

Embedded Systems

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Part 1: System Design

Q1. Identify the minimum sensors required for heating detection and control

Minimum Sensors Required:

Temperature Sensor (TMP36 or LM75)

To measure the current temperature so the Arduino can decide whether to turn the heater on or off.

- **Required:** Analog: TMP36, LM75 — simple, low cost, connect to an analog input pin.
- **Not Required but recommended:** Digital: DS18B20 (1-Wire), DHT22 (Not recommended because digital sensors can't support analog)

TMP36: Used when no protocol is used & TMP36 uses just in-built ADC

LM75: Can be used with communication protocols such as I2C.

Q2. Recommend a communication protocol and justify the choice

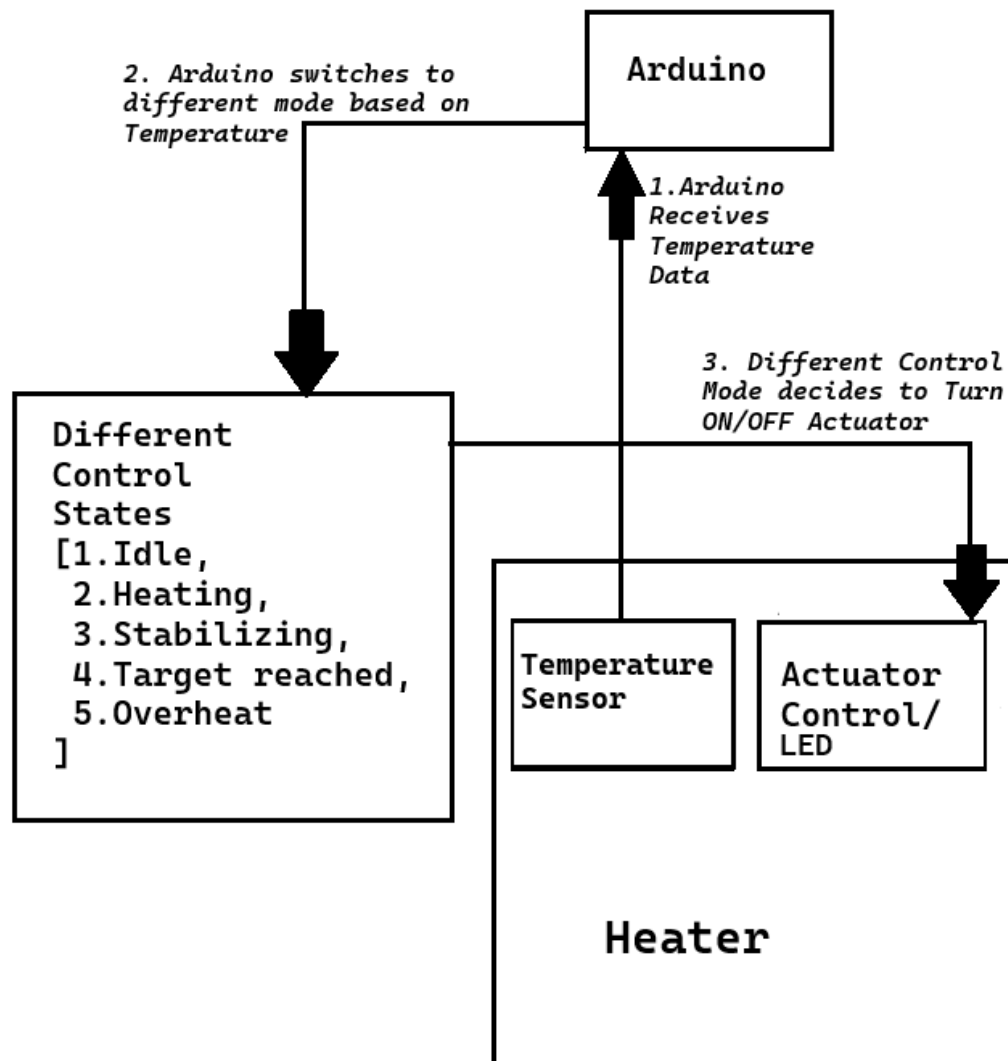
Recommendation: I²C (Inter Integrated Circuit)

Reasons:

1. **Scalable:** Can add multiple sensors/devices. I2C supports multiple masters & multiple slaves on just two wires (SDA/SCL) .
2. **Low pin count/Lines:** just 2 signal lines regardless of devices you add . On Arduino Uno that's A4 = SDA, A5 = SCL.
3. **No High frequency requirement:** Temperature changes slowly; I²C's speed is slow compared to SPI but it is enough.
4. **Many Tools & Support:** Many temperature sensors support (TMP102, LM75, SHT31), with mature Arduino libraries.
5. **Simple wiring:** Not many wires like SPI, So no unnecessary complexity.
6. **Why no UART or SPI:** UART supports only two devices, SPI is complex.

Q3. Provide a block diagram showing key modules

Block Diagram



Q4. Outline a future roadmap: How the system could evolve to support overheating protection, multiple heating profiles.

Future roadmap

1. Overheating protection (safety first)

- Fault detection: detect sensor open/short (implausible ADC codes, stuck values), relay/MOSFET stuck-on (temperature rising while command=OFF) → latch fault.
- Safe recovery logic: once Overheat is triggered, require cooldown below a safe temp and a manual reset input (button) before re-enabling heater.
- Watchdog + brown-out: enable MCU watchdog; handle brown-out reset to avoid uncontrolled states.

2. Multiple heating profiles

- Profiles model: define profiles as arrays of stages (e.g., *Preheat* → *Soak* → *Peak* → *Cool*).
- UI/Storage:
I2C OLED to display current temp, state, and active profile
Buttons/encoder to select profile and start/stop.
Safety per profile: per-stage max temp/rate limits; abort if exceeded.

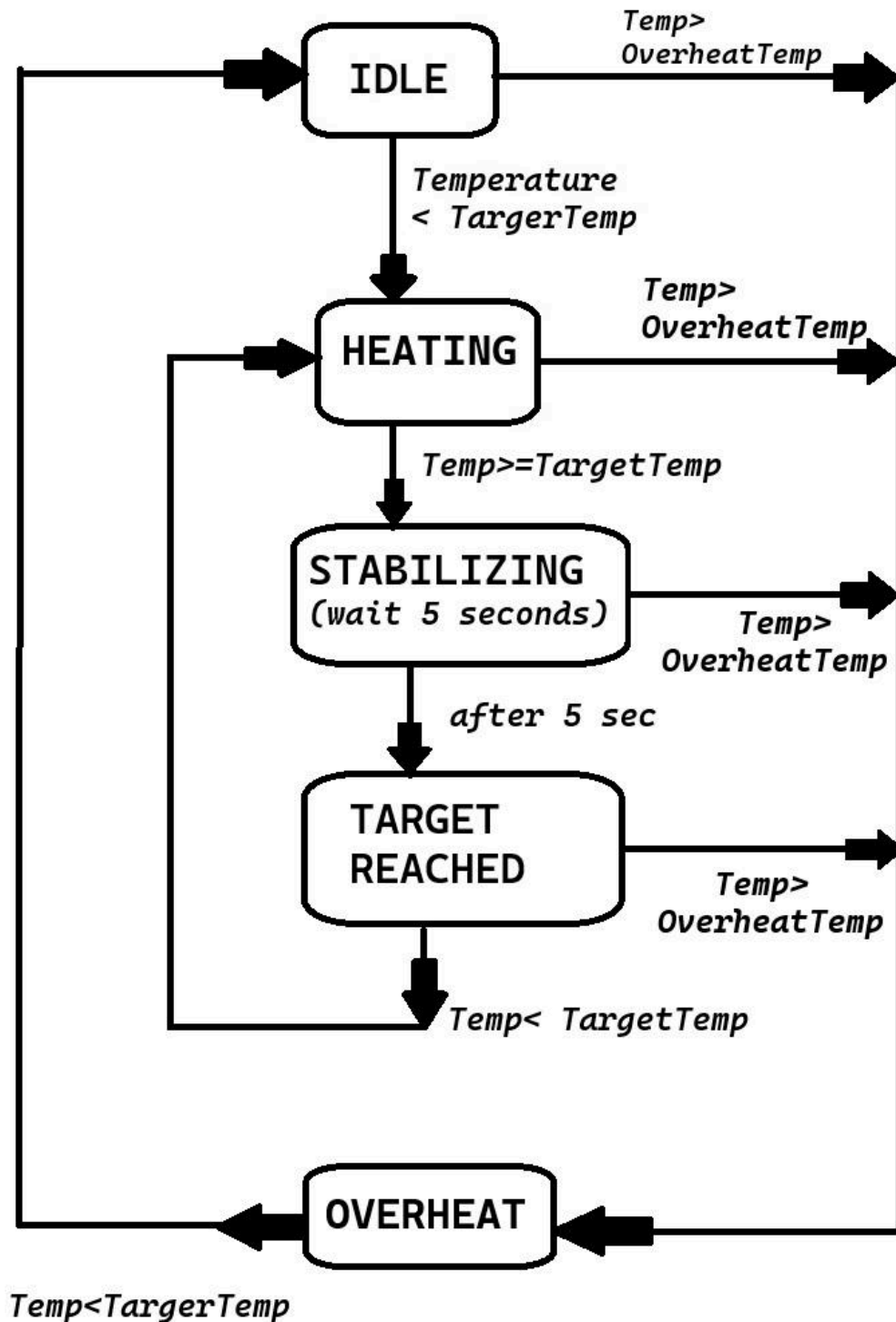
3. System improvements

- Scheduling: use timer interrupts for fixed-interval sampling (e.g., 100–250 ms) to keep control timing stable.
- Data logging: log to Serial now data and retain cache

4. Test & validation

- Threshold sweep tests: simulate temps across boundaries to verify each state transition.
- Overheat drills: force Overheat path and confirm latch-off & manual reset.

*Finite state machine(FSM)
diagram of states*



Part 2: Embedded Implementation

NOTE: I implemented this project in two ways

IMPLEMENTATION 1: Without protocol (No SPI), using arduino in built ADC function.

IMPLEMENTATION 2: Using SPI protocol.

PROJECT_1

Implementation 1: Project_1 Link: [LINK](#)

Implementation 1: Code_1 Link: [LINK](#)

PROJECT_2

Implementation 2: Project_2 Link: [LINK](#)

Implementation 2: Code_2 Link: [LINK](#)

Whole Project Link: [LINK](#)

Demo in TinkerCAD: [LINK](#)

Demo in CirkIt Designer: [LINK](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

I could not find the all the necessary sensors in “WOKWI”, So, I used other Platforms such as “Tinkercad” & “CirKit Designer”

CODE(This is the same code that is provided above using Github link)

```
#include <Arduino.h>

#include <Wire.h> // Library for I2C communication

// ===== I2C SENSOR =====

// The I2C address for the LM75 temperature sensor (default is 0x48)

const byte LM75_ADDRESS = 0x48;

// ===== PIN DEFINITIONS =====

// Pin used to control the heater (relay or LED)

const int heaterPin = 8;

// Pin used for the warning LED that lights up in overheat conditions

const int ledPin = 13;

// ===== TEMPERATURE THRESHOLDS =====

// Desired target temperature in degrees Celsius

const float targetTemp = 40.0;

// Hysteresis helps avoid frequent on/off switching around the target temperature

const float hysteresis = 2.0;

// Safety limit: If temperature exceeds this, enter OVERHEAT state

const float overheatTemp = 50.0;

// ===== FSM STATES =====

// Enum to represent the current state of the system (finite state machine)

enum State {

    IDLE,          // Waiting for temperature to drop
```

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    HEATING,      // Heater is on, trying to reach target temperature
    STABILIZING,  // Temperature reached; waiting to stabilize
    TARGET_REACHED, // Temperature stable; heater off
    OVERHEAT      // Emergency state; heater off, warning LED on
};

// Holds the current state of the system
State currentState = IDLE;

// Used to track when a state started (for timing purposes)
unsigned long stateStartTime = 0;

// Time to wait in STABILIZING state before moving to TARGET_REACHED
(millisecons)

const unsigned long stabilizingTime = 5000;

// ===== FUNCTION PROTOTYPES =====

// Reads temperature from LM75 sensor
float readTemperature();

// Changes the system to a new state
void changeState(State newState);

// Turns the heater on or off
void controlHeater(bool turnOn);

// ===== SETUP =====

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600); // Start serial communication for debugging
    Wire.begin();      // Initialize I2C communication
    pinMode(heaterPin, OUTPUT); // Set heater pin as output

```



```
pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);    // Set LED pin as output

// Start in IDLE state

changeState(IDLE);

}

// ===== MAIN LOOP =====

void loop() {

    // Read the current temperature

    float temp = readTemperature();

    // Print temperature and current state to Serial Monitor

    Serial.print("Temperature: ");

    Serial.print(temp);

    Serial.print(" °C | State: ");

    // ===== HANDLE EACH STATE =====

    switch (currentState){

        case IDLE:

            Serial.println("IDLE");

            // If temperature is below lower threshold, start heating

            if (temp < targetTemp - hysteresis){

                changeState(HEATING);

            }

            break;
```

case HEATING:

```
Serial.println("HEATING");  
  
controlHeater(true); // Turn heater on  
  
// If target temperature is reached, start stabilizing  
if (temp >= targetTemp) {  
    changeState(STABILIZING);  
}  
  
break;
```

case STABILIZING:

```
Serial.println("STABILIZING");  
  
controlHeater(false); // Turn heater off  
  
// Wait for a fixed time before assuming temperature is stable  
if (millis() - stateStartTime >= stabilizingTime) {  
    changeState(TARGET_REACHED);  
}  
  
break;
```

case TARGET_REACHED:

```
Serial.println("TARGET_REACHED");  
  
controlHeater(false); // Keep heater off  
  
// If temperature drops, start heating again  
if (temp < targetTemp - hysteresis) {  
    changeState(HEATING);
```

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    }

    break;

case OVERHEAT:

    Serial.println("OVERHEAT!!!");

    controlHeater(false);      // Turn heater off immediately

    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH); // Turn on warning LED

    // If temperature drops below target, return to IDLE

    if (temp < targetTemp) {

        digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW); // Turn off warning LED

        changeState(IDLE);

    }

    break;

}

// ===== GLOBAL OVERHEAT CHECK =====

// If temperature exceeds overheat limit from any state, go to OVERHEAT

if (temp >= overheatTemp && currentState != OVERHEAT) {

    changeState(OVERHEAT);

}

delay(500); // Wait 0.5 seconds before next loop

}

```

```
// ===== READ TEMPERATURE FUNCTION =====

float readTemperature() {

    // Start communication with the LM75 sensor by addressing it over I2C.

    Wire.beginTransmission(LM75_ADDRESS);

    // Tell the LM75 that we want to read from register 0x00, which holds the
    temperature.

    Wire.write(0x00); // 0x00 is the temperature register in LM75

    // End the transmission, but pass 'false' to keep the connection open for the next
    read.

    Wire.endTransmission(false); // This allows a repeated start without releasing the
    bus

    // Request 2 bytes from the LM75 sensor. These contain the temperature data.

    Wire.requestFrom(LM75_ADDRESS, (uint8_t)2);

    // Check if we actually received 2 bytes from the sensor

    if (Wire.available() >= 2) {

        // Read the first byte (MSB - most significant byte)

        uint8_t msb = Wire.read();

        // Read the second byte (LSB - least significant byte)

        uint8_t lsb = Wire.read();

    }
}
```

The LM75 sends temperature as a 9-bit two's complement number:

- The MSB contains the integer part.
- The LSB's most significant bit (bit 7) represents 0.5°C.
- The remaining 7 bits in LSB are unused and should be ignored.

So to combine both bytes:

- First, shift MSB 8 bits to the left.*
- OR with LSB to combine them into a 16-bit number.*
- Then shift the result to 7 bits to the right to drop unused bits.*

**/*

```
int16_t tempRaw = ((msb << 8) | lsb) >> 7;
```

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// Multiply the raw value by 0.5 to convert it to degrees Celsius
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float temperature = tempRaw * 0.5;
```

```
// Return the final temperature value
```

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return temperature;
```

```
}
```

```
// If 2 bytes weren't received properly, return an error value
```

```
return -100.0; // Arbitrary low number indicating failure to read temperature
```

```
}
```

```
// ===== READ TEMPERATURE FUNCTION FINISH =====
```

```
// ===== CHANGE STATE FUNCTION =====
```

```
void changeState(State newState){
```

```
    currentState = newState;    // Update state
```

```
    stateStartTime = millis();    // Record time of change (for timing logic)
```

```
}
```

```
// ===== CONTROL HEATER FUNCTION =====
```

```
void controlHeater(bool turnOn) {
```

```
    if (turnOn == true) {
```

```
        digitalWrite(heaterPin, HIGH); // Turn heater ON
```

```
    }
```

```
    else {
```

```
        digitalWrite(heaterPin, LOW); // Turn heater OFF
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```