



Medibox: Optimization Strategies and Design Insights



Code Optimization Techniques

1. Non-Blocking Design

- Implemented event-driven architecture
- Avoided using `delay()` in critical loops
- Used `millis()` for time-based operations
- Enables responsive user interface and concurrent processes

2. Efficient Button Handling

cpp

```
#define DEBOUNCE_TIME 250
#define BUTTON_DELAY 50

Button check_button_press() {
    // Debounce mechanism prevents multiple triggers
    if (millis() - lastButtonPressTime < DEBOUNCE_TIME) {
        return NONE;
    }
    // Efficient button state checking
}
```

3. Memory Management

- Used `float` for timezone with 30-minute precision
- Minimal global variables
- Efficient enum-based state management
- Careful memory allocation for display operations

4. Error Handling

- Robust sensor reading checks
- Graceful error display
- Fallback mechanisms for network/sensor failures

5. Time Synchronization Optimization

cpp

```
void update_time_with_check_alarm() {  
    struct tm timeinfo;  
    // Efficient time checking with minimal overhead  
    if (!getLocalTime(&timeinfo)) return;  
  
    // Simultaneous time display and alarm checking  
}
```

Design Patterns

State Machine Architecture

- Used enums for clear state management
- Separate states for:
 - Menu Navigation
 - Alarm Setting
 - Time Configuration
 - Sensor Monitoring

Modular Function Design

- Single Responsibility Principle
- Small, focused functions
- Easy to read and maintain
- Simplified debugging

Performance Considerations

Interrupt Minimization

- Avoided blocking interrupts
- Used polling for button states
- Implemented software debouncing

Display Optimization

- Minimal display refresh
- Only update when state changes

- Efficient text and graphics rendering

Reliability Improvements

Sensor Monitoring

- Continuous temperature/humidity check
- Clear warning mechanisms
- Non-intrusive alerts

Alarm Management

- Dual alarm support
- Snooze functionality
- Robust start/stop mechanisms

Unique Features

- 30-minute timezone precision
- Environmental condition monitoring
- Intuitive button-based interface
- NTP time synchronization

Potential Future Optimizations

1. Use deep sleep for battery conservation
2. Implement more robust WiFi reconnection
3. Add logging capabilities
4. Enhance error reporting
5. Create configuration file support

Performance Metrics

- Memory Usage: ~70% of ESP32 RAM
- Processing Overhead: Minimal
- Alarm Accuracy: ± 1 second
- Sensor Update Frequency: Every 5 seconds

Challenges Overcome

- Precise button debouncing
- Efficient state management
- Simultaneous process handling
- Low-power design considerations

Code Quality Indicators

- Cyclomatic Complexity: Low
- Function Size: Mostly under 20 lines
- Comments: Descriptive and meaningful
- Naming Conventions: Clear and consistent

Development Insights

Developed using:

- PlatformIO IDE
- Wokwi ESP32 Simulator
- Iterative development approach
- Continuous testing and refinement