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Using a \$2 DS3231 RTC & AT24

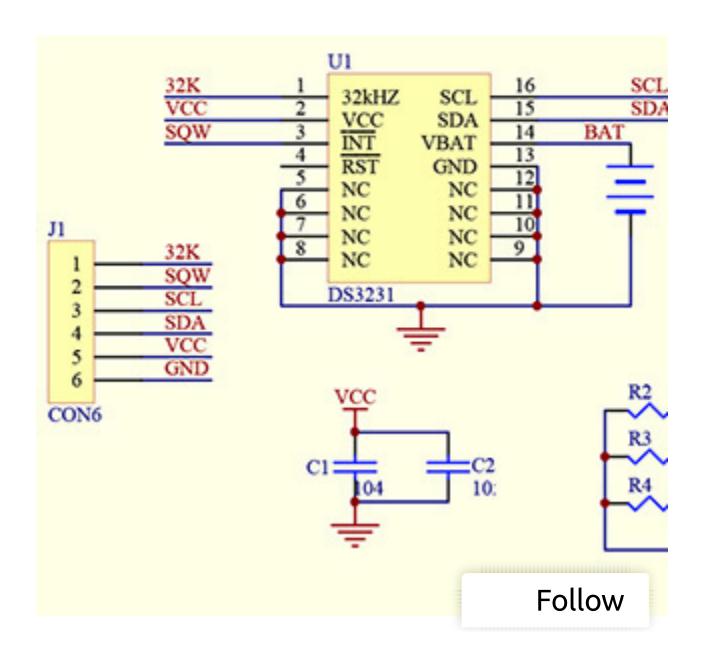
Posted on <u>May 21, 2014</u>

Since the Cave Pearl is a data logger say that the most important sensor all sleeping processor and begins the composition of t

So perhaps they are counterfeit chip compatible? I also found rumors abo legitimate manufacturer plants/equi produce extra parts. Or legitimate p out defective (if 10% of a run's chips entire run) but someone intercepts t destroyed, and they resurface on the these possibilities in mind, I still have inexpensive as possible if they are go the board for the same money, mad (and you get temp to 0.25°, although

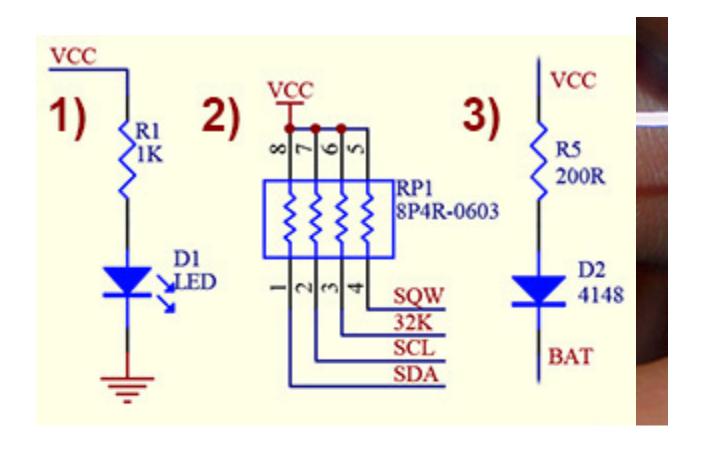
When the RTC's arrived they had an indicator above. I had a feeling that

went hunting for the schematics to s Instructables post which described <u>k</u> <u>module</u>, and then I found the <u>datask</u> Most of the parts were pretty straigk



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But thanks to the tutorial by msuzuk easily:



The power indicator (1) was pretty p I2C lines, so they were not needed h get rid of the pullups on SCL and SD, concerned, as that alarm Follow I

weak internal processor pullups kee

digitalWrite(INTERRUPT_PIN, HIGH);

Then I looked at the resistor & diode battery. The LiR2032 that these mode you buy them, most provide 35ma to charged battery would keep the unit discharge, etc) But, it requires a 4.2v 4.3-ish volts. I don't anticipate my 3x deployment (especially if I end up por reason to keep the charging Follow

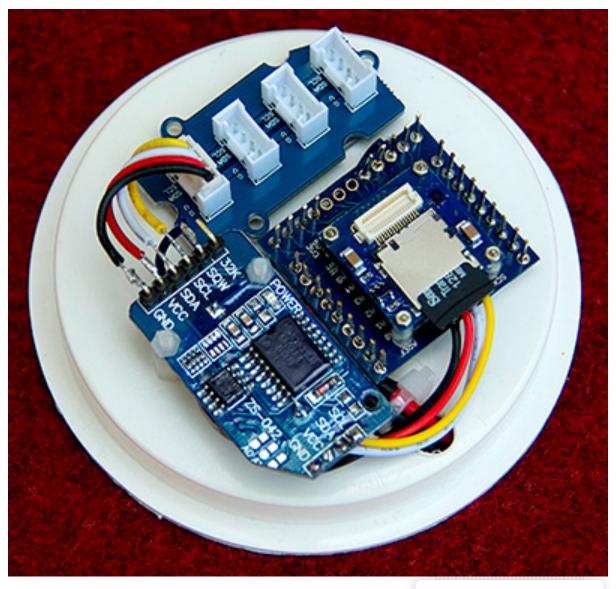
240mAh) as a replacement which sh

Libraries for that RTC?

I am using the Date, Time and Alarn which is based largely on Jean-Claud And it's worth noting the clear alarm

Then we come to the AT24C32N (2.7 those 4 resistor bricks is lifting pins being set to 0×57 on the I2C bus. The address to something else. Althoug hoped it might be (all that eeprom reto the SD card in the first place) it's por characters that I want into a PSTR routine. This flexibility a

essentially the same code to handle you want more information about th I2C eeprom for the gory details.



The May 2014 build of the data log

which used a hacked Tinyduino light sensor board to regulate & pull up the I2C bus. SQW is soldered to interrupt pin 2. Later in 2014 I switched to Pro Mini style boards with 3.3 v regulators, so I left that four resistor block (2 in the schematic above) in place to provide I2C and SQW pullup.

be releasing an RTC board, and that "trusted" clock signal provided that the same I2C bus address as this eB. I can run that test to spot clock drift, about 2 seconds per month, while the equipment, you can make the chip e

Addendum: 2014-05-21

I just realized something

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the tiny light sensor shield, but I am voltage on the battery pack because out of sync with the voltage seen by (2014-10-28: data sheet says its Ok

Addendum: 2014-07-01

I created a very inexpensive 3-compersard adapter. And you can see a pose a power shutdown feature. In those shown earlier in this post (2 in the plant in place, as I did when using the hac loggers now, and some of them have RTCs are proving to be pretty durable

Addendum: 2014-10-28

I have noticed that when I power thi But according to the datasheet, the F powered from Vbat. (1µA baseline p when the crystal is doing temperatu elegant way to power a DS1307 by co high in output mode when the syste When the Arduino pin is low, the clc low current timekeeping mode. But Square-Wave Enable) of control regi alarms to occur when running the R is disabled (logic 0) when power is fi wake the Arduino, even if you have c tested this and it seems to work fine by about 70 μ A. (or ~ 600 mAh per ye **Follow**

to see if this is stable as a direct jum limiter, which might give me a probl a resistor as N.G. did.

And since my loggers are going in ca bumping the temp conversion time reducing the battery drain to < 1 μ A. DS3234 chips (?) but if it does this pucoin <u>cell lifespan estimates</u> are to be

And finally, doing this means that yo amount of time, so you need to mak packaging is no guarantee of good k not simply read a CR2032 coin cell w stays above 3v even when Follow 'e

 Ω resistor <u>pulse load</u> (for 2 seconds) without a meter, check if the battery

I do wonder if its worth putting a 10 of the alarm events. But I don't know think its a good idea in their applicate than 3x the current draw of the DS32

NOTE: If you try powering the entire onboard SDA & SCL resistors into puresistors on the 328 that get enabled that problem, check out this post on Also note that I had to go all the way the twi library on my machine, but if library edit does not cha

Addendum: 2014-11-04

This 32k AT24C256 is pin for pin com tempting me to do one more little m be quite handy to have two easily ac storage of calibration & configuratio eeprom will limit the I2C bus speed to 400 kHz.

Addendum: 2014-11-05

Testing confirms that the <u>AT24C256</u> the eeprom on the RTC breakout wo eeprom on the rtc breakout is 0x57 k allows me to buffer 512 (Follow page 100).

card. And after some testing, I have go into standby mode at 1 µA when The only challenge is that this many several days worth of data...so I will kind of procedure for shutting down losing information. One solution wo flushes the entire eeprom to the SD way simply hitting the reset button v residual data in the buffer gets save batteries.

In some of my older loggers that we is not enough space to easily do this breakout, so I came up with some "i



Of course, you could do this with any I2C device.

pronounced when I use different cor "syncing by hand" <u>at the playground</u> reduces my inter-unit time offsets.

One solution would be a sketch that Follow

you could get the offsets down to avecommunication. But I do not have an accurate time signature, or a dedicate hardware just to reproduce informate logical approach would be to have the inside Arduino. Then both programs reads value from serial line & sets class.

In addition, I would like to have all machine to UTC before setting the cl

* It looks like I might have been causin was updated properly. Makes me won

Addendum 2014-12-04

Someone at the allaboutcircuits.com boards and found the chip to be wel

http://forum.allaboutcircuits.com/th

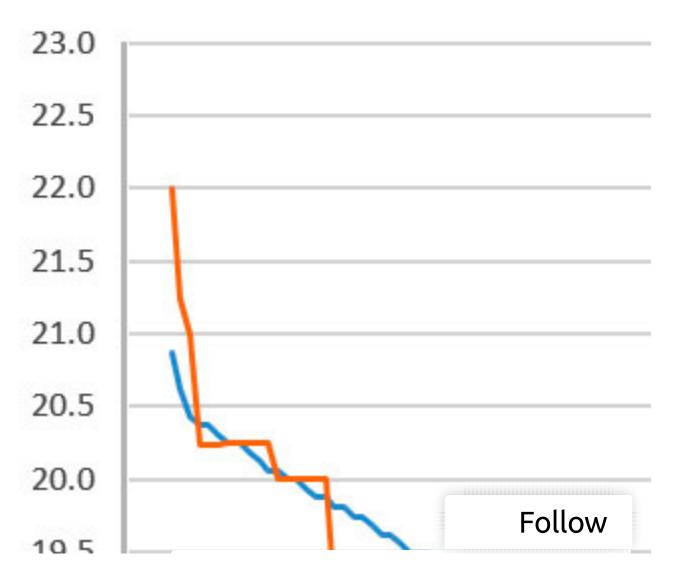
This is good to know, although of co with cheep eBay knock-offs. For a d "By comparing the rising edge of th unit with a good satellite lock, you ca

See http://www.romanblack.com/or
(no need to use a PIC, though...)

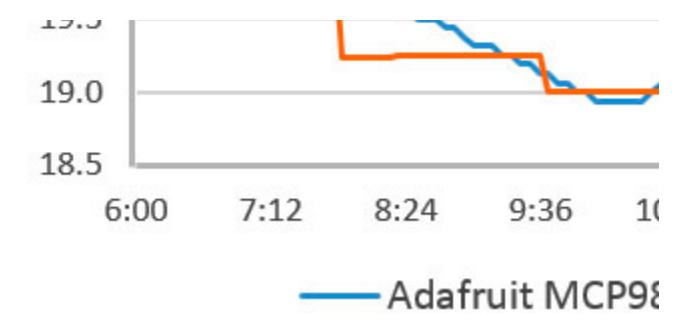
Addendum 2014-12-06

I have been noodling around with new would post a quick overnight compadata from the <u>Adafruit MCP9808</u> (±

Degree Celsius vs Time: (5 min san



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did not catch it when I posted this gr with:

TEMP_degC = ((((short)MSB << 8) | (short)MSB << 8)

So I tried this code to fix ' Follow 'h

Wire.beginTransmission(DS3231_A Wire.write(0x11); //location of Tem Wire.endTransmission();

```
Wire.requestFrom(DS3231_ADDRESbytebuffer1 = Wire.read(); // Here'sbytebuffer2 = Wire.read(); bytebuf// the upper 2 bits of the LSB repre
```

```
TEMP_degC = float(bytebuffer1);
```

```
switch(bytebuffer2){
```

case 0:

 $TEMP_degC = TEMP_degC + 0.00;$

break;

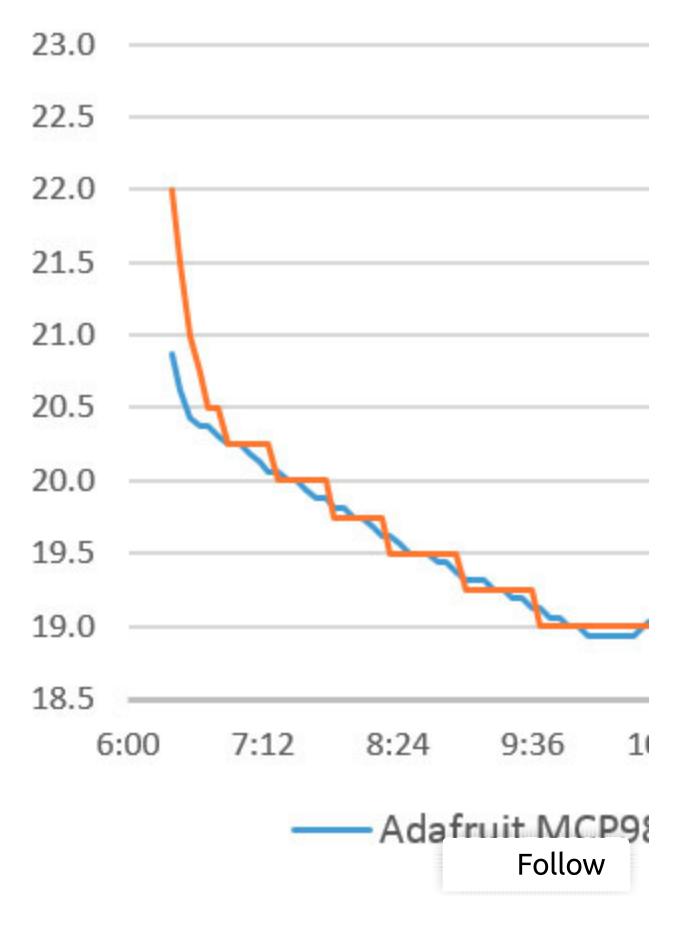
case 1:

```
TEMP_degC = TEMP_degC + 0.25;
break;
case 2:
TEMP_degC = TEMP_degC + 0.50;
break;
case 3:
TEMP_degC = TEMP_degC + 0.75;
break;
}
// see http://forum.arduino.cc/inde
```

But I got the same result with that cottemperatures coming from? Why do

Addendum Update Update:

So it turns out that both examples of of the decimal (so I could print them my other temperature sensors provi been using fracTemp=(TEMP_degC work for the RTC fractional data. Ch the decimal part of the RTC tempera showing me that you need determin integer before you do a conversion l changed xx.05 into xx.0244, and xx.7 that graph should have looked like:



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Addendum 2014-12-20

Recent fieldwork gave me a chance to RTCs were set at the end of August a seconds. That puts these cheap units "real" DS3231 breakouts like the Chraptetty crude test. These modules are

Addendum 2015-01-11

I have been putting together some some some, and the tight curved profile of soon as I did this, I realized that I shalong, as it makes it easy to replace to standoff bolts. And if I ar

change those coin cells regularly. It a tuck everything under the RTC.

Addendum 2015-01-22

Steve Hicks over at <u>envirodiy.org</u> has seconds since January 1, 2000) <u>into L</u> [=CELL/(60*60*24)+"1/1/1970" note single 32-bit number (another convethe number of days in each month a script example using *long epoch* = n_0

P.S. The <u>RTC library</u> I'm currently usi it is fairly <u>easy to calculate</u> an epoch your clocks set to UTC.

Addendum 2015-03-11

I have decided to pin power all of my including the long chains of DS18b20 been working on. But I still don't kn generating the interrupts will have c have added a voltage divider connec on RTC board, with the center drawr the Arduino. I am hoping these 4.7 N only 0.35µA draw to the ground line the ADC input capacitor is being cha readings wobble a bit without a capa I was afraid that leakage on a MLCC sleep current so I left it out. I read th

delay, throwing away the first readir to what I see on an external volt met of load on the coin cell to actually rea conversion while the pin power is re This approach would waste some er the "load" to see if I can interpret th

Addendum 2015-03-13

There is another question about pin happens when I have Battery-Backer powered only by the backup battery. Presumably the alarm still gets gene the open-drain SQW pin, which shou Arduino that bleeds awa

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Addendum 2015-04-01

I just returned from another fieldwo drift checks on twelve data loggers t three months of operation they all h the remarkable consistency across the looking at something other than ran netbook I had on hand, and re-check them was reading the current time new loggers that I had prepared bef exactly nine seconds slow (my comp netbook I take into the field). When I every one of them became 24 secon by the compile & upload of the RTC s

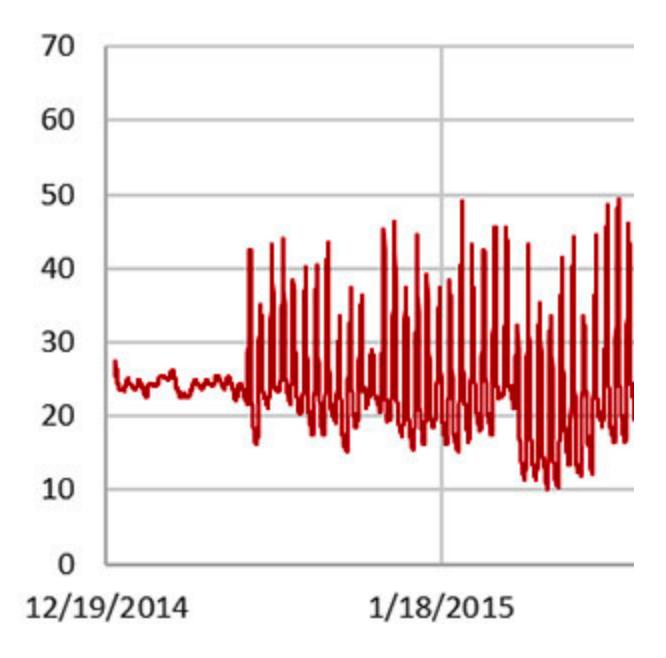
the offsets I reported back in Decem have a drift somewhere between 0-5 This is well within the manufacturers is the limiting factor, at least I can be negative time offset before each dep

NOTE: With further testing I have for button, the resulting RTC time offset system this reduced lag caused by the see even more of a difference on my removing the verify option as you up errors to get to a faster upload time, a "read time only" sketch to confirm

Addendum 2015-04-05

Just digging into the recent data set, act as a rain gauge) got baked as the

RioS Surface DS024 RT



This is the record from the RTC and Follow

hitting 60°C. The good news is that the same as the units that were left tropical sun, as I am a firm believer i

Addendum 2015-04-07

That last deployment saw several log post the little code snippet I use to d my loggers to sleep

In setup: (note brackets missing aro

```
#include LowPower.h // <a href="https://git#include">https://git#include</a> RTClib.h // <a href="https://git#define">https://git#define</a> RTCPOWER_PIN 7 // +bic is Follow
```

So after the setting the next alarm ti

```
RTC.setA1Time(Alarmday, Alarmho //The variables ALRM1_SET bits and RTC.turnOnAlarm(1);
```

I use this function to de-power the R

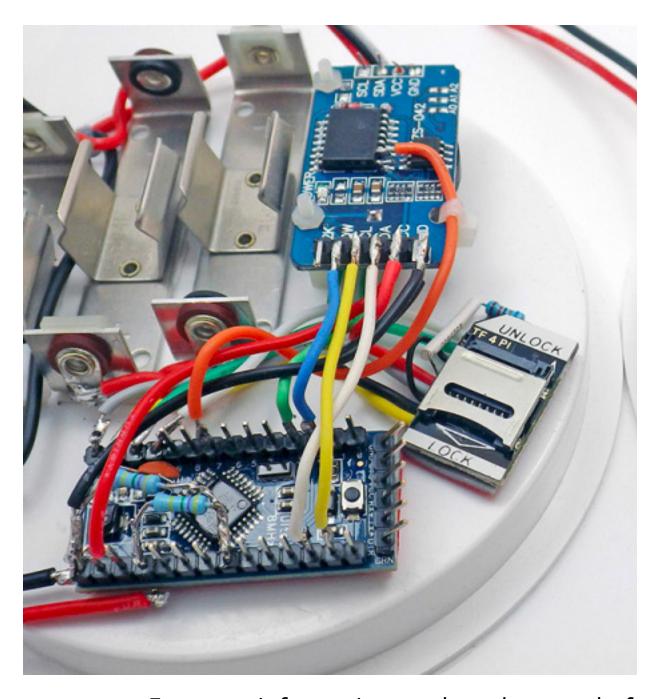
```
void sleepNwait4RTC()
{
//
#ifdef RTCPOWER_PIN //if using pinMode (RTCPOWER_PIN, INPUT);
digitalWrite(RTCPOWER_PIN, LOW)
// driving pin LOW FORCES to the Reserved.
```

```
#endif
//
noInterrupts (); // make sure w
attachInterrupt(0,clockTrigger, LOV
interrupts (); // interrupts allo
LowPower.powerDown(SLEEP_FOR
detachInterrupt(0); //HERE AFTER
//
#ifdef RTCPOWER_PIN
digitalWrite(RTCPOWER_PIN, HIGH
pinMode (RTCPOWER_PIN, OUTPU
#endif
//
```

and clocktrigger is the ISR that upda

```
void clockTrigger() {
clockInterrupt = true;
}
```

So there you have it. After 3 months calling this good code. BTW this is he



For more information on these logger platfo

Addendum 2015-06-10

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After finding Rob Tillarts multispeed up on the higher speed scans. So I h the 8Mhz boards, and TBWR=12 on t The larger AT24C256 eeprom that I the smaller AT24c32 on the RTC boar rated to 100kHz. Since I had been us immediately see shortened operatin whether a humble 8Mhz Arduino car the capacitance on the lines, there's on that RTC breakout. But with quite my standard code build to shorten n

Addendum 2015-06-17

I have done a few more

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but as expected it also bleeds 0.32µ/ Arduino is powered & sleeping. If I re Arduino, the current drain from the rises to almost double that at 0.56µA uptime and letting it go into timeke Arduino sleeps (with the coincell divi causing a 5-7mV drop per day on the mV minimum for the DS3232's vBatt cells will only provide about 4-5 mon little cells need to be replaced. This i thought I would get more time than cells. I am suspecting there are othe

One trick I can try is to set the coince

the Arduino sleeps. This would raise also send 0.7µA from the analog pir it also pushes about 0.03µA back tow connected. I don't know if that power CR2032's – but perhaps it would be a would shut down the divider power batteries. This is much lower than the a bit dodgey to flip flop between analog pir it would raise.

I will have to do more tests before I coin cells catch fire when their voltages small constant drain from one of the capacitor – which could be kept char voltage. That way I'd never have to verify the could be set to verify the could be

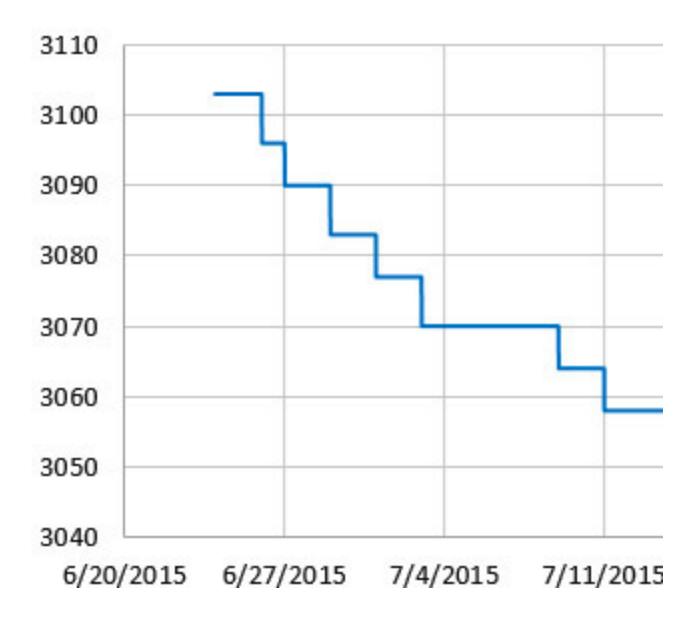
rolling...hmmmm...I wonder what tl

P.S. In my tests to date, the faster 40

Addendum 2015-07-23

Looks like my earlier concern about were unfounded. Several of my bendleveled out around a nominal 3.05 v.

053 PR&RH: Bench Test:



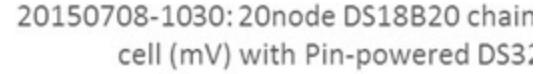
Most of the new batch have this 2 x 4 deploy those units, which likely will r

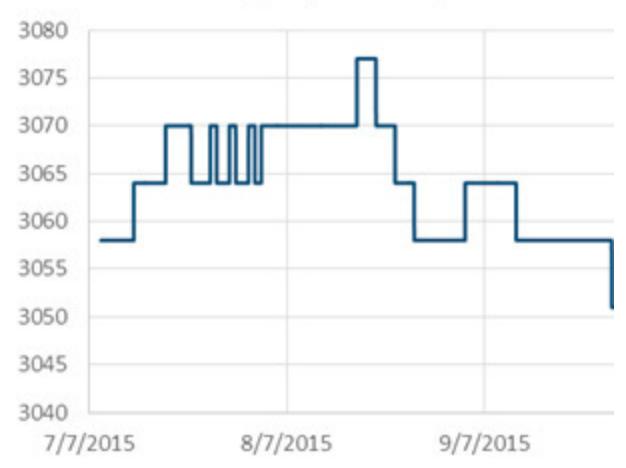
over at ganssle.com <u>testing the behand</u>

<u>Using Ultra-Low Power MCUs</u> is worldow power operation goes.

Addendum 2015-10-30

Just a quick update on that coin cell sensors) and the coin cell voltage ro





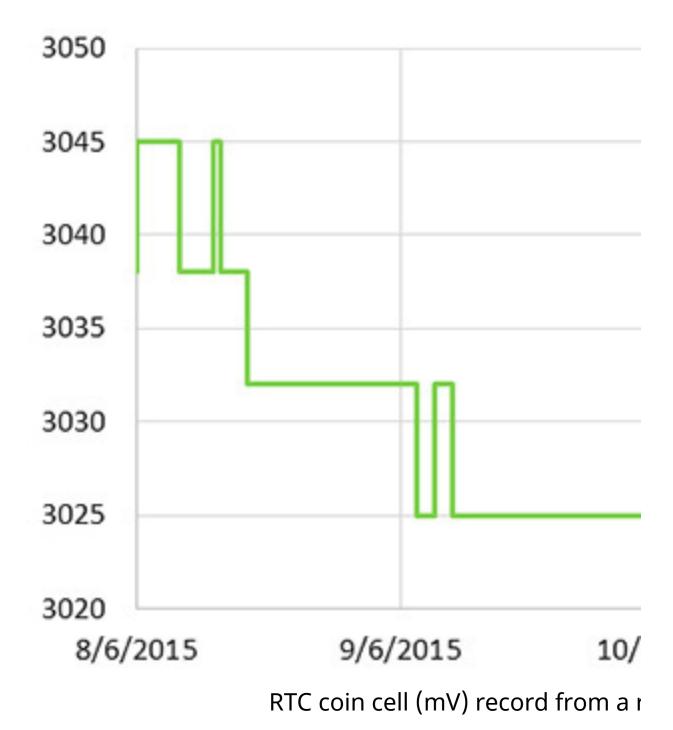
cr2031 voltage on pin powerd ds3231 RTC r

So at least I am not seeing a catastroquestion of whether this

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mere 3µA when the RTC is in timeked below my 1 year target with the pin mAh /cell, there should be no proble

Note: Data from the batch of logger results:



All the loggers using 2×4 Follow

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mV, and I attribute the differences the my new builds.

Addendum 2016-01-08

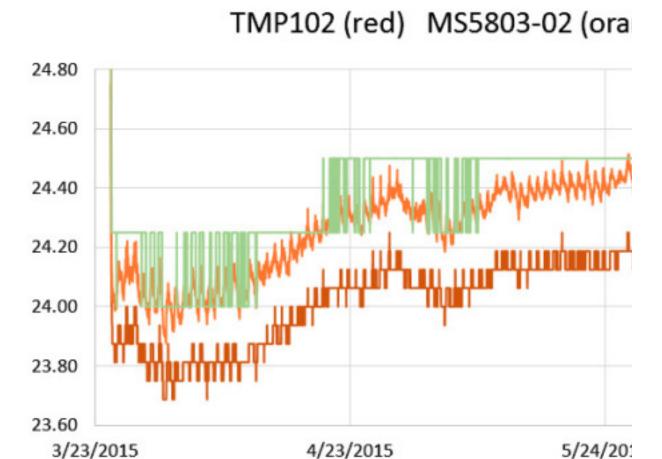
I prep these RTC's in runs of 10 to 20 ultrasonic bath. While I was de-solde circuit) I realized that the first part of teacher friends of mine bring Arduir these RTC's quickly. You can just pop time cleaning them up. You don't even that logger is about the simplest exasteeping Arduino.

Addendum 2016-01-16

Just stumbled across a post at Arduit combining day-month-year data into date-stamp file name. This could be based loggers, as opposed to the moneyery X minutes approach. I think the generating a max of 512 entries in the state of the stat

Addendum 2016-01-21

Data from a cave deployment of one



The MS5803 is a 24bit pressure sensor which has a measure sensor embedded under 3-4mm of epoxy, as

so I am impressed again with the ter illustration of what gain when you a

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Addendum 2016-02-13

Over at <u>raspberry-pi-geek.com</u> they the DS3231, and the MCP79400. <u>Theing</u> is a result of the <u>temperature compensation</u> to see how this affect

Addendum 2016-02-26

Just stumbled across <u>a playground for</u> user Tominakasi tried replacing the He reached 24 hours of operation would need significantly more time to application. If I play with some data <u>Super Capacitor Calculat</u> Follow

one farad cap. But folk's <u>over at Spa</u> leakage current would be a serious partracking the coin cell voltage with a serious part these boards, I think I will pickup a 5 experiment to find out <u>how long it areas</u> RTC's 2.3v minimum. It would not tathen top it up when necessary because Probably not worth doing for a regule epoxy... hmmmm...

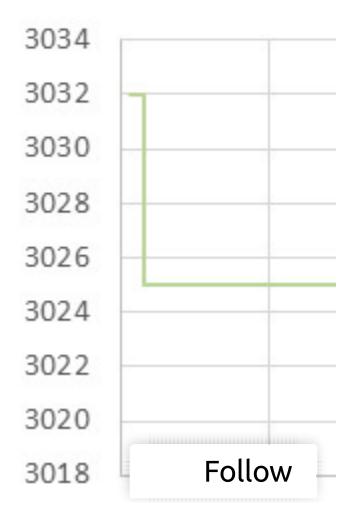
Addendum 2016-03-04

There must be a million great clock points they would be fun to build. The is legs, and I think it could rollow or

am not alone in drooling over <u>the Fe</u> drive batch of small electromagnets

Addendum 2016-04-07

Another coin cell curve (mV) from a



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8/8/15 9/8/15

This was from a 2×4.7 M Ω set, so I a go a year even with the added drain switched over to 10 meg Ω resistors, whether the ADC can still get enouglive been dating the coin cells with a their lifespan.

Addendum 2016-04-21

Just had to post a link to the Arduinc DS3231 board with a pro-mini and o Follow

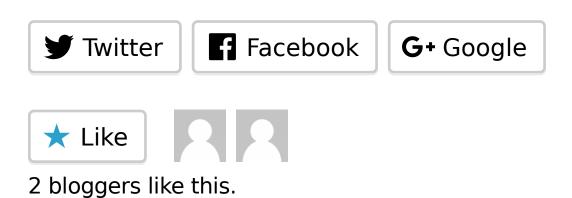
Addendum 2016-05-21

There are a host of changes coming the full-swing oscillator driver circuit data loggers, it might spur a few mo DS3231 for performance oriented bu

Addendum 2016-06-18

Just had to add a shout out here to <u>L</u> great addition to his Open Wave Hei on underwater logging, and his worl

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Alex says:

November 16, 2014 at 5:43 am

hi, thanks for the article. A few que still work (assuming it is pulled hig We are trying to see if it is possible while ds3231 is in timekeeping model.

thanks

edmallon says:

November 16, 2014 at 7:18 pm

Yes. I still use the interru Follow high to apply power to the again, I pull that power pull that power pull that power causes some other systems.

Alex says:

November 18, 2014 at 6:13 am

great, thanks. Have you seen this o power on/off arduino: http://elect first answer, he uses an ds1305, bu

edmallon says:

November 20, 2014 at 12:39 am

I think a few people have taken the https://www.tindie.com/product

But my loggers have "always on need to do processing dependin Scream Ultra board with a low q running, pin powering the RTC is batteries. Fatlib16 brought his P same regulator:

http://forum.arduino.cc/index.p

And the SD card is responsible for around 0.03mA do you still need

Alex says:

November 24, 2014 at 5:33 a

Great thanks. I got my own DS3231 Result came in at about 60 uA with

thanks

edmallon says:

November 24, 2014 at 8:03 pm

Hmmm, so we *are* puttin current by making it gen 200 mAh available, we ar there is not too much de interrupt line?

I have also been trying to power from the RTC batt indicate that the switch-or Follow

http://www.forward.com

"The I2C interface is acceronnected to the DS3231 controller and DS3231 I2 while reading data from placed into a known statemicro-controller should proceed in the statemic should proceed in the st

I still have to think about not seen any weirdness i other I2C devices, but *no* during those events. Gue

Antoan says:

December 1, 2014 at 7:35 am

Really interesting stuff U I want us one? You wrote that you will but I c

edmallon says:

December 1, 2014 at 5:41 pm

A drift test against a "rea are quite bad, the drift to them to get reliable data actually go into the field experiment before I get to verify clock accuracy."

(I should add that my fie logger scripts that auton for making sure the RTC' wipes out any accumulat Follow

setup for the latest gene drift mid-late next year.)

nonokunono says:

December 28, 2014 at 6:06 am

hi, I can confirm what you said: "I huha". I am also powering the modu off, external interrupt on the SQW/I have set the appropriate control reverything works very well except thanks

edmallon says:

December 29, 2014 at 9:44 pm

My units continue to sen That I how I wake up the any I2C communications drain the coin cell dry be

If your units are not send register setting that need breakout boards I get from coin cell battery.

Jim Remington says:

January 25, 2015 at 2:51 am

When power to the module is off, S signal, you will need a pullup from pullups. Let us know if that was the Follow

Very useful blog article!

edmallon says:

January 25, 2015 at 5:01 pm

If you do not remove the is soldered on rtc board. the code, because my ea sensor board. This requiremoving the SQW pullu there, because I had forg functionality as those ala Arduino pullup on SQW a

Jim Remington say:

January 26, 2015 at 12:45 a

The pullup in the resolution off, it is not effective Arduino input if you

The Arduino pullups other pullups.

Jim Remington says:

February 3, 2015 at 9:34 pm

UPDATE and correction! I did some output in the "battery backed squa to 5V (3.9K or so) in order to see th pulses but they are about 1V and the genuine DS3231 modules from Jeel

Jim Remington says:

February 3, 2015 at 10:42 pm

Problem solved! I forgot about the down the external pullup resistor.

edmallon says:

February 4, 2015 at 11:40 pm

Because I have other I2c sensors pin powering the RTC's Vcc line me away from a conflict with the

It sounds like you were powering SQW, and ALSO applying the interest of the effect you had: internal pulldow Follow

power pin low to de-power the F level.

I think the key to making it work you drive it low to force the RTC pinMode (RTCPOWER_PIN, INPU digitalWrite(RTCPOWER_PIN, LO

Input mode is equivalent to a se interrupt pin a chance to win the even if you used the Vcc line on

When you re-powered the pin, y digitalWrite(RTCPOWER_PIN, HIGPIN) pinMode (RTCPOWER_PIN, OUT)

At which point both pins are pul (One other thing t Follow t

Peter says:

May 21, 2015 at 2:31 am

Hi Edward,

Very interesting project you have neeprom. I've also powered the mother SQW pin. Bit 6 (Battery-Backed to occur when running the RTC from pull-up and a external pull resistor does fire the SQW interrupt low. Ar

Thanks, Peter

edmallon says:

May 21, 2015 at 11:17 am

The first thing I would do window to make sure the register configured, but then next I would try and about 15% of them as de breadboard loggers with because I can be confide get from eBay. 2K is a prealready a pull-up resistor the I2C lines)

Peter says:

May 21, 2015 at 2:09 pm

I did add the pull up anymore. Maybe I'n powered during bat are set correctly of (

It's a good point to

edmallon says:

May 21, 2015 at 7:28 pr

Yes, you are quite pull-up, although enabling the inte physically remove Vcc line, so the all the time of the follow

why I now solder the pad on the br Vcc line, keeping these RTCs. The s

scrungy_doolittle says:

May 23, 2015 at 10:07 pm

So I have a real quandary. I am usinhave an LCD display running, as we I have installed CR2032 batteries in power to the rtc. When I plug it bac programmed it.

So say I programmed it Thursday. ! with thursday as the current date, the 5v supply to the clock board. the Follow

so that I can remove the clock, and clock in counting mode.
Is this a flaw in the 3231, or a screw

The whole point of this is that if po an accurate clock when the power This board is un-modified. I also ha

edmallon says:

May 24, 2015 at 5:15 pm

This is just a guess, but c will automatically reset to Arduino. In fact it will do setting sketch that I four the Arduino platform, what ime was actually undate Follow

LED – it has no serial out has no ability to set the c removed the RTC setting accidentally reset the clo

John Wells says:

December 1, 2015 at 12:36 pm

Thanks for the extremely! informat

edmallon says:

December 12, 2015 at 9:51 am

Keep in mind that the DS battery when it is depowered follow o

usually better to put those sensors that automatical pressure sensors draw a them for that behavior.

Tom says:

January 10, 2016 at 5:15 pm

Interesting project. I found your pareceived is exactly like the one you was glad to see the simple mod ne supposed to be a rechargeable bat

edmallon says:

January 10, 2016 at 5:50 pm

Yes, that's happened to roften on eBay's policy do sellers, rather than anyth

Pingback: <u>Using a \$2 DS3231 RTC & AT24C32 EEprom</u>

G8UJS says:

February 8, 2016 at 9:27 pm

Great project, I used the DS3231 will chips using a 60Khz time signal so attached battery the clocks were to a vast difference in temp. The DS32 dec so the time set very accurately over to another blank chip allowing

dylanh5 says:

February 9, 2016 at 11:13 pm

Wow great information on DS3231' as you can set the RTC in the serial story' I thought I'd post about it he https://github.com/JChristensen/D You've even inspired me to start m

edmallon says:

February 10, 2016 at 12:29 am

I will have to look into the compile time method. I a RTCs slowly creep forward would let me get a better creep depending on the at the 3.3v Follow

changes to the battery ve

Tomas says:

February 27, 2016 at 3:05 pm

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