Measurement of Water Salinity in Water Towers



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Abstract

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Introduction

1.1 Background to the study

A very brief background to your area of research. Start off with a general introduction to the area and then narrow it down to your focus area. Used to set the scene[1].

1.2 Objectives of this study

1.2.1 Problems to be investigated

Description of the main questions to be investigated in this study.

1.2.2 Purpose of the study

Give the significance of investigating these problems. It must be obvious why you are doing this study and why it is relevant.

1.3 Scope and Limitations

Scope indicates to the reader what has and has not been included in the study. Limitations tell the reader what factors influenced the study such as sample size, time etc. It is not a section for excuses as to why your project may or may not have worked.

1.4 Plan of development

Here you tell the reader how your report has been organised and what is included in each chapter.

I recommend that you write this section last. You can then tailor it to your report.

Literature Review

Once upon a time engineers and researchers believed... In this area of research, they used the following methods...[2]

Write this section first as it will take you the longest. I suggest you start writing this as soon as you have done your initial research at the beginning of your project. You can then return to it once you have completed your work to edit and adjust it.

A literature review forms the theoretical basis of your project. You need to read a large number of journal papers, sections in books, technical reports etc. relevant to your work at the start of project. This will give you a good idea of the field of research.

When writing your review start of with the general concepts and move to the more specific aspects explaining the necessary theory as you go. This section is NOT a copy and paste from others work or a rewrite-but-change-one-word section. I suggest you read all your material, and then put it down and write this section, referring back to the work only when you need to check something.

See your PCS textbook for more details on how to write a literature review.

If you include a figure or a table in your text please see the example in Fig.2.1 as to how to caption it. Please make sure that all text in your figures is readable and that you reference your figures if they are from another source.

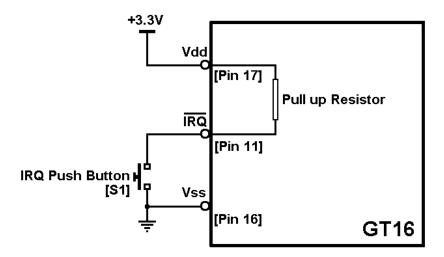


Figure 2.1: A block diagram illustrating the connections to the IRQ pin on the MCS08GT16A microcontroller (Please note that your headings should be short descriptions of what is in the diagram not simply the figure title)

Methodology

This is what I did to test and confirm my hypothesis.

You may want to split this chapter into sub chapters depending on your design. I suggest you change the title to something more specific to your project.

This is where you describe your design process in detail, from component/device selection to actual design implementation, to how you tested your system. Remember detail is important in technical writing. Do not just write I used a computer give the computer specifications or the oscilloscopes part number. Describe the system in enough detail so that someone else can replicate your design as well as your testing methodology.

If you use or design code for your system, represent it as flow diagrams in text.

IMPORTANT: Include a motivation for your selection of an appropriate technique, or engineering or IT tool to solve your project problem. Discuss any limitations if appropriate.

Results

These are the results I found from my investigation.

Present your results in a suitable format using tables and graphs where necessary. Remember to refer to them in text and caption them properly.

4.1 Simulation Results

4.2 Experimental Results

Discussion

Here is what the results mean and how they tie to existing literature...

Discuss the relevance of your results and how they fit into the theoretical work you described in your literature review.

Conclusions

These are the conclusions from the investivation and how the investigation changes things in this field or contributes to current knowledge...

Draw suitable and intelligent conclusions from your results and subsequent discussion.

Recommendations

Make sensible recommendations for further work.

Bibliography

- [1] M. S. Tsoeu and M. Braae, "Control systems," $\it IEEE,$ vol. 34, no. 3, pp. 123–129, 2011.
- $[2]\,$ J. C. Tapson, Instrumentation. Cape Town: UCT Press, 2010.

Appendix A

Additional Files and Schematics

Add any information here that you would like to have in your project but is not necessary in the main text. Remember to refer to it in the main text. Separate your appendices based on what they are for example. Equation derivations in Appendix A and code in Appendix B etc.

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If appropriate, in a subsequent appendix, provide a link to any GitHub repository where the code and additional materials for your project can be found.

GA	Requirement	Justification and section in the report
1	Problem-solving	Description here
4	Investigations, experiments and	Description here
	data analysis	
5	Use of engineering tools	Description here
6	Professional and technical	Description here
	communication (Long report)	
8	Individual work	Description here
9	Independent learning ability	Description here

Appendix B

Addenda

B.1 Ethics Forms

Appendix C

GitHub Repository

Click here to access the GitHub repository.

GitHub Structure