

3.1.7 Machine Control Design - Elevator

Principles of Engineering 3°

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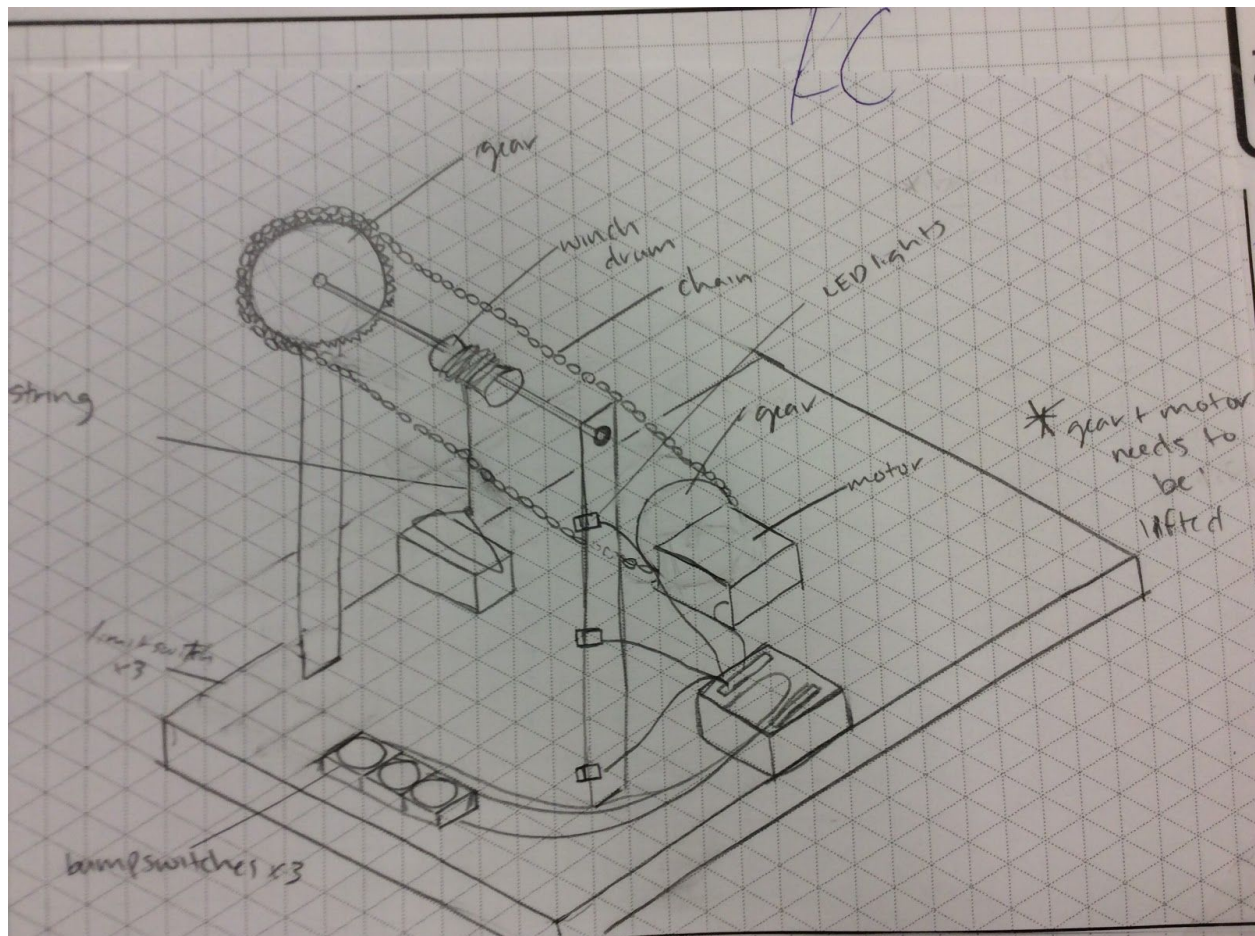
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Design Statement

Problem 5: Elevator (Hardware Level 4 Software Level 4)

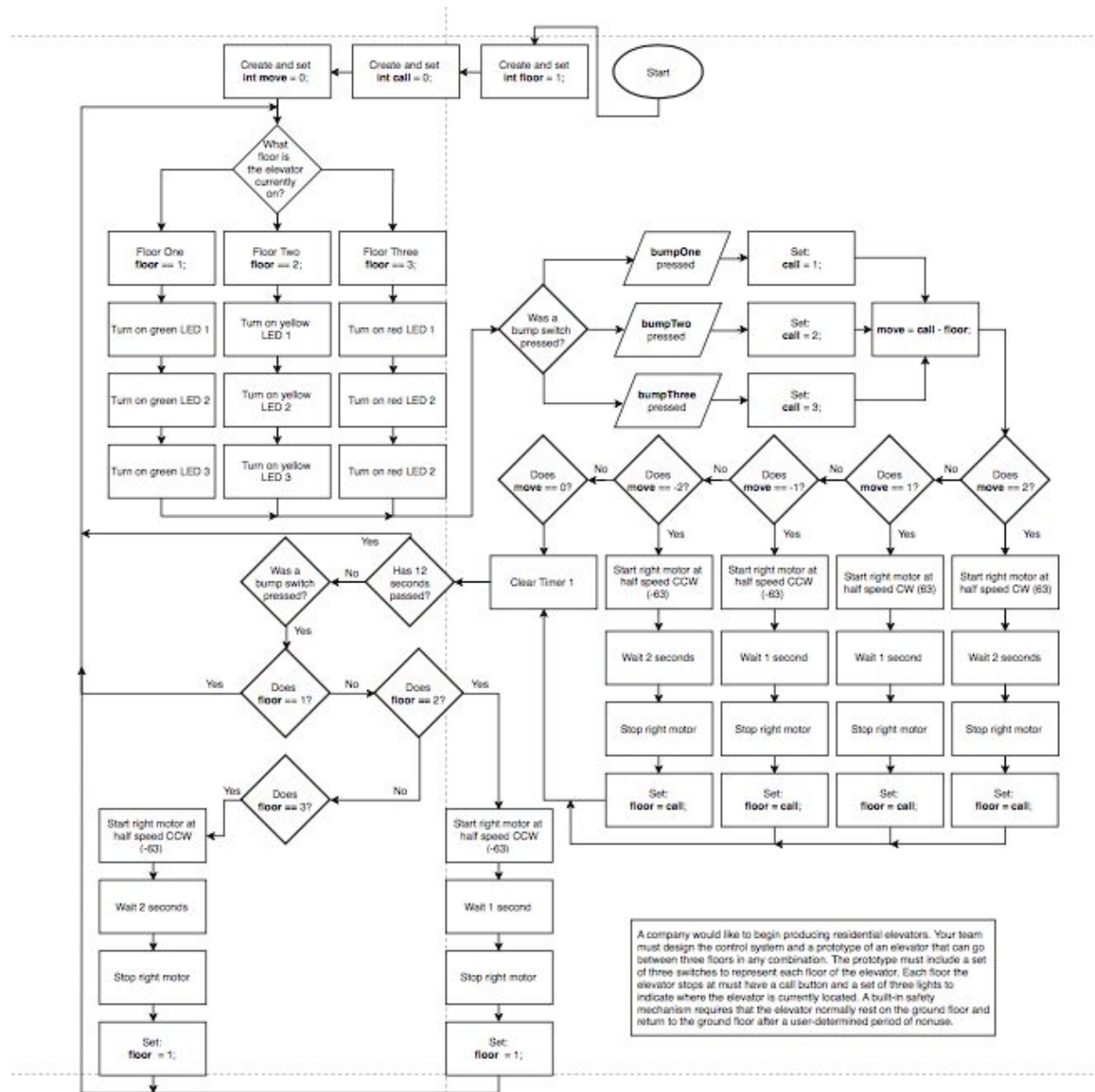
A company would like to begin producing residential elevators. Your team must design the control system and a prototype of an elevator that can go between three floors in any combination. The prototype must include a set of three switches to represent each floor of the elevator. Each floor the elevator stops at must have a call button and a set of three lights to indicate where the elevator is currently located. A built-in safety mechanism requires that the elevator normally rest on the ground floor and return to the ground floor after a user-determined period of nonuse.

Initial Physical Sketches

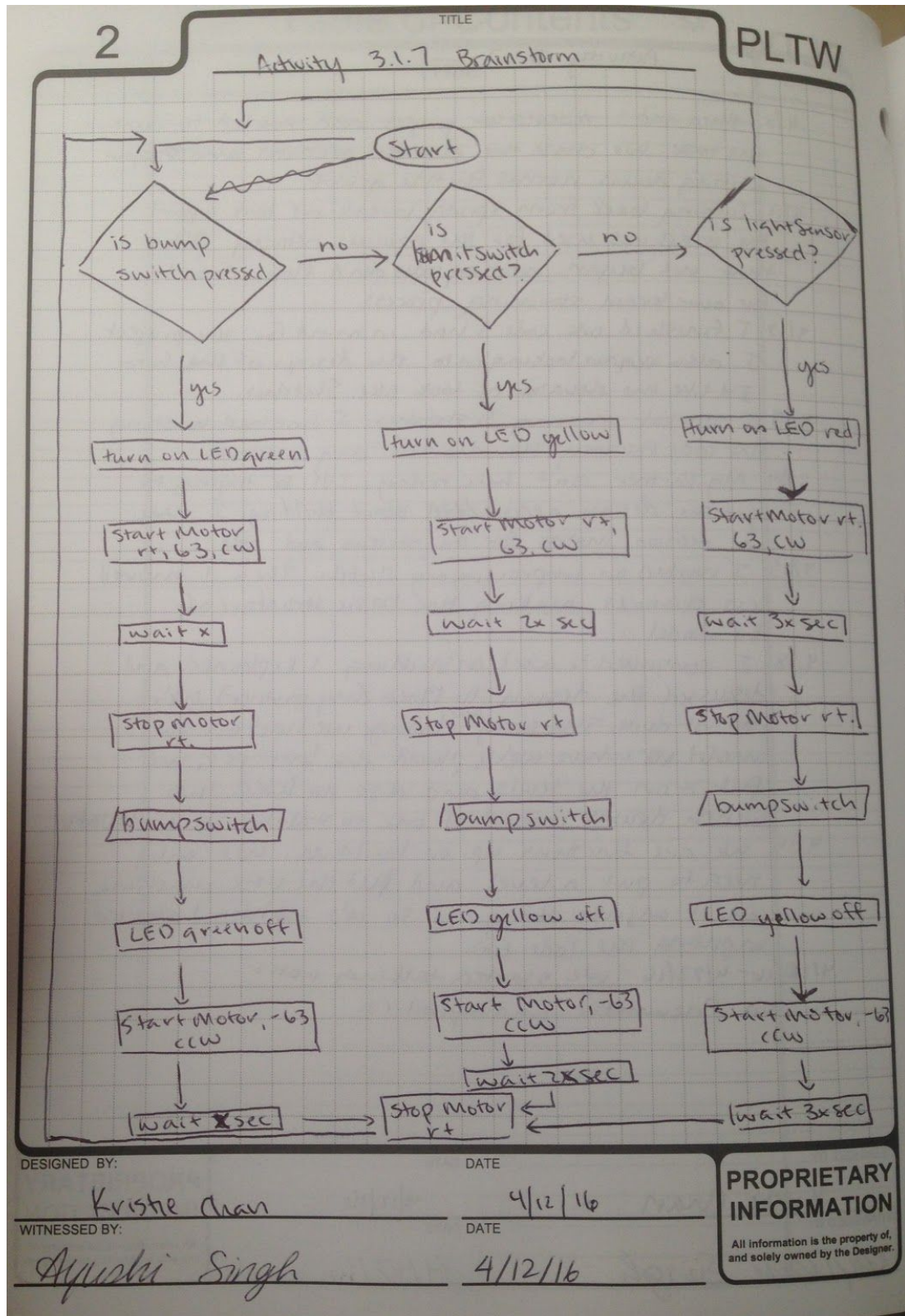


Initial Flowcharts

Design #1



Design #2



Initial Program Sketches

Design #1

```
void floorLight(){ //Setting floor variable/lights to track what floor the elevator is currently on
    if(floor == 1) { //If elevator is on floor 1
        turnLEDOn(greenOne); //Then turn on the green light on floor one
        turnLEDOn(greenTwo); //Then turn on the green light on floor two
        turnLEDOn(greenThree); //Then turn on the green light on floor three
    }
    else if(floor == 2) {
        turnLEDOn(yellowOne); //Then turn on the yellow light on floor one
        turnLEDOn(yellowTwo); //Then turn on the yellow light on floor two
        turnLEDOn(yellowThree); //Then turn on the yellow light on floor three
    }
    else if(floor == 3) {
        turnLEDOn(redOne); //Then turn on the red light on floor one
        turnLEDOn(redTwo); //Then turn on the red light on floor two
        turnLEDOn(redThree); //Then turn on the red light on floor three
    }
}

int floor = 1; //Variable to track what floor elevator is currently on
int call = 0; //Variable to track what floor elevator is called to
int move = 0; //Variable to calculate how much elevator needs to move
while (1 == 1){ //Loop forever

    floorLight(); //Setting lights to track what floor the elevator is currently on

    //Bump switch input to call elevator to a floor
    if(SensorValue[bumpOne] == 1) { //If the first floor bump switch is pressed
        call = 1; //Sets call to equal the floor it was called to
    }
    else if(SensorValue[bumpTwo] == 2) { //If the two floor bump switch is pressed
        call = 2; //Sets call to equal the floor it was called to
    }
    else if(SensorValue[bumpThree] == 1) { //If the third floor bump switch is pressed
        call = 3; //Sets call to equal the floor it was called to
    }
    move = call - floor; //Calculate how much elevator needs to move

    //Based on the value of move, elevator will move to floor it was called to
    if(move == 2){ //If the elevator is going 2 floors up
        startMotor(rightMotor, 63); //Start the right motor at half speed CW
        wait(2); //Wait 2 seconds
        stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 2 seconds
    }
    else if(move == 1){
        startMotor(rightMotor, 63); //Start the right motor at half speed CW
        wait(1); //Wait 1 second
    }
}
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        stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 1 second
    }
    else if(move == -1){
        startMotor(rightMotor, -63); //Start the right motor at half speed CCW
        wait(1); //Wait 1 second
        stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 1 second
    }
    else if(move == -2){
        startMotor(rightMotor, -63); //Start the right motor at half speed CCW
        wait(2); //Wait 2 seconds
        stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 2 seconds
    }
    else if(move == 0){
        //Don't move
    }
    floor = call; //Set floor to the floor it was called to and is now on
    floorLight(); //Setting lights to track what floor the elevator is currently on

    //Timer to track if elapsed time (12 seconds) has passed since elevator has moved, then will move it
    back to first floor
    ClearTimer(T1);
    while(Timer[T1] <= 12000) { //While the timer is less than or equal to 12 seconds
        if(Timer[T1] >= 12000 && SensorValue[bumpOne] && 0 && SensorValue[bumpTwo] == 0
        && SensorValue[bumpThree] == 0){ //If 12 seconds has passed and a bump switch hasn't been pressed
            if(floor == 2){ //If elevator is on the second floor
                startMotor(rightMotor, -63); //Start the right motor at half speed CCW
                wait(1); //Wait 1 second
                stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 1 second
            }
            else if(floor == 3){ //If elevator is on the third floor
                startMotor(rightMotor, -63); //Start the right motor at half speed CCW
                wait(2); //Wait 2 seconds
                stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 1 second
            }
            floor = 1; //Set floor for first floor
        }
    }
    ClearTimer(T1); //Clear timer again so it doesn't keep running; not necessary

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Design #2

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>Code #1</p> <pre> task main() { while(1==1){ if(SensorValue[BumpSwitch]==1){ turnLEDOOn(green); startMotor(rightMotor,63); wait(3); stopMotor(rightMotor); untilBump(bumpSwitch); turnLEDOOff(green); startMotor(rightMotor,-63); wait(3); stopMotor(rightMotor); } if(SensorValue[LimitSwitch]==1){ turnLEDOOn(yellow); startMotor(rightMotor,63); wait(2); stopMotor(rightMotor); untilBump(bumpSwitch); turnLEDOOff(yellow); startMotor(rightMotor,-63); wait(2); stopMotor(rightMotor); } if(SensorValue[LightSensor]>=400){ turnLEDOOn(red); startMotor(rightMotor,63); wait(3); stopMotor(rightMotor); untilBump(bumpSwitch); turnLEDOOff(red); startMotor(rightMotor,-63); } </pre> </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> <p>this code has 4 floors but the beginning is counted as a lobby.</p> <pre> wait(3); stopMotor(rightMotor); } } } </pre> </div> </div>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>DESIGNED BY:</p> <p><u>Kristie Chan</u></p> <p>WITNESSED BY:</p> <p><u>Ayushi Singh</u></p> </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> <p>DATE</p> <p><u>4/13/16</u></p> <p>DATE</p> <p><u>4/12/16</u></p> </div> </div>		
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Final Program Sketch

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int floor = 1; //Variable to track what floor elevator is currently on
int call = 0; //Variable to track what floor elevator is called to
int move = 0; //Variable to calculate how much elevator needs to move

void floorLight(){ //Setting floor variable/lights to track what floor the elevator is currently on
    if(floor == 1) { //If elevator is on floor 1
        turnLEDOOn(greenOne); //Then turn on the green light on floor one
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    }
    else if(floor == 2) {
        turnLEDOOn(yellowOne); //Then turn on the yellow light on floor one
        turnLEDOOn(yellowTwo); //Then turn on the yellow light on floor two
        turnLEDOOn(yellowThree); //Then turn on the yellow light on floor three
    }
    else if(floor == 3) {
        turnLEDOOn(redOne); //Then turn on the red light on floor one
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        turnLEDOOn(redThree); //Then turn on the red light on floor three
    }
}

task main()
{
    while (1 == 1){ //Loop forever

        floorLight(); //Setting lights to track what floor the elevator is currently on

        //Bump switch input to call elevator to a floor
        if(SensorValue[bumpOne] == 1) { //If the first floor bump switch is pressed
            call = 1; //Sets call to equal the floor it was called to
        }
        else if(SensorValue[bumpTwo] == 1) { //If the two floor bump switch is pressed
            call = 2; //Sets call to equal the floor it was called to
        }
        else if(SensorValue[bumpThree] == 1) { //If the third floor bump switch is pressed
            call = 3; //Sets call to equal the floor it was called to
        }

        move = call - floor; //Calculate how much elevator needs to move

        //Based on the value of move, elevator will move to floor it was called to
        if(move == 2){ //If the elevator is going 2 floors up
            startMotor(rightMotor, -20); //Start the right motor at 20 CCW
            wait(5); //Wait 2 seconds
            stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 2 seconds
        }
    }
}
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else if(move == 1){
    startMotor(rightMotor, -20); //Start the right motor at 20 CCW
    wait(2); //Wait 1 second
    stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 1 second
}
else if(move == -1){
    startMotor(rightMotor, 20); //Start the right motor at 20 CW
    wait(2); //Wait 1 second
    stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 1 second
}
else if(move == -2){
    startMotor(rightMotor, 20); //Start the right motor at 20 CW
    wait(5); //Wait 2 seconds
    stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 2 seconds
}
else if(move == 0){
    //Don't move
}
floor = call; //Set floor to the floor it was called to and is now on
floorLight(); //Setting lights to track what floor the elevator is currently on

//Timer to track if elapsed time (12 seconds) has passed since elevator has moved, then
will move it back to first floor
ClearTimer(T1);
while(Time1[T1] <= 12000) { //While the timer is less than or equal to 12 seconds
    if(Time1[T1] >= 12000 && SensorValue[bumpOne] && 0 &&
SensorValue[bumpTwo] == 0 && SensorValue[bumpThree] == 0){ //If 12 seconds has passed and a bump
switch hasn't been pressed
        if(floor == 2){ //If elevator is on the second floor
            startMotor(rightMotor, 20); //Start the right motor at 20 CW
            wait(2); //Wait 1 second
            stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 1 second
        }
        else if(floor == 3){ //If elevator is on the third floor
            startMotor(rightMotor, 20); //Start the right motor at 20 CW
            wait(5); //Wait 2 seconds
            stopMotor(rightMotor); //Stop motor after 1 second
        }
        floor = 1; //Set floor for first floor
    }
}
ClearTimer(T1); //Clear timer again so it doesn't keep running; not necessary
}
}

```

Conclusion Questions

1. What was the most difficult part of the problem?

The most difficult part of the problem was coding, because we encountered many problems that we didn't anticipate. For example, we hadn't thought about turning the LED off after it moved from floor to floor.

2. List and describe two features that were not part of the design problem that could be added to improve your design.

We should have made the elevator more stable because the winch drums weren't in line with each other so it made the ropes uneven. Another change would be limiting the amount of wires used to attached the LED lights to the VEX Cortex just to make the design look nicer and less disorganized