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Automatic solar powered college bell system using GSM

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Abstract-

The world over the decades has made considerable advancement in automation; automation is employed in every sector whether it is home or industry. Here a new design is being presented. This design finds a tremendous use at primary and secondary school levels as well as in colleges. It uses Real Time Clock (DS1307) which tracks the real time. The bell automatically rings at pre-programmed time intervals and also displays the time by using LCD display. The low power aspect is brought about by using 'SLEEP' mode in PIC microcontroller which keeps the system in idle state when it is not in use. The major advantage of this implementation is that it gives us the exact time and no manual operation is needed while using very less power. The system is made by establishing a serial interface between PIC microcontroller (PIC16F877A). It avoids the human help with accuracy as it is automatic. GSM has been included in our project to control the devices wirelessly. Both Renewable and EB source are used in this project to provide the supply to bell to supply the power to the bell when the time of power cut also.

I. INTRODUCTION

Most of the educational institutions in India and other developing countries have their college/school bell rung manually after each hour of class. Manually controlled bell may cause some problems which include the lack of accuracy in time and the person who is in charge of ringing the bell might forget. If we consider the automated bell system (No human intervention needed), it works throughout the day. But it should be noticed that, there is wastage of power. We have analyzed this problem and have come out with a good solution to reduce the power consumption in the automated bell system with the 'SLEEP' mode. One more advantage of this system is that it also has a clock Display which exactly displays the time and rings at the exact time. The initial part of the paper describes the basic construction and working principle of the system. The second part explains the basics of the Real Time Clock (RTC DS1307). The third part of the paper Display which exactly displays the time and rings at the exact time.

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II. WORKING PRINCIPLE

The block diagram of the automated bell system. The heart of the circuit is the microcontroller. The microcontroller we have used is PIC16F877A which is the master device. The slave device is the RTC IC DS1307, which automatically counts every second, once enabled. The intervals of time after which the bell should ring is already programmed and loaded into the microcontroller. Once the time that is fixed matches with the time in the RTC clock, the bell rings. The bell rings continuously for a fixed time (6 seconds in our implementation) which is also mentioned at the time of programming. The circuit is implemented by enabling the I2C interface of the PIC microcontroller. This is interfaced with the I2C interface of the RTC IC DS1307. The interfaces of the two ICs are explained in the section V of the paper. It is through this serial interface that the exact time is read into the PIC microcontroller and is compared against the set of time in the code. If the present time matches with the time that is set in the program, that is when the bell should ring, logic HIGH is driven to the output port of the microcontroller. This small voltage (5V) acts as the enable to the relay circuit, which turns on the 230V to the bell and the bell rings. Another part of the system is the time display. The time value read into the microcontroller from RTC is also given as output through its port pins every instant to be displayed, along with comparing the values internally. The output value from the microcontroller pins are displayed in the display, which gets automatically updated every minute. The GSM modem communicates with the microcontroller through universal asynchronous trans-receiver pin of IC PIC16F877A which is used for serial communication. The controller is supplied with the standard character set containing alphabets, symbols, numbers and special characters through programming.

III. HARDWAREMODULE

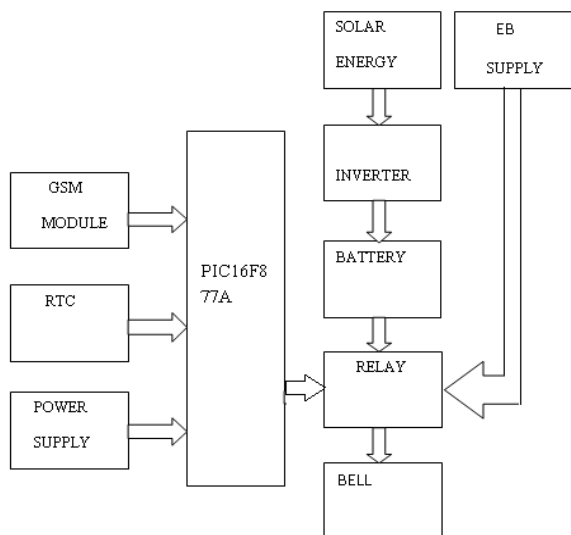


Fig.1Block Diagram

A. GSM Modem- SIM300

Mobile Equipment – The mobile equipment, sometime know as mobile station are the cellular phones. These are the devices handled by the users that generate and consume signals. The mobile equipment's has components to process and generate signals at the frequencies set by international GSM standards. There are basic components such as a microphone, a speaker, LCD display and a keypad. Newer generation phones have antennas that do not need to protrude out of the phone to transmit the generated signal. There are digital signal processing (DSP) chips and different types of memory to store phone numbers in address books and save SMS messages. Each phone has an International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number that is unique to it. Once a phone is bought and the activated, the IMEI is recognized by the GSM network and is read every time the phone contacts the network. This is also a feature that helps identify .and report stolen equipment and make them dysfunctional. The GSM Modem can accept any GSM network operator SIM (Subscriber Identity Module card and act just like a mobile phone with its own phone number. And can be used to send SMS, make and receive calls, it through simple AT commands from microcontroller and computers.

B. RealTime Clock

A **real-time clock (RTC)** is a computer clock (most often in the form of an integrated circuit) that keeps track of the current time. 56-byte non-volatile RAM for data storage with battery backup. It also have the capacity of detecting the power off hence automatically switches to battery supply.

C. Relay

Relay is electro-mechanical device that is employed to isolate one electrical device from another. It permits a coffee current negative feedback circuit to form or

break AN electrically isolated high current circuit path. Total isolation is provided by the relay between the triggering supply applied to the terminal and therefore the output. This total isolation could be a feature that produces relay totally different from alternative integrated circuits and is additionally necessary in several digital applications. it's a feature that bound semiconductor switches (e.g. Transistors, diodes and integrated circuits) cannot offer. during this circuit a 12V magnetic relay is employed. In magnetic relay, insulated copper wire coil is employed to magnetize and attract the plunger .The plunger is often connected to N/C terminal. A spring is connected to draw in the plunger face. once output is received by relay, the plunger is attracted and therefore the buzzer is on.

D. Alarm Unit

When the real time and alarm time becomes equal, the alarm unit is invoked. It consists of a relay and a buzzer. When the time becomes equal, the relay is switched and buzzer sounds.

E. Power Supply Unit

A power supply of +12V and +5V is required for circuit operation. A supply of +12V is required by the relay. +5V supply is required by the microcontroller, RTC and the pull-up resistors. A step-down transformer of 12V rating and Power regulator ICLM7805 is used. The AC mains power supply of 230V, 50Hz is step-down using the transformer to +12V. A bridge rectifier circuit using diodes is connected at the secondary of the transformer. This is fed to the relay and power regulator.

F. Inverter

An inverter is basically a device that converts electrical energy of DC form into that of AC. The purpose of DC-AC inverter is to take DC power from a battery source and converts it to AC. For example the household inverter receives DC supply from 12V or 24V battery and then inverter convert sit to 240V AC with a desirable frequency of 50Hz or 60Hz. These DC-AC inverters have been widely used for industrial applications such as uninterruptible power supply (UPS), AC motor drives. Recently, the inverters are also playing an important role in various renewable energy applications as these are used for grid connection of Wind Energy System or Photovoltaic System. In addition to this, the control strategies used in the inverters are also similar to those in DC-DC converters. Both current-mode control and voltage-mode control are employed in practical applications.

G. PIC Microcontroller

PIC is a family of modified Harvard architecture microcontrollers made by Microchip Technology, derived from the PIC1650 originally developed by General Instruments Microelectronics Division. The name PIC initially referred to Peripheral Interface Controller. PICs are popular with both industrial developers and hobbyists alike due to their low cost, wide availability, large user base, extensive collection of application notes, availability of low cost or free development tools, and serial programming (and re-programming with flash memory) capability. PIC has only 35 single word instructions. All are single cycle instructions except for program branches, which uses two-cycle. The Operating speed of PIC in DC is 20

MHz and clock input in DC is 200 ns instruction cycle. The PIC has 8K x 14 words of flash Program Memory, 368 x 8

bytes of Data Memory (RAM).

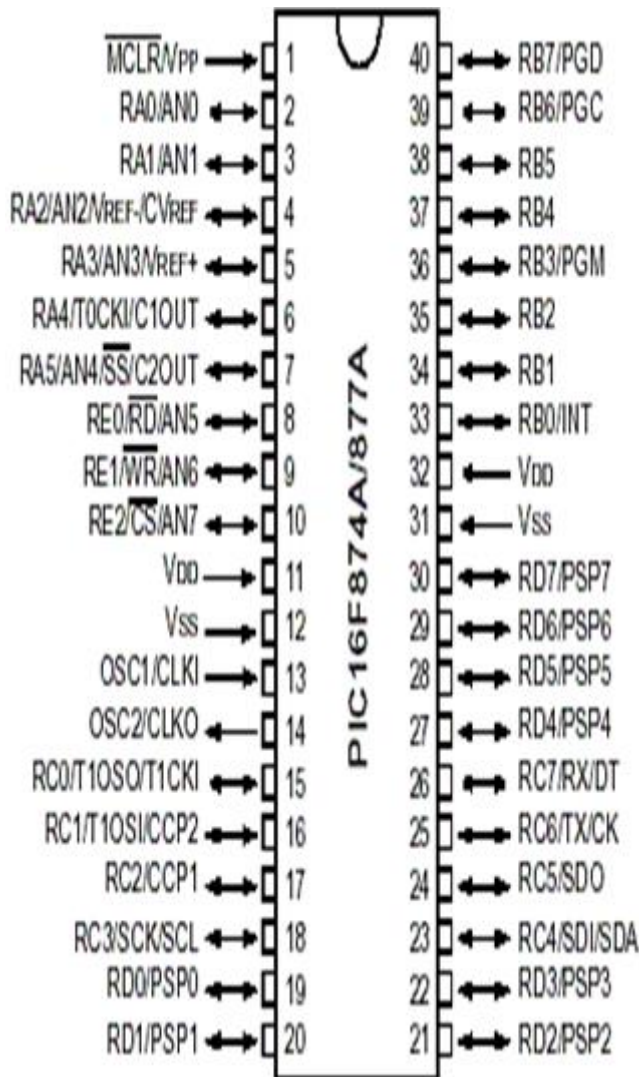


Fig.2 Pin Details of PIC16F877A

H. Solar Energy

Solar energy is radiant light and heat from the Sun that is harnessed using a range of ever-evolving technologies such as solar heating, photovoltaic's, solar thermal energy, solar architecture, molten salt power plants and artificial photosynthesis. It is an important source of renewable energy and its technologies are broadly characterized as either passive solar or active solar depending on how they capture and distribute solar energy or convert it into solar power. Active solar techniques include the use of photovoltaic systems, concentrated solar power and solar water heating to harness the energy. Passive solar techniques include orienting a building to

the Sun, selecting materials with favorable thermal mass or light-dispersing properties, and designing spaces that naturally circulate air.

IV. CONCLUSIOON

Successfully save the electricity by exploitation renewable energy and conjointly management the devices wirelessly exploitation GSM module. we have a tendency to projected this idea primarily to school labs seminar halls reception halls. we have a tendency to projected this idea primarily to school labsseminarhallsreceptionhalls. It ensures that our work won't solely be usable within the future however conjointly provides the pliability to adapt and extend, as wants amendment. gift day ringing the bell in colleges or colleges area unit dispensed manually. the most disadvantage of this can be that one person has got to be alert for this. At a similar time throughout that point he couldn't be have interaction in another task. to beat from this, we've got determined to arrange the circuit can which is able to } be operated mechanically and therefore the ringing of bell will begin by its own time. The time input will be altered as per needs. This circuit is straightforward to arrange and straightforward to put in. we will say that it'll be abundant helpful for schools or colleges or alternati ve instructionalestablishments.

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