

Fan Speed Control System Project Report

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1. Project description and goal:

Our project consists of two main elements: a light switch and a fan. When the light switch is turned on, the fan will automatically turn on, symbolizing that someone has entered the room. Once the light and fan are on, a switch can be used to adjust the speed of the fan depending on the individual's needs. Different combinations of inputs from the switch changes the speed from lowest, low, high, and highest. When the light is turned off, the fan will turn off. Our goal is to create a functioning light switch activated fan that changes speed on the users input.

2. Components:

- **Brief Overview**
 - **Smart Ceiling Fan Control**
 - OFF/ON setting
 - Fan speed based on switches
 - **User Input**
 - Different switch combination to use different fan mode
- **Components:**
 - L298N Dual Bridge Motor Driver
 - 2-phase, 12V DC bipolar stepper motor (fan)
 - K64F FRDM Board
 - Potentiometer (light switch)
 - DIP Switch Module

3. Hardware Schematics:

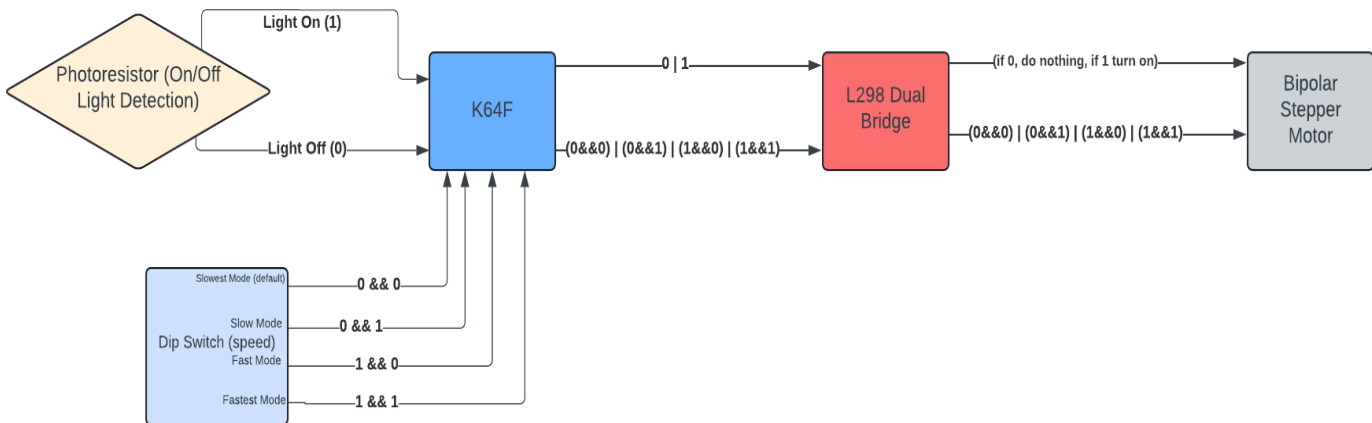


Figure 3.1: Hardware Flowchart

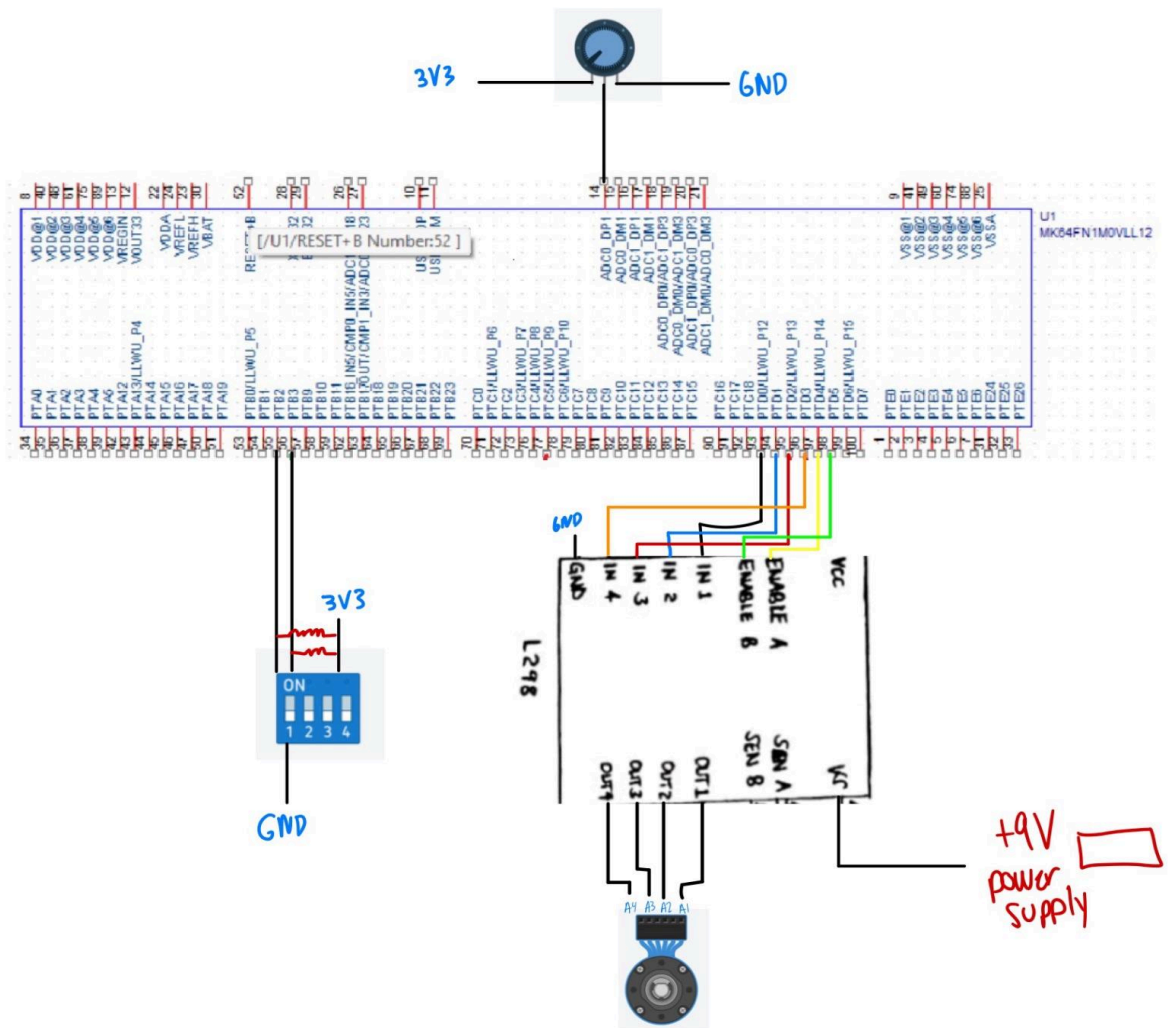


Figure 3.2: Hardware Schematic of FRDM K64F dev. board, potentiometer, switch, stepper motor, L298N motor driver, and 9V power supply

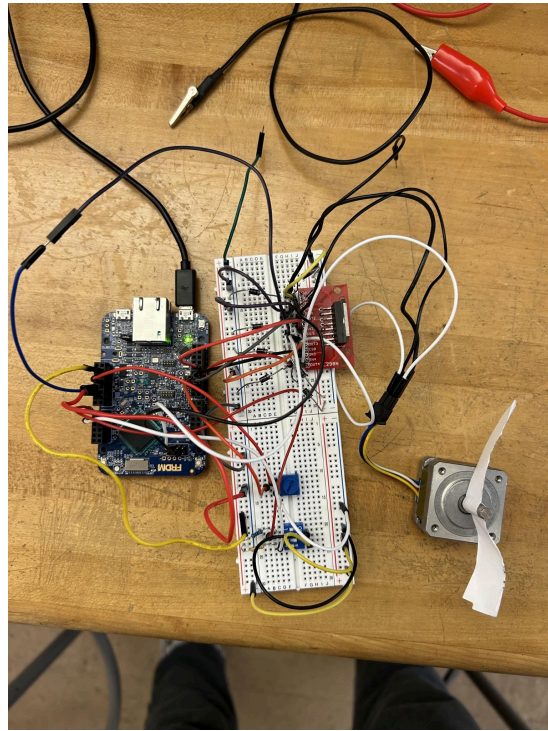


Figure 3.3: Photo of circuit

4. Testing/Evaluation Description:

Our environment within the lab consisted of a voltage supply source that connected to the breadboard and supplied the L298N motor driver with 9+ volts of power. This voltage source was required to power the 12V DC stepper motor. This power supply was required, as the fan would not have been able to turn on without the sufficient amount of voltage.

- We used PORT B on the K64F as the input from the switch (PB2, PB3). PORT D was used as an output to the L298N Dual Bridge driver (PD0-PD5). The ADC0 pin reads the analog potentiometer level
- The function **speed(int mode)** controls motor speed by writing to GPIOD_PDOR
- The function **adc_read16b()** performs 16-bit analog-to-digital conversion using ADC0
- The function **PORTA_IRQHandler()** reads potentiometer(light) level via ADC and scales to 0–33 range, then triggers speed() when level is greater than 16
- The **main** function sets inputs/pins, enables pin clocks, and infinitely calls PORTA_IRQHandler()

Link to demo: https://youtu.be/CHEWgq_nAGw

5. Technical Challenges and Improvements:

One of the biggest problems we encountered during this project was the analog to digital converter on the K64F. The first and most complex iteration of our project consisted of the DHT11 Temperature and Humidity module. Despite our best efforts to implement it directly onto the K64F, the lack of a working library to test the module ultimately led us to abandon the DHT. We then moved to a photoresistor. Again, through the use of 3 different photoresistors, we could not get it to read correctly. It would spit out values opposite of the expected. We moved to our last resort which was the potentiometer. We were able to get this one to work after connecting it directly to the ADC0 pin on the K64F. On the software side, our struggles were normal code building struggles, a matter of stepping through the program multiple times to make sure we did not make a simple error.

There are several areas where this project could be enhanced in terms of both performance and technical sophistication. Use of Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) to regulate the speed of the stepper motor would be a significant enhancement. With PWM, the motor steps could be paced using hardware-timed signal generation that is more accurate than software delay loops. This would allow for smoother speed level transitions. Using Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) communication would also make it possible to integrate digital sensors, like temperature or light sensors that are compatible with SPI.

6. Brief Conclusion:

Overall, the project was a valuable hands-on experience that deepened our understanding of embedded systems and microcontroller-based design. We successfully implemented a smart fan control system using the FRDM-K64F development board, and its embedded MK64FN1M0VLL12 microcontroller unit. The system responded to a potentiometer acting as a brightness-sensitive switch, with analog input captured through the board's ADC0 pin.

Fan speed control was achieved using a DIP switch module, which allowed users to select among four predefined speed modes (slowest, slow, medium, high). These speed levels were executed through a 12V DC bipolar stepper motor, driven by a L298N Dual H-Bridge Motor Driver. The motor driver received control signals from the FRDM board and power directly from a 9V power supply.

We wrote embedded C code to interpret analog and digital inputs, convert ADC values to on/off thresholds, and generate timing sequences for motor phase switching. During testing, we used a multimeter to verify voltage levels across the circuit, ensuring the system was powered consistently and safely under load conditions. We also used delay loops in code to fine-tune pulse durations to the stepper motor, enabling speed differentiation based on user input.

Despite initial setbacks with the DHT11 temperature sensor and photoresistor modules, our potentiometer worked reliably. Through this project, we learned to adapt hardware design in response to component limitations and improved our familiarity with peripherals like ADC, GPIOs, and stepper motor control.

Functional Code:

Main.c

```
#include "fsl_device_registers.h"
static int i = 0;
uint32_t light = 0;
uint32_t mode = 0;
void speed(int mode){
    if ((mode & 0x8) != 0 && (mode & 0x04) != 0){ // 1,1
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x36;
        for(i = 0; i < 10000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x35;
        for(i = 0; i < 10000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x39;
        for(i = 0; i < 10000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x3A;
        for(i = 0; i < 10000; i++);
    }
    else if ((mode & 0x8) != 0 && (mode & 0x04) == 0){ // 1, 0
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x36;
        for(i = 0; i < 20000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x35;
        for(i = 0; i < 20000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x39;
        for(i = 0; i < 20000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x3A;
        for(i = 0; i < 20000; i++);
    }
    else if ((mode & 0x8) == 0 && (mode & 0x04) != 0){ // 0, 1
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x36;
        for(i = 0; i < 30000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x35;
        for(i = 0; i < 30000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x39;
        for(i = 0; i < 30000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x3A;
        for(i = 0; i < 30000; i++);
    }
    else if ((mode & 0x8) == 0 && (mode & 0x04) == 0){ // 0, 0
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x36;
        for(i = 0; i < 40000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x35;
        for(i = 0; i < 40000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x39;
        for(i = 0; i < 40000; i++);
        GPIOD_PDOR = 0x3A;
        for(i = 0; i < 40000; i++);
    }
}

unsigned short adc_read16b(){
    //ADC0_SC3 = 0x07;
    ADC0_SC1A = 0x00;
    while(ADC0_SC2 & ADC_SC2_ADACT_MASK);
    while(!(ADC0_SC1A & ADC_SC1_COCO_MASK));
    return ADC0_RA; //31539, 32534
}

void PORTA_IRQHandler(void)
{
    mode = GPIOB_PDIR; // read port b(switch)
    light = (adc_read16b()* 33) / 0xFFFF; //read ADC value and convert to decimal
    if(light > 16){
        speed(mode);
    }
}
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    }
    else{
        //do nothing
    }
    //Clear ISFR
    PORTA_ISFR = (1 << 1);
}

int main(void)
{
    SIM_SCGC5 |= SIM_SCGC5_PORTA_MASK; /*Enable Port A Clock Gate Control*/
    SIM_SCGC5 |= SIM_SCGC5_PORTB_MASK; /*Enable Port B Clock Gate Control*/
    SIM_SCGC5 |= SIM_SCGC5_PORTD_MASK; /*Enable Port D Clock Gate Control*/
    SIM_SCGC6 |= SIM_SCGC6_ADC0_MASK; /*Enable ADC*/

    //port b
    PORTB_GPCR = 0x000C0100; /*Configure Port B Pin 2-3 for GPIO*/
    GPIOB_PDDR = 0x00000000; /*Configure Port B Pin 2-3 for Input*/

    //Port D
    PORTD_GPCR = 0x00FF0100; /*Configure Port D Pins 0-7 for GPIO*/
    GPIOD_PDDR = 0x000000FF; /*Configure Port D Pins 0-7 for Output*/
    GPIOD_PDOR = 0x01; /*Initialize Port D such that only 1 bit is ON*/

    PORTA_PCR4 = 0x0100; //port A

    //Configure PA1 to trigger interrupts on falling edge input.
    //PORTC_PCR1 = 0xA0100;
    //Configure ADC for 16 bits, and to use bus clock.
    ADC0_CFG1 = 0x0C;
    //Disable the ADC module;
    ADC0_SC1A = 0x1F;
    //Set PB[3:2] and PA[1] for input;
    GPIOA_PDDR |= (0 << 1); // PC[1] input
    GPIOB_PDDR |= ((0 << 3) | (0 << 2) | (1 << 2) | (1 << 10)); // PB[3:2] input

    PORTA_ISFR = (1 << 1);
    //NVIC_EnableIRQ(PORTA_IRQn);

    for(;;){
        GPIOB_PTOR |= (1 << 10);
        PORTA_IRQHandler();
    }
    return 0;
}

```