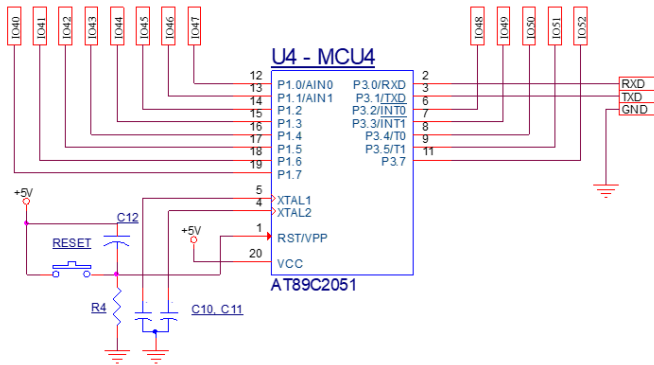


Fig. 8. MCU 4 circuit diagram I/O programmable port 40 to 52

Figure 9 below represents the MCU 5 or U5 of the systems that handle input and output programmable ports from IO53 to IO65 that can be used as input and output programmable ports.

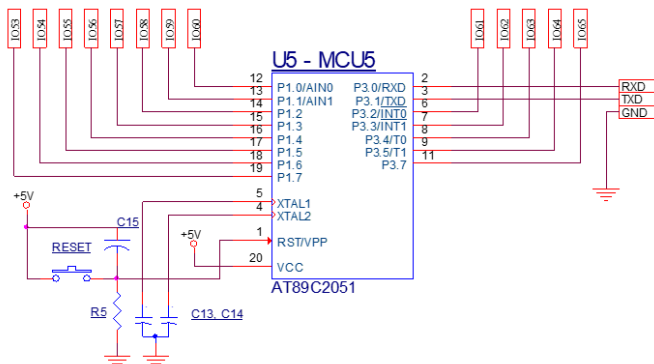


Fig. 9. MCU 4 circuit diagram I/O programmable port 53 to 65

Figure 10 below represents the MCU 6 or U6 of the systems that handle input and output programmable ports from IO53 to IO65 that can be used as input and output programmable ports.

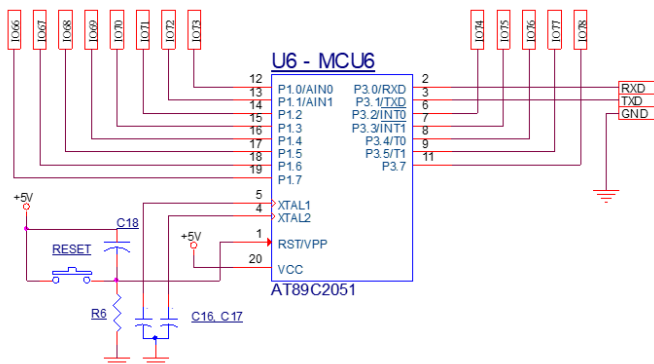


Fig. 10. MCU 6 circuit diagram I/O programmable port 66 to 78

Figure 11 below represents the MCU 7 or U7 of the systems that handle input and output programmable ports from IO79 to IO91 that can be used as input and output programmable ports.

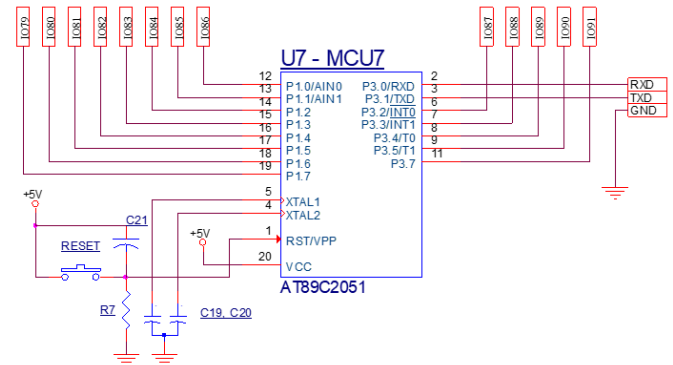


Fig. 11. MCU 7 circuit diagram I/O programmable port 79 to 91

Figure 12 below represents the MCU 7 or U7 of the systems that handle input and output programmable ports from IO92 to IO104, which can be used as input and output programmable ports.

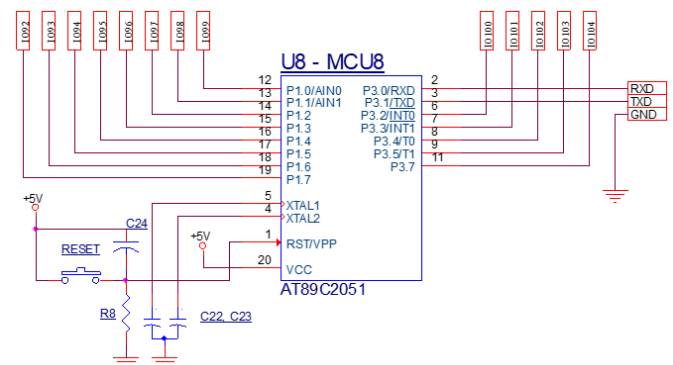


Fig. 12. MCU 8 circuit diagram I/O programmable port 92 to 104

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Layout

The researcher used EasyEDA software for the online layout of the PCB of the entire system so that it would be easy to order the PCB board online using the product of the software introduced by the PCB maker. The researcher simulated the circuit in the Proteus software before creating it on the EasyEDA for the system board's integrity because the PCB price is high depending on the actual size. Figure 13 below shows the entire circuit board of the multiple MCU in a system.

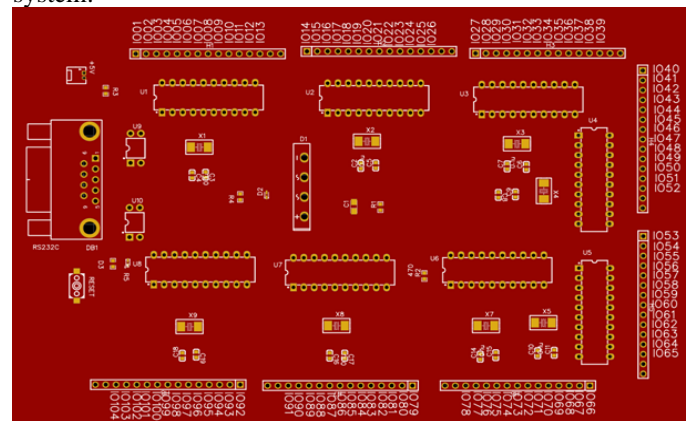


Fig. 13. PCB Layout of the System

Check

Assembly of Components

In this study stage, the researcher assembled the parts for the PCB and placement the parts included in the system board. After soldering the system, the researcher starts making an embedded code to test the system's functionality. Figure 14 shows the PCB with a component in the 3D application of EasyEDA software.

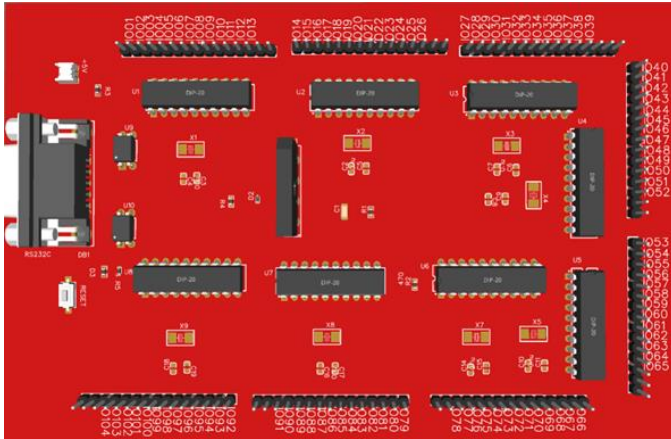


Fig. 14. PCB with Component

System Coding

The researcher makes a program code for the embedded microcontroller. Below is the principle transmitting routine code used in each microcontroller connected to the system.

This routine will transfer the content of register A that the researcher assigned values [16].

```

//////////TRANSMIT DATA ROUTINE://////////
TRANSMIT:
MOV     SBUF,A      ;REG A DATA STORE TO SBUF WAIT FOR TI
PROCEED:
JNB     TI,PROCEED  ;CHECK IF TI READY
CLR     TI          ;CLEAR TI READY FOR NEXT CHAT TXD
RET
END
    
```

Similarly, another sub-routine code below receives the data from the SBUF register coming from other microcontroller transmitted data [16].

```

//////////RECEIVED ROUTINE://////////
RXD_DATA:
JNB     RI,$        ;RECEIVING DATA READY
MOV     A,SBUF      ;DATA IN BUFFER
MOV     P1,A        ;SEND TRANSMITTED DATA TO PORT1
CLR     RI          ;CLEAR RI READY FOR NEXT SIGNAL
SJP     RXD_DATA    ;RECEIVED ANOTHER CHAR
END
    
```

Combining the two (2) routines, the transmit and received can accommodate a full-duplex transmission mode. The system uses for sending and receiving the data coming from the connected microcontroller in the system. Each microcontroller has a unique code that will automate the application, but the transmit and received routine are present in all embedded codes of eight microcontrollers connected serially.

Act

Testing

Testing its functionality, the researcher created a Visual Basic .net code for the testing process from the computer to the system developed. This testing program will transmit data from the computer, and the microcontroller that holds the address can receive the transmitted data. Also, a microcontroller connected serially can send the data that only a desktop PC can receive the shared information, as shown in the active form from the .net application in figure 15 below [17].

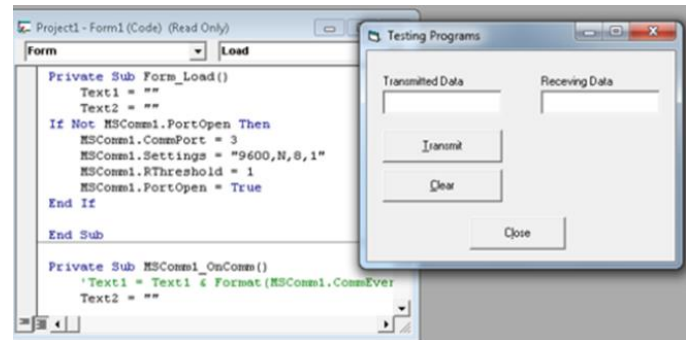


Fig. 15. Testing program form from .net environment

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The developed system created by the researcher is a generic application that requires many inputs and outputs programmable ports application like car parking in a shopping mall wherein the system detects the vacant slot with a light indicator on it. Second, an elevator system also requires multiple sensors and actuators, including the display that connects all the microcontrollers serially in the elevator system. Last is the speech laboratory system, which features forty-five (45) students/cubicles or more significant users that use output ports to enable and disable speakers and an input port for the call button when the students call the teacher's attention, as shown in figure 16 below [17]. This application requires eight microcontrollers to complete the forty-five cubicles for the speech laboratory to control the headsets' enable and disable. They had developed a functional application using eight (8) microcontrollers connected serially, including the desktop PC as the central console of the speech laboratory.



Fig. 16. Application of Desktop PC for Speech Laboratory Console

The researcher developed an assembly language program code shown below embedded in the microcontroller chip that transmits and receives information to or from the PC. At the same time, the PC is also equipped with a Visual Basic .net code for the receiver end that accepts the transmitted data from the microcontrollers. The code below may use for the rest of the connected microcontrollers, provided that the receiver may have a code to accept incoming data intended to be received.

```

; A CODE TO TRANSMIT AND RECEIVED CODES TO PC
; BY: JERRY I. TELERON, Ph.D., PCpE
;
ORG 00H
NOP
IE EQU 0A8H ;Address of Interrupt
;Enable 0A8H-0AFH

P1 EQU 090H
P1_4 EQU 094H
P1_5 EQU 095H
P1_6 EQU 096H
P1_7 EQU 097H

TMOD EQU 089H
TH1 EQU 08DH
SCON EQU 098H
SBUF EQU 099H
TR1 EQU 08EH
RI EQU 098H
TI EQU 099H
P3_2 EQU 0B2H
P3_3 EQU 0B3H
SJMP START

ORG 013H ;Select INT1 interrupt
;switch button

MOV R0, #255

LOOPS:
    DJNZ R0, LOOPS
    MOV P1, #00H ;ON STATE FOR P1
    RETI

START:
    MOV P1, #0FFH ; OFF STATE OF P1
    MOV IE, #10000100B ;Addressable bits setting
    ;interrupts to configure
    ;INT1
    ;see IE: INTERRUPT ENABLE
    ;REGISTER
    ;BIT ADDRESSABLE

NEXT:
    MOV TMOD, #21H ;TIMER 1 8BIT AUTO RELOAD
    MOV TH1, #0FDH ;9,600 BIT/SEC BAUD
    MOV SCON, #50H ;1START, 8BIT, 1STOP, REN
    ;ENABLE
    ;8-N-1

    SETB TR1

;RECEIVED ROUTINE;
RXD_DATA:
    JNB RI, $ ;RECEIVING DATA READY
    MOV A, SBUF ;DATA IN BUFFER
    MOV P1, A ;SEND TRANSMITTED DATA TO
    ; PORT1
    CLR RI ;CLEAR RI
    CALL TX_DATA
    CALL DELAY
    SJMP RXD_DATA ;RECEIVED ANOTHER CHAR

TX_DATA:
    MOV DPTR, #WELCOME_NOTE
    MOV R7, #150

DISPLAY_WELCOME_NOTE:
    CLR A

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MOVC A, @A+DPTR
MOV SBUF, A
JNB TI, $
CLR TI
INC DPTR
DJNZ R7, DISPLAY_WELCOME_NOTE
RET

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;DELY MATTERS;
DELAY:
    MOV R4, #180 ; set middle loop with 180
DLY2:
    MOV R3, #255 ; set inner loop with 255
DLY1:
    DJNZ R3, DLY1 ; loop all values of delay
    DJNZ R4, DLY2
    RET

;LOOK UP TABLES;
WELCOME_NOTE: DB "COMMUNICATING WITH THE PC ", 0AH, 0DH
RECEIVING_NOTE: DB "PC RECEIVED CODE FROM MCU", 0AH, 0DH
END

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The researcher developed a Visual Basic.net code to transmit and received data using the serial communication port using the Try...Catch...Finally block statement. Allows the application to close the serial port even if it generates an exception. All code that manipulates the serial port should appear within this block. As shown in the code below [26].

```

Dim returnStr As String = ""
Dim com1 As IO.Ports.SerialPort = Nothing
Try
    com1 = My.Computer.Ports.OpenSerialPort("COM1")
    com1.ReadTimeout = 10000
Catch ex As TimeoutException
    returnStr = "Error: Serial Port read timed out."
Finally
    If com1 IsNot Nothing Then com1.Close()
End Try

```

The code below is the function to receive serial data in the serial port COM1 only [26].

```

Function ReceiveSerialData() As String
    ' Receive strings from a serial port.
    Dim returnStr As String = ""

    Dim com1 As IO.Ports.SerialPort = Nothing
    Try
        com1 =
        My.Computer.Ports.OpenSerialPort("COM1")
        com1.ReadTimeout = 10000
        Do
            Dim Incoming As String = com1.ReadLine()
            If Incoming Is Nothing Then
                Exit Do
            Else
                returnStr &= Incoming & vbCrLf
            End If
        Loop
        Catch ex As TimeoutException
            returnStr = "Error: Serial Port read timed
            out."
        Finally
            If com1 IsNot Nothing Then com1.Close()
        End Try

        Return returnStr
    End Function

```

To complete the code for serial, send and receive another code below for the transmit string routine. Again, the statement of the WriteLine method was used that sends the data to the serial port COM1 [26].

```
Sub SendSerialData(ByVal data As String)
    ' Send strings to a serial port.
    Using com1 As IO.Ports.SerialPort =
        My.Computer.Ports.OpenSerialPort("COM1")
        com1.WriteLine(data)
    End Using
End Sub
```

IV. CONCLUSION

Therefore, the author concluded that the study is essential to the aspiring computer engineer or hardware developer as their basis for implementing multiple microcontrollers in a system, particularly in the implementation that requires many inputs and output programmable ports to complete the design.

Specifically, it answers the objectives pointed out in this study:

1. Creating multiple microcontrollers in one (1) system application.
2. Making a code for the embedded application.
3. Making an application of Visual Basic .net for the desktop computer application that communicates between the developed system and the desktop PC.

The researcher answered all the queries by implementing the system with a hardware diagram of the microcontrollers connected serially through its UART ports.

Recommendation

The researchers suggest that an Internet of Things (IoT) may include the implementation of the multiple microcontrollers in a system for this study's future improvement. They were allowing future researchers and aspiring engineers to go on and implement the wireless fidelity application using its application without using the available module for WIFI applications.

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