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Sensors Drivers in C++ : Automatic Weather Station

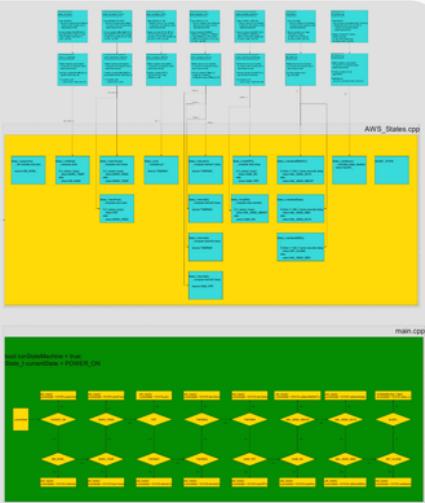


What?

- Developed sensor drivers in C++ to interface with environmental sensors for an automatic weather station.

How?

- Implemented low-level C++ drivers to communicate with sensors
 - Handled data acquisition, calibration, and error conditions
 - Integrated sensor drivers into a larger embedded software system
 - Tested functionality on the field



What?

- Designed a finite state machine (FSM) in C++ to manage operational modes of an automatic weather station.

How?

- Defined system states for data collection, processing, and error handling
 - Implemented FSM logic in C++ for predictable system behavior
 - Integrated FSM with sensor drivers, RTC, and system timing
 - Tested transitions and edge cases for robustness

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Results

- Successfully collected and processed environmental data (**pressure, humidity, temperature, etc...**)
 - Successfully implemented frequency sampling techniques using **timers and Interrupt Service Routines (ISR)**
 - Improved **reliability** and **modularity** of the weather station firmware
 - Strengthened embedded C++ programming and hardware-software integration skills

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ISR(TIMER1_COMPA_vect){ // triggers every 4 seconds, and use the current value of ts_over

    RM_WIND_01.meas_wind_freq();
    wind_spd_ovf_flag = true;
}

ISR(TIMERS_OVF_vect) { // used to assist the measure of incoming frequencies in pin PLA
    PARO_BARD_01.measure_freq();
}

ISR(TIMERS_CAPT_vect){ //TIMERS_CAPT_vect used for counting incoming pulse from the mult
    edge_count++;
}

ISR(PCINT2_vect)
{
    // increments all because there is no time to read which pin is high, pulse width = 1
    adc_01.Increment_drdy_count();
    adc_02.Increment_drdy_count();
    adc_03.Increment_drdy_count();
}

ISR(INT2_vect){ // Wake Up ISR
    if ((PIND & (1 << INT_RTC))) {
        POWER.sleep_OFF();
        error_wdt_reset = false;
        reset_device(); // Resetting the micro controller avoids memory leakage for the watchdog
                        // this function uses the the watchdog timer to trigger a watchdog
    }
}

```

Results

- Achieved reliable and deterministic system control
 - AWS independently run in Antarctica for a **full year**
 - Implemented sleep mode, reducing system runtime from **10 min to 1 min 30 s**
 - Reduced power consumption during idle mode by **~78%**

Battery Design & Management Systems : Electric Boat



What?

- Contributed to the design and management of a battery system and steering controls for an electric boat, focusing on safety, reliability, and performance.

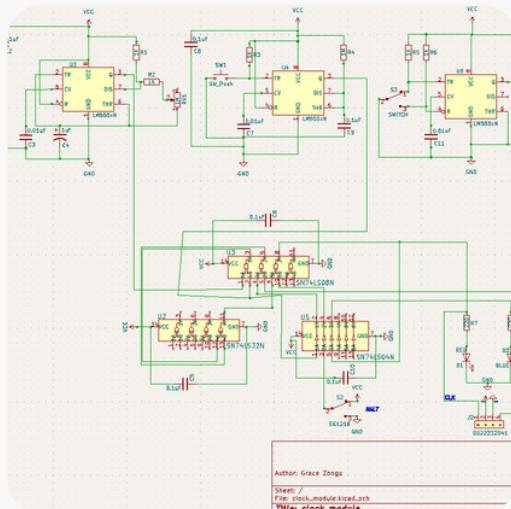
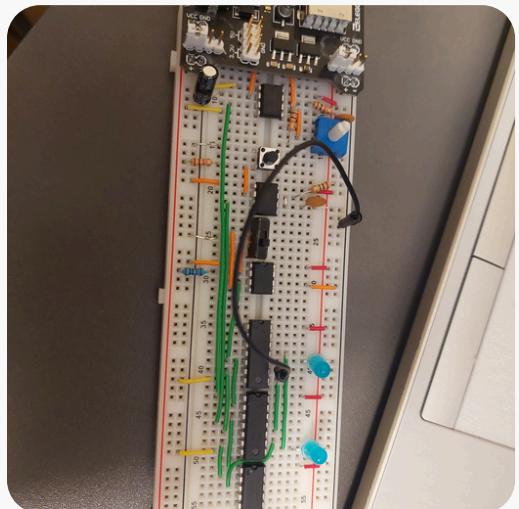
How?

- Assisted in battery packs design and system-level integration
- Analyzed battery characteristics including voltage, current, and capacity
- Supported development of monitoring and safety strategies
- Identified and implemented optimal steering system for a catamaran hull.
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to meet project requirements

Results

- Designed and validated a **dual 18650 Li-ion** battery system supporting **~2.5 hours** of continuous operation at a maximum speed of **8 knots**
- Integrated each battery pack with a **1 kW Blue Robotics T500 thruster**, achieving reliable in-water performance with an average current draw of **~10 A** per motor at full throttle
- Implemented differential thrust control to enable steering without a mechanical rudder
- Contributed to a **2nd place** finish in the Displacement Hull Division at the PEP 2024 Competition

555 timer Clock Module



What?

- Prototyped and designed a clock generation module using a 555 timer to provide a stable timing source for digital circuits.

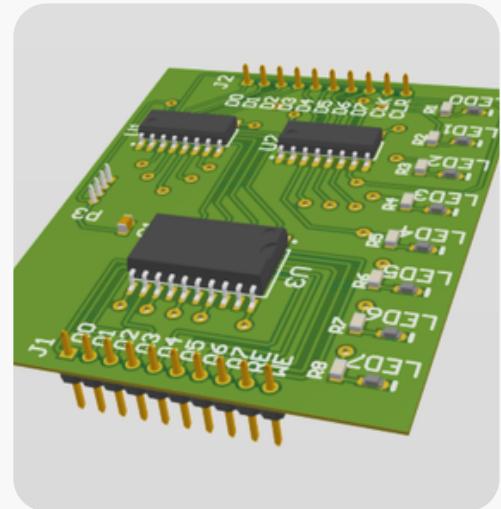
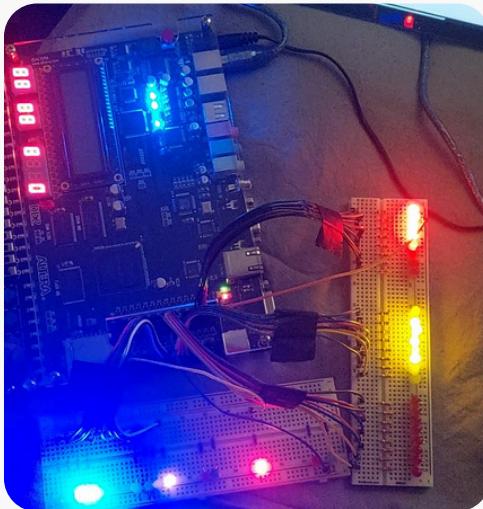
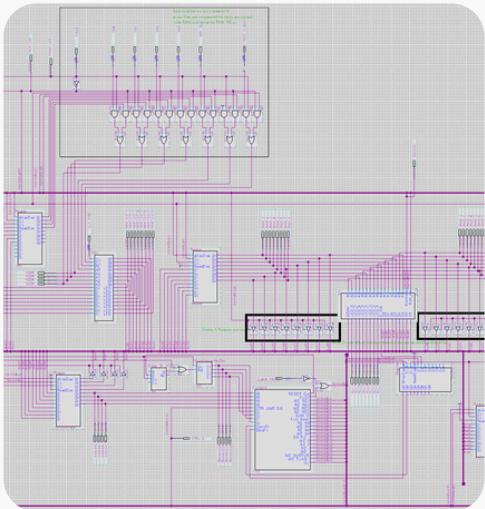
How?

- Configured the **555 timer** in astable mode to generate a periodic clock signal
- Selected resistor and capacitor values to achieve target frequency
- Built and tested the circuit on breadboard and prototype hardware
- Verified output frequency and duty cycle using measurement tools

Results

- Generated a stable and reliable clock signal, from manual trigger to **~10 kHz** astable frequency, for use in digital systems
- Reinforced understanding of analog timing circuits and component-level design

8-bit CPU Design : FPGA & PCB Design



What?

- Designed and implemented a custom 8-bit CPU to understand processor architecture, instruction execution, and control logic at the hardware level.
- Extended the design to a **PCB-based implementation** to explore hardware integration, signal integrity, and real-world constraints beyond FPGA simulation.

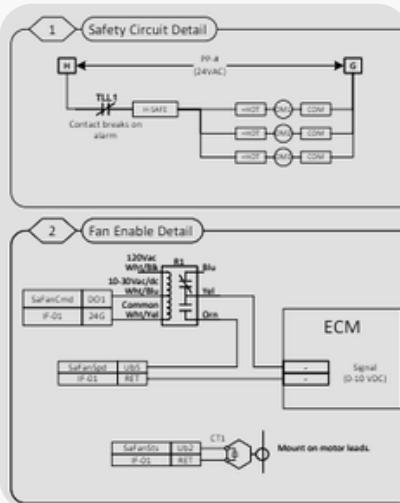
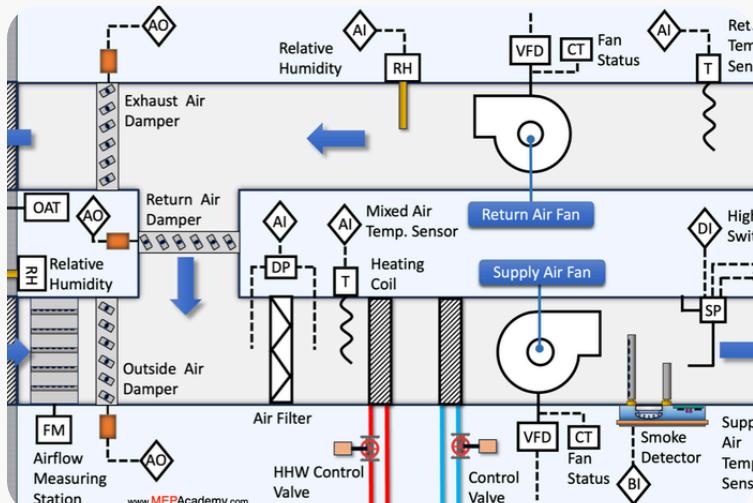
How?

- Designed datapath and control unit using block diagram design in **Intel Quartus**
- Implemented key components including program counter, 8-bit register, RAM, ALU, and control unit from scratch using logic gates ONLY.
- Defined instruction sets supporting addition and subtraction
- Verified functionality using simulation, testbenches, and **waveform analysis**
- Translated digital CPU design into a **PCB-level hardware architecture**

Results

- Successfully executed all implemented instructions on FPGA hardware
- Achieved stable operation at **15 kHz** after resolving timing violations
- Improved understanding of design tradeoffs between **FPGA** and **discrete hardware** implementations
- Strengthened understanding of **computer architecture, FSM-based control, and FPGA debugging**
- Earned **1st place** at Honors Project Competition

HVAC System Wiring Diagram : Alpha Controls & Services



What?

- Developed **HVAC system wiring** diagrams for commercial control systems at Alpha Controls & Services.

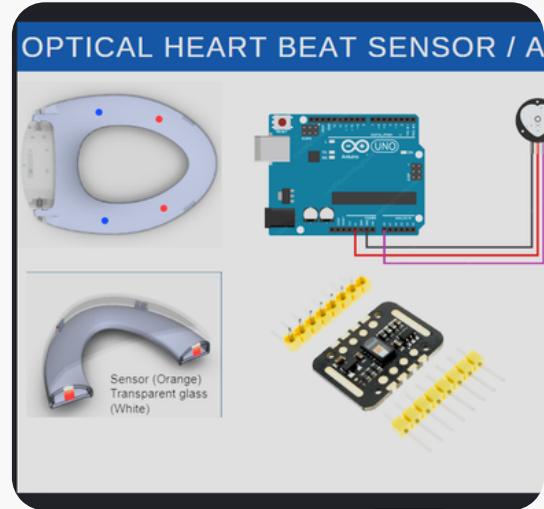
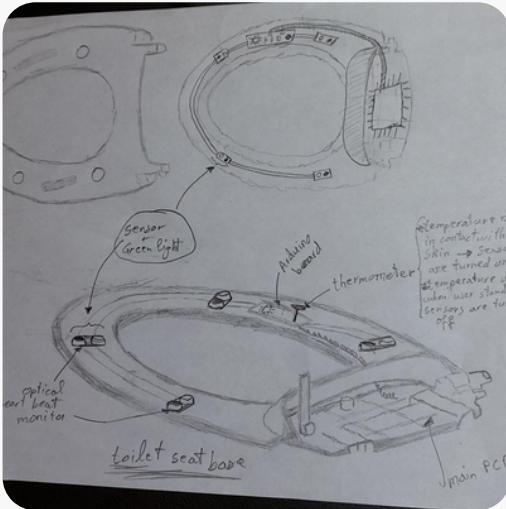
How?

- Created detailed wiring diagrams for **HVAC control systems**
- Ensured compliance with electrical standards and **safety requirements**
- Coordinated with engineers, programmers, and technicians to support installation
- Reviewed designs for clarity and accuracy

Results

- Produced clear, accurate wiring documentation for real installations
- Improved understanding of HVAC control systems and industrial wiring practices

Smart toilet seat : Bemis manufacturing



What?

- Worked on the development of a smart toilet seat system in collaboration with Bemis Manufacturing, focusing on electrical functionality and integration.

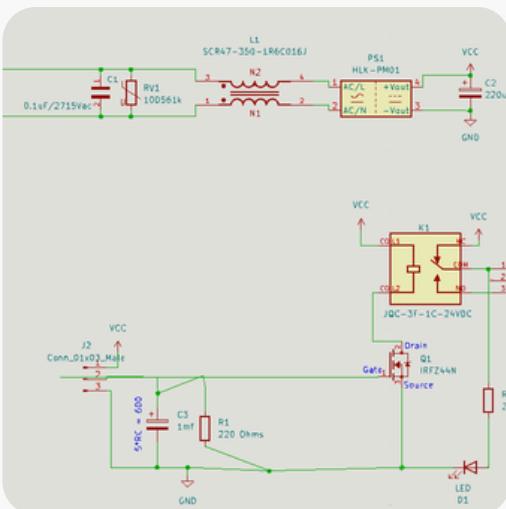
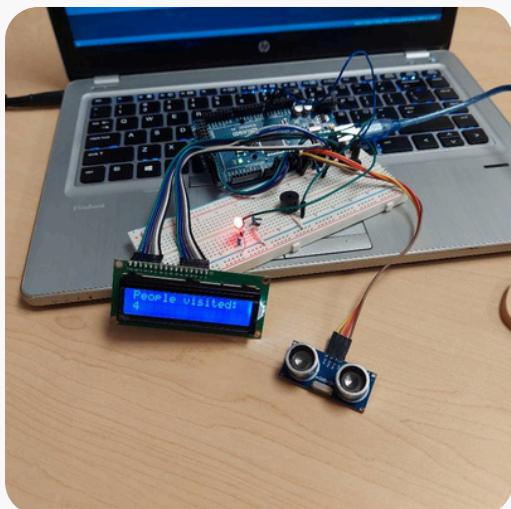
How?

- Contributed to system-level electrical design and component integration
- Assisted with testing of electrical features
- Collaborated with industry engineers to meet product requirements
- Documented design decisions and test results

Results

- Supported development of a functional smart consumer product
- Gained experience working with industry standards and real-world constraints
- Strengthened collaboration and communication skills in an industrial setting

Affordable Occupancy sensor : Prototype & PCB



What?

- Prototyped and developed a low-cost occupancy sensor to detect human presence for energy-efficient automation applications.

How?

- Designed sensor circuitry and signal conditioning for reliable detection
- Created schematic and PCB layout for a compact prototype
- Integrated sensor output with digital processing logic
- Tested sensor accuracy and responsiveness under different conditions

Results

- Successfully detected occupancy with consistent performance
- Delivered a functional, low-cost prototype suitable for developing countries
- Gained experience in sensor integration and PCB prototyping