

Welcome!

Thank you for purchasing our *AZ-Delivery ArduiTouch ESP*. On the following pages, we will introduce you to how to use and set-up this handy device. We will also guide you through our *Weather App*, which can be used on this device.

Have fun!





Popular ESP8266 and ESP32 based modules are used in many IoT applications, such as smart home projects, remote control, robotics, etc. Many of ESP based projects can be found online.

ArduiTouch is a touchscreen enclosure set made for wall mounting with NodeMCU or Wemos D1 Mini boards based on ESP8266 or ESP32 platforms.

ArduiTouch comes in enclosure for wall mounting (dimensions of enclosure are: 120 x 80 x 35mm), together with a 2.4 inch resistive touch screen. This enables you to permanently mount your project in your room or other exposed places.

Touchscreen:

- » 2.4 inch resistive touchscreen, with 320 x 240 pixel resolution
- » Display driver chip ILI9341, communication via SPI interface
- » Touch driver chip XPT2046, also communication via SPI interface

ArduiTouch ESP can be used together with:

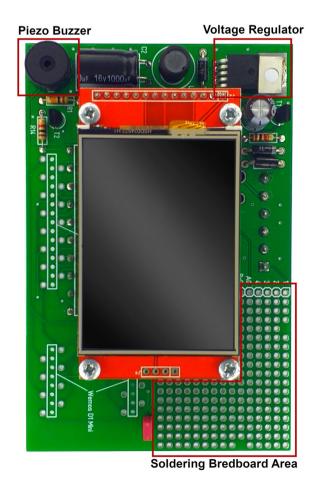
- » NodeMCU Amica (ESP8266)
- » Wemos D1 Mini (with some restrictions with Wemos Mini D1 ESP32 too)
- » NodeMCU-32s (or ESP32 Dev Kit C)

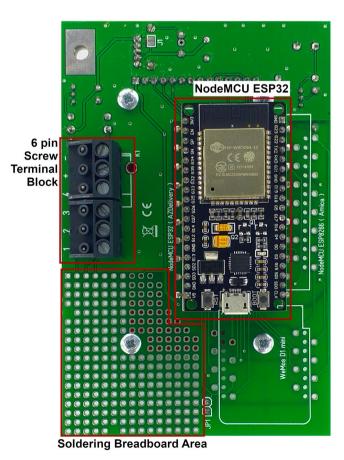
Depending on your project or your software you can mount the ArduiTouch set vertically or horizontally directly on the wall. A removable 6 pin screw terminal block makes installation easier. The board is mounted on the enclosure allowing a rapid substitution of the devices when needed.

The ArduiTouch comes with an integrated voltage regulator with input voltage range from 9V to 35V DC. The voltage regulator outputs stable 5V - 1.4A. You can connect the power supply via screw terminal block or micro usb cable (via NodeMCU or D1 mini). 4 pins of the screw terminal are connected together with some GPIO pins.

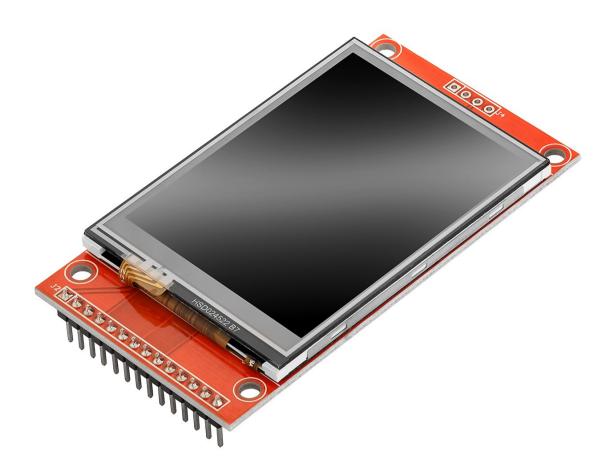
The integrated piezo buzzer with resonance frequency of *4kHz*, can be used to generate acoustic feedback, acknowledged tunes or melodies.

There is a small soldering breadboard area on the ArduiTouch pcb which can be used for your own projects.





TFT LCD touchscreen



TFT LCD touchscreens have wide usage in many projects. The touchscreen that comes with ArduiTouch has ILI9341 driver chip for LCD, and XPT2046 driver chip for touch. Both chips support SPI interface for communication.

It also has SD card reader (2GB) with SPI hardware, 4 pins (we will not cover it in this eBook).



Specifications:

VCC power voltage: from 3.3V to 5V DC

Logic IO port voltage: 3.3V DC (TTL)

Screen Size: 2.4 inch

Display Type: TFT

Driver IC: ILI9341

Display Colors: RGB 65K colors

Resolution: 320 x 240 pixels

Module Interface: SPI interface

Operating Temperature: -20°C ~ 60°C

LCD Active Area: 37 x 49mm

Module PCB Size: 77 x 43mm

TFT LCD touchscreen pinout:

18 SD_SCK SD card SPI bus clock signal

	1	VCC	3.3V or 5V power input			
4	2	GND	Ground			
,	3	CS	LCD chip select signal, low level enable			
4	4	RESET	LCD reset signal, low level reset			
ļ	5	DC/RS	LCD register / data selection signal,	HIGH level:	register	
				LOW level:	data	
(6	SDI	(MOSI) SPI bus write data signal			
•	7	SCK	SPI bus clock signal			
	8	LED	Backlight control, high level lighting,			
			if not controlled, connect it to 3.3V - a	lways bright		
9 SDO (MISO) SPI bus read data signal,						
			if you do not need to read function, leave it unconnected			
10 T_CLK		T_CLK	Touch SPI bus clock signal			
11 T_CS		T_CS	Touch screen chip select signal, low level enable			
12 T_DIN		T_DIN	Touch SPI bus input			
13 T_DO		T_DO	Touch SPI bus output			
14 T_IRQ		T_IRQ	Touch screen interrupt signal			
			LOW level when touch is detected			
15 SD_CS			SD card chip select signal, LOW level enable			
16 SD_MOS			I SD card SPI bus write data signal			
	17	SD_MISC	SD card SPI bus read data signal			

NodeMCU-32S (ESP32 Dev Kit C)



We all love Arduino and the Arduino IDE, but it is the time to introduce small but powerful NodeMCU-32S board. You have to spend only five minutes to install the ESP32 Arduino core and USB drivers and you are good to go!

The NodeMCU-32S is one of the development boards created by NodeMCU. Based on the ESP32 board, the NodeMCU-32S is an open source IoT (Internet of Things) platform. It is based on the ESP32 microcontroller that features wifi, bluetooth, ethernet and low power support all in a single chip.



Specifications:

Operating voltage: 3.3V DC

Input voltage (VIN pin): from 7V to 12V DC

Microcontroller: ESP32

Frequency: 240MHz

Flash: 4MB

SRAM: 520KB

RAM: 320KB

Digital I/O pins: 28

Analog input pins: 8

Analog outputs pins: 2

UARTs: 3

SPIs: 2

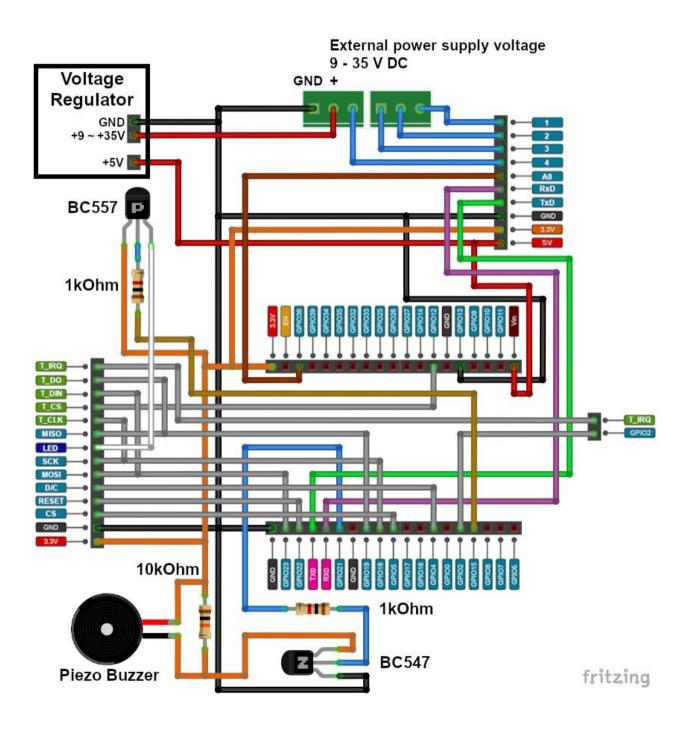
I2Cs: 3

Wi-Fi: IEEE 802.11 b/g/n/e/i

- Integrated TR switch, balun, LNA, power amplifier

- WEP or WPA/WPA2 authentication

When we connect the NodeMCU-32S with ArduiTouch and 2.4 inch touchscreen, connection diagram looks like connection diagram on the image below:



You can see a piezo buzzer onboard pcb of the ArduiTouch. It is connected to the GPIO pin 21 of NodeMCU-32s via BC547 (NPN) transistor and $1k\Omega$ resistor. We need a transistor and a resistor, because GPIO pin of the NodeMCU is not powerful enough to drive piezo buzzer.

Backlight of the TFT LCD screen is connected to GPIO pin 15 of the NodeMCU via BC557 (PNP) transistor and $1k\Omega$ resistor. We need a transistor and a resistor because of the same reason we need them for piezo buzzer.

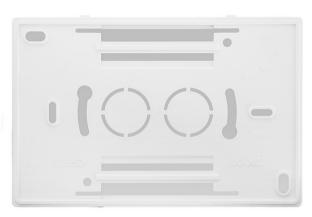
You have the option to use touchscreen interrupt pin T_IRQ. To use it, connect two pins jumper near the soldering breadboard area (on the connection diagram, middle right side). By connecting this jumper, you connect *T_IRQ* pin of the TFT LCD screen to the GPIO pin 2 of the NodeMCU.

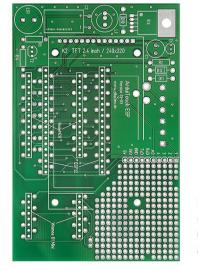
There is also 10 pin female header onboard pcb of the ArduiTouch. It is located beside soldering breadboard area. The header is connected with NodeMCU and screw terminal block. It is used to help you make easy connections between screw terminal, soldering breadboard area and NodeMCU.

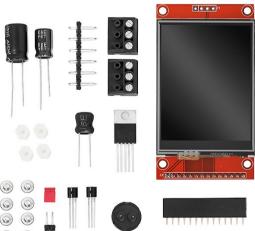
The ArduiTouch comes unsoldered. You have to solder all elements on the pcb of the ArduiTouch. For this matter, you can find detailed instruction guid on our site:

https://delivery.shopifyapps.com/-/50463a3cab3c904e/853d04a9eac67d14













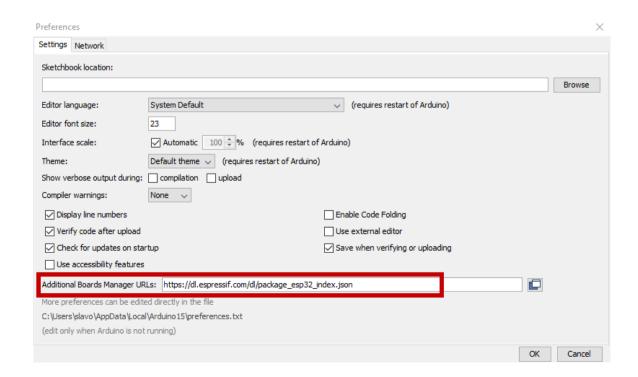
ESP32 and Arduino IDE

In order to program NodeMCU-32S with Arduino IDE, first install ESP32 core. There are several easy steps to follow in orter to install ESP32 core.

First you have to add one URL link to the Arduino IDE preferences. Open Arduino IDE and go to *File > Preferences*, a new window will open. Find field called "*Additional Board Manager URLs*", and copy following url: https://dl.espressif.com/dl/package_esp32 index.json

Then, paste it in "Additional Board Manager URLs" field. If you already have one URL inside, just add one comma after existing URL and paste new URL after it.

After this, click the OK button, and close the Arduino IDE.





Then you have to start Arduino IDE again. Go to:

Tools > Board > Boards Manager

A new window will open. Type in "esp32" the search box and install board called "esp32" by "Espressif Systems", as shown on the image below:



And that is it! You have ESP32 core installed.

In order to use NodeMCU-32S (ESP32 Dev Kit C), we have to select this board in Arduino IDE. Go to: *Tools > Board > ESP32 Dev Module*.

Then you have to select port on which NodeMCU is connected,

Tools > Port > {port name}

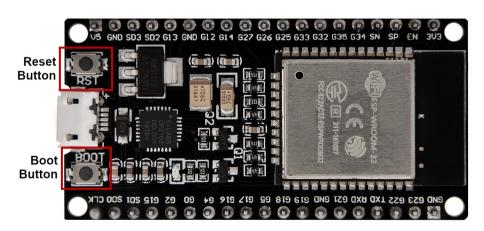
And you are ready to upload your first sketch to the NodeMCU.



Uploading sketches to the NodeMCU-32S

Uploading sketches to the NodeMCU is different than uploading them to the Arduino boards. When you hit the upload button in the Arduino IDE, you have to wait for compilation of the sketch. After that, message will be shown like on the image below:

When this message is in the Arduino IDE you have to press boot button onboard NodeMCU:



Only when output message in the Arduino IDE changes its output to percentages, you can release the boot button. This is the time when the uploading process starts. Percentages show the status of the uploading process. You can find full output message on the image on the next page.



```
Iriting at 0x00024000... (22 %)

Iriting at 0x00028000... (25 %)

Iriting at 0x0002c000... (29 %)

Iriting at 0x00030000... (33 %)

Iriting at 0x00034000... (37 %)

Iriting at 0x00038000... (40 %)

Iriting at 0x0003c000... (44 %)
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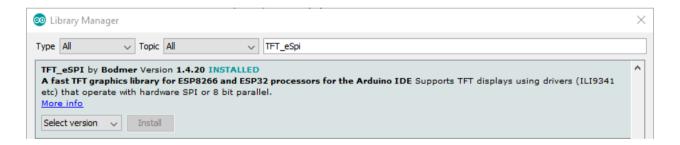
Weather App

In this eBook we will create and explain the app which shows weather data, time and date data, and Moon phases data on the TFT LCD screen.

Libraries

First thing that we need to do is to download external libraries.

First library is for TFT LCD screen, it is called "TFT_eSPI". Open Arduino IDE, and go to Tools > Manage Libraries. Type the name of the library in the search box and install library "TFT_eSPI" by "Bodmer", like on the image below:



For this library you have to edit one file. Go to directory where Arduino IDE saves sketches and libraries. If you did not change that directory, it is in *Documents > Arduino*. To find *TFT_eSPI* library directory, open *File Explorer*, and go to:

Documents > Arduino > libraries > TFT_eSPI



We have to edit file called "User_Setup.h". Open it in any text editor (for example Notepad or Sublime Text).

Find following lines of the text (at 156 line number):

```
// ##### EDIT THE PIN NUMBERS IN THE LINES FOLLOWING TO SUIT YOUR ESP32 SETUP
// For ESP32 Dev board (only tested with ILI9341 display)
// The hardware SPI can be mapped to any pins
//#define TFT_MISO
                     19
//#define TFT_MOSI
                     23
//#define TFT_SCLK
                     18
//#define TFT_CS
                     15 // Chip select control pin
//#define TFT DC
                     2 // Data Command control pin
//#define TFT_RST
                     4 // Reset pin (could connect to RST pin)
                     -1 // Set TFT_RST to -1 if display RESET is
//#define TFT_RST
                        // connected to ESP32 board RST
                     32 // LED back-light
//#define TFT_BL
                         // (only for ST7789 with backlight control pin)
//#define TOUCH CS
                     21 // Chip select pin (T_CS) of touch screen
//#define TFT_WR
                     22 // Write strobe for modified Raspberry Pi TFT only
```

and change it to this:

```
#define TFT_MISO 19
#define TFT_MOSI 23
#define TFT_SCLK 18
#define TFT_CS 5
#define TFT_DC 4
#define TFT_RST 22
//#define TFT_RST -1
//#define TFT_BL 32
#define TOUCH_CS 14
//#define TFT_WR 22
```

After this, save the file. We need to make these changes because pins of the TFT LCD screen are connected to pins of the NodeMCU-32S like in the changed text (you can see it on the connection diagram).

Backlight pin is controlled separately, so we do not set it up here.



The second library is for Real Time API called "NTPClient". Open Arduino IDE, and go to Tools > Manage Libraries. Type "NTP" in the search box and install library "NTPClient" by "Fabrice Wenberg", like on the image below:



The third library is for parsing JSON data, it is called "ArduinoJson". Open Arduino IDE, and go to Tools > Manage Libraries. Type the name of the library in the search box and install library "ArduinoJson" by "Benoit Blanchon", like on the image below:





The fourth library is for Moon Phase API, called "moonPhases". You can not find this library in the Manage Libraries. We have to download it from the *GitHub*. Go on this link: https://github.com/CelliesProjects/moonPhase and download .zip file. Then, to add it to the Arduino IDE, open Arduino IDE and go to *Sketch > Include Library > Add .ZIP Library...* and add the downloaded .zip file.

The fifth library is for converting timestamps, called "*TimeLib*". You can not find this library in the Manage Libraries. We have to download it from the *GitHub*. Go on this link: https://github.com/PaulStoffregen/Time and download .zip file. Then, to add it to the Arduino IDE, open Arduino IDE and go to *Sketch > Include Library > Add .ZIP Library...* and add the downloaded .zip file.



Test sketch

In order to test if everything works perfectly, open Arduino IDE and open a sketch called "Keypad_240x320":

```
File > Examples > TFT_eSPI > 320 x 240 > Keypad_240x320
```

```
At the beginning of the setup() function add following lines of code: pinMode(15, OUTPUT); digitalWrite(15, LOW); delay(1);
```

Upload the sketch to the NodeMCU.

These lines of code are used to turn ON the backlight of the TFT LCD screen. More about this later.

When the sketch is uploaded, you will see the keypad on the TFT LCD screen. Open Serial Monitor (*Tools > Serial Monitor*) and type random number on the TFT LCD screen and press the *Send* button. If everything works well, you should see typed number from TFT LCD screen in the Serial Monitor.



Weather App code

The code for this app can be found and downloaded from the *GitHub* repository: https://github.com/Slaveche90/WeatherAppArduiTouch.git

There are three files on the *GitHub* rapository: *TFT_weatherApp.ino* file (main app), *xbm.h* (file for weather icon images) and *moonPhs.h* (file for moon phase icon images).



TFT_weatherApp.ino File

Code is commented pretty well, but there are few things that need to be explained more thoroughly.

The main app starts with import of libraries. After that we create and initialize several variables and objects.

Clock data is updated every second, that is why *second_interval* variable is used. We store value *1000* in this variable, which is *1000* milliseconds.

Weather data is updated every hour, that is why weather_interval variable is used. We store value 3600 in this variable because there are 3600 seconds in one hour. All we have to do is to count 3600 seconds.

Values of char arrays called *ssid[]* and *pass[]* need to be changed, because char arrays contain name and password of the wifi network on which ESP32 connects.

We use *Open Weather Map API* (OWM API) to get weather data. We create an initialize several objects for this. Register on the following link https://openweathermap.org/ in order to get the API code. You can not use the API without this code. API code is a string containing long hexadecimal number. Store it in the string called *apiKey*.



We store OWM API server name in the constant char array called server[].

In the string <code>nameOfCity</code>, we store city name and state code in the format "<code>city_name</code>, <code>CODE</code>". The state code is world wide state code from the <code>ISO 3166-2</code> standard https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO 3166-2.

After this come many function definitions. All TFT related functions are recreated from the sketch called "TFT_graphictest_one_lib":

File > Examples > TFT_eSPI > 320 x 240 > TFT_graphictest_one_lib

First function is *printText()*. This function accepts 6 arguments and it is used to print text, change the size of text, change the text alignment in the line of the screen. Text is displayed in one text line only that is always the same length as the screen.

There are 5 different text sizes, (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5). TFT_eSPI library has 8 different text sizes, but we did not use text size bigger than 5. The smallest text size have 5 pixel character length and 1 pixel between characters. With every size, these character sizes increase, character length increases 5 times per text size, and length between characters increases by one pixel per text size.

There are three text alignment values:

- 1 left alignment,
- 2 center alignment and
- 3 right alignment.

If the text exceeds the screen length, there are two *if* blocks to make text size smaller in order to fit the screen.

There is the text alignment function in the *TFT_eSPI* library, which we did not use. You can check it in the example sketch:

File > Examples > TFT_eSPI > 320 x 240 > TFT_String_Align

Next function is called initializeLCD() and, as its name says, it is used to initialize TFT LCD touchscreen. Function accepts no argument and returns no value. At the beginning of this function, first we set the pin mode of digital pin 15 as OUTPUT, and then drive it LOW. This is necessary because backlight pin of the TFT LCD touchscreen is connected to digital pin 15 of the NodeMCU. Digital pin is connected to the backlight pin via $1k\Omega$ resistor and BC557 transistor because output pins of ESP32 do not have enough power to drive a backlight. You can even use PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) on this pin, to set the backlight level on specific value other than turned ON or OFF. In this application we turn ON the TFT LCD touch screen, and as long as it is connected to the power supply it stays ON.



After that, we initialize display object, fill the screen with black color and set the text color to green.

At the end of this function different font option is created (other than default font), but it is not used. Be careful with using another font, because different font sets new character sizes, that changes overall look of the app!

Next function is called <code>initializeTime()</code>, and it also does what its name says, it is used to connect to the <code>NTPClient API</code> and initialize time. Function accepts one argument and returns no value. The argument represents time offset of the timezone in seconds.

Next function is called *connectToWiFi()*, and it is used to make connection to the local wifi network. Function accepts no argument and returns no value. Function of the *connectToWiFi()* is connectiong to specified network and printing output. Depending on connection realisations output can be message of successiful or unsuccessful connection.

Next function is called *printWiFiStatus()*, and it is used to output the status of wifi connection, ip address and strength of the wifi signal. Function accepts no argument and returns no value.



Next function is called <code>makehttpRequest()</code> and it is used to establish a connection with OWM API and to request JSON data. Function accepts no argument and returns no value. At the beginning of the function, we clear the display and stop all connections with the OWM API. Then we try to connect to the OWM API server with port 80. If connection is successful, then we send four strings to the server, called <code>t1</code>, <code>t2</code>, <code>t3</code> and <code>t4</code>. First string is GET request for specific city and state code, with metric units:

If you wish not use *units* tag, remove following text from *t1* string:

&units=metric. This way temperature data unit will be in Kelvins. There is an option for imperial units, too; to use it, change the text "*metric*" to "*imperial*".

Second string is the api server name, and the third is user agent:

```
String t2 = "Host: api.openweathermap.org";
String t3 = "User-Agent: ArduinoWiFi/1.1";
String t4 = "Connection: close";
```

After this, we send these strings to the server and wait for response. If server responds successfully, we read the data that server sends back. If the data is as expected, call the *parseJson()* function. Data is as expected if JSON file contains an equal number of open and closed curly brackets { }.



Next function is called *parseJson()* and it is used to parse JSON data and output the data on the screen. Function accepts no argument and returns no value. The argument is a char array or string containing JSON data. How JSON data is parsed can be found in the sketch examples that come with ArduinoJson library, for example:

File > Examples > ArduinoJson > JsonParserExample

We use following two objects to create an array or a list of JSON data:

```
JsonArray list = doc["list"];
JsonObject current = list[0];
```

All we have to do is to access specific fields of these objects. We do it with following lines of the code:

```
String city = doc["city"]["name"];
uint32_t timezone = doc["city"]["timezone"];
float temp = current["main"]["temp"];
float humidity = current["main"]["humidity"];
String weather = current["weather"][0]["main"];
String weatherDescription = current["weather"][0]["description"];
String weatherCode = current["weather"][0]["icon"];
uint32_t sunrise = doc["city"]["sunrise"];
uint32_t sunset = doc["city"]["sunset"];
```

You can see how the JSON data looks like on the following link:

https://openweathermap.org/api/hourly-forecast

Search for the title "Weather parameters in API response".

At the end of this function, we call the function for displaying the page on the ArduiTouch. This function is called *page()*.



Next function is page() function. Function of page() is to call initializeTime() function, read time and date, to clear the screen and to call showPage() function.

Next function is *showPage()* function and it is used to output all data on the TFT LCD screen. Function accepts 9 arguments and returns no value. Arguments are:

- dateTime epoch timestamp

- city city name for weather data

- temp temperature data

- humidity humidity data

weather weather condition name from the OWM API

- weatherDescription weather condition name, long version

sunrise epoch timestamp of sunrisesunset epoch timestamp of sunset

- weatherCode the code name of image used in the OWM API

Within <code>showPage()</code> function <code>printText()</code>, <code>printTime()</code>, and <code>printDayAndDate()</code> functions output data on the screen. <code>showWeatherIcon()</code> and <code>showMoonIcon()</code> functions output weather and moon icon images on the screen, respectively.



printTime() function is used to output time to screen, in format HH:MM:SS. This function accepts 6 arguments and return no value. The arguments are: X and Y position of the cursor, epoch timestamp, textSize, textAlign, lineLength. Epoch timestamp is unix timestamp, a number of seconds starting from January the 1st 1970 up to current UTC/GMT time. NTPClient API initializes this timestamp for the timezone of the city used in the app. We did this when we called the initializeTime(timezone) function.

To convert timestamp into readable format, we used *TimeLib* library functions:

time_t t = dateTime;

hour(t) - returns hours from epoch timestamp

minute(t) - returns minutes from epoch timestamp

second(t) - returns seconds from epoch timestamp

In order for the output to be in the format *HH:MM:SS*, we need to check if the numbers are single digits. If this is the case, we have to add leading zero. We do this by calling *checkZero()* function.



printDayAndDate() function is used to output specific day and date on the screen. Function accepts 6 arguments, the same arguments as in the printTime() function and return no value. Here we use TimeLib library functions to convert epoch timestamp into readable date. Date format is DD. MONTH YYYY. TimeLib library functions weekday() and month() return numbers. To convert these numbers into words (names), we use the following lines of the code:



showWeatherIcon() and showMoonIcon() are used to output weather icon image and moon phase icon image, respectively. Both functions are created from TFT_eSPI library sketch, called "TFT_Flash_Bitmap":

```
File > Examples > TFT_eSPI > Generic > TFT_Flash_Bitmap
```

In order to use <code>pushImage()</code> function of the <code>TFT_eSPI</code> library, first we have to create ".c" file out of the image we desire to output to the screen. To do so we have to download external app called "<code>ImagesConverter565.exe</code>". You can download it from this link:

https://github.com/mysensors/MySensorsArduinoExamples/blob/master/libraries/UTFT/Tools/ImageConverter565.exe

Open the external app, load the image you wish to convert to ".c" file, and click the *Save* button. The output is ".c" extension, open it in any text editor, like *Notepad*, and copy the content starting from:

```
const unsigned short nameOfImage[0x1324] PROGMEM ={ 0x0000, 0x0000, 0x0000, 0x0000, 0x0000, 0x0000, .......
```

until the end of the file. Then create new ".h" file inside the Arduino IDE, and paste the copied content to the file. This new .h file has to start with following lines of the code:

```
#include <pgmspace.h>
const uint16_t image_width = 70;
const uint16_t image_height = 70;
```

After which comes images data from ".c" files. We need these two constants because they are used in the *pushImage()* as arguments.



We created two separate ".h" files; one for weather icon images, and the second for moon icon images, called *xbm.h* and *moonPhs.h*, respectively. We did this in order to make the app code more readable. All images used in one ".h" file are the same width and height, therefore we use constants. If an image differ in size, separate constants need to be created specifically for that image.

All weather icon images that we use are 70×70 pixels, and all moon icon images are 60×60 pixels. There are 13 weather and 16 moon icon images inside the *WeatherApp*.

showWeatherIcon() function accepts one argument and returns no value. The argument is a string containing weather icon code used in OWM API. Depending on the code we output specific image for the specific weather.

showMoonIcon() function accepts one argument and returns no value. The argument is unsigned integer containing the angle of the Moon, or phase of the Moon. The angle argument value ranges from 0 to 360. Depending on this value we output specific image for the moon phase.



And last two functions used in the app are readTimeDate() and updateTime().

The first function, *readTimeDate()* accepts no arguments and returns unsigned integer value which is epoch timestamp. This function tries to get data from NTPClient server and returns data.

The second function, *updateTime()* is used to update output that is displayed on the screen. It accepts no arguments and returns no value and *updateTime()* function displays black rectangle over clock data and then outputs new clock data.

The App



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