

Home Climate Control System



The temperature you want . . .

. . . when you want it . . .

. . . where you want it

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Functional Description

The team will be designing a heating and cooling system that allows users to program the temperature of each room in a house from a central location. This central location, containing a microcontroller, is the heart of the system. Thermostats, located in various areas of a home, feed information to the microcontroller, which opens and closes dampers in the heating and cooling ducts to the various zones in a home. By controlling the airflow in the specific zones, this system will give the user the necessary control to meet the temperature preferences of individuals living in the house. By increasing the control, it will also increase the efficiency of the system by allowing users to select the rooms that they would like heated. Lowering heating and cooling costs while raising the level of comfort will result from this increase in control.

Programmable Options Include:

- 7-day planner (Weekdays/Weekends)
- Day/Night
- Room to Room

Target Market

General Contractors of new and remodeled homes, as well as general heating and cooling contractors will be the target market for this product. These contractors will be better equipped to sell the product to the end user because of the nature of their business and technical knowledge base. Because of the increase in heating and cooling costs, this system should be an attractive option for many contractors and homeowners.

Technical Specifications

Zoned temperature control is able to control the temperature of all zones of a home or building. Sensors in each zone operate a baffle in that zone's supply duct that will control the flow of conditioned air to each zone. The baffles will automatically open or close, based on the demands of the zone sensor.

The base unit comes with four baffle motors and four temperature sensors. The microprocessor can accept as many as 10 individual inputs, and additional peripheral modules can be applied to the base unit to accommodate any number of zones. In addition, a single temperature sensor can control multiple baffles in order to maintain a larger zone that is supplied by more than one duct. The versatility of this system is such that it can be easily assembled for any application.

The code for the system is burned onto an EPROM chip, which allows the microprocessor to maintain the program code with no power supplied to the system.

There will also be a backup battery that is internal to this microprocessor board that will preserve the users settings for an extended period of time without external power. Although the program code seems simple, it is one of the most important parts of system.

The motor driving circuitry contains an h-bridge configuration that allows the TTL level signals from the microprocessor to control high current DC motors. The major function of the h-bridge is to reverse the polarity of the signal, allowing the motors to be adjusted in both directions. The DC motors contain internal potentiometers that provide the position feedback signals.

The main elements in the design include: temperature sensors, motor controls, control panel, and a microprocessor to ensure all the elements are working together.

Block Diagram

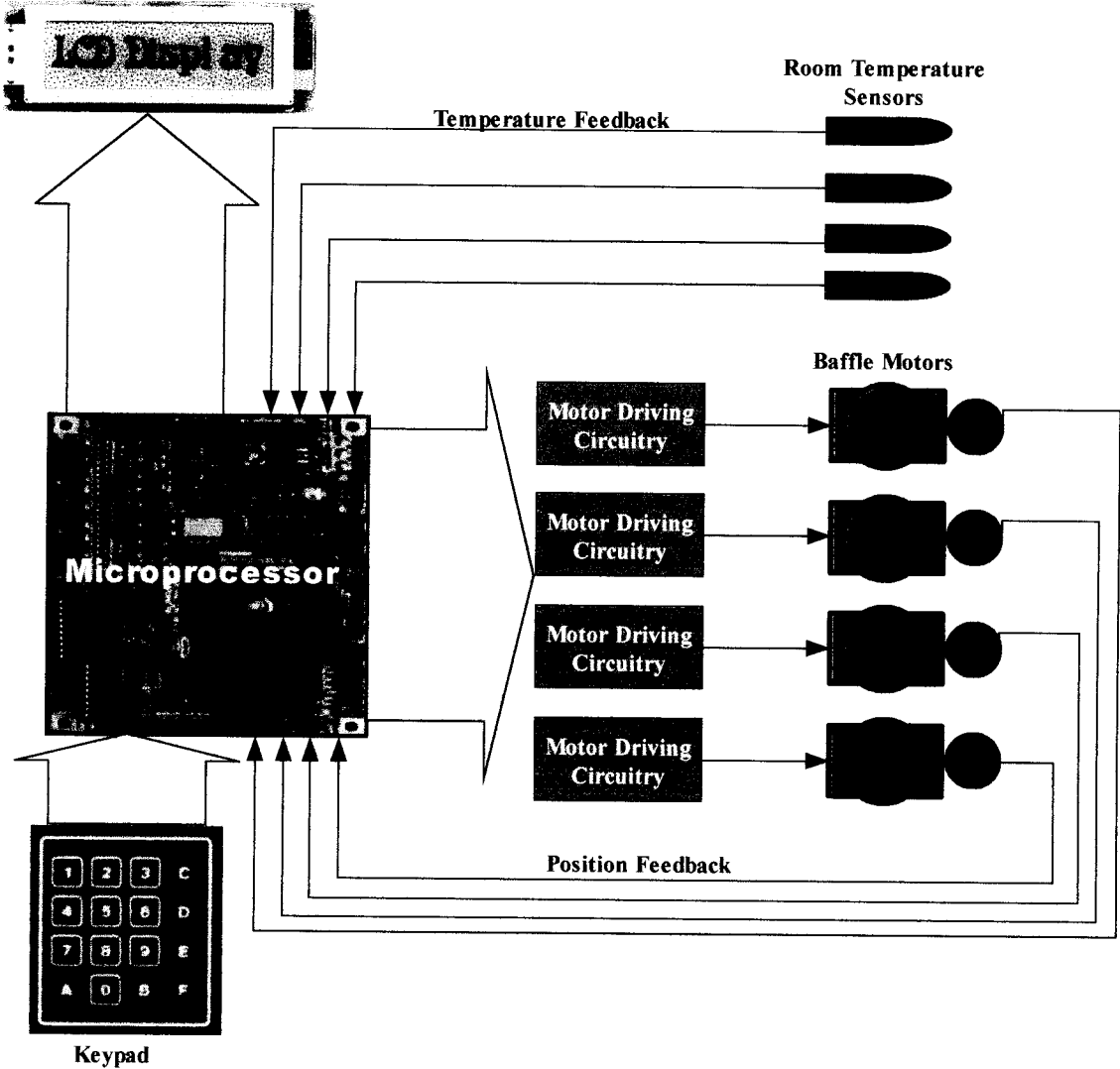
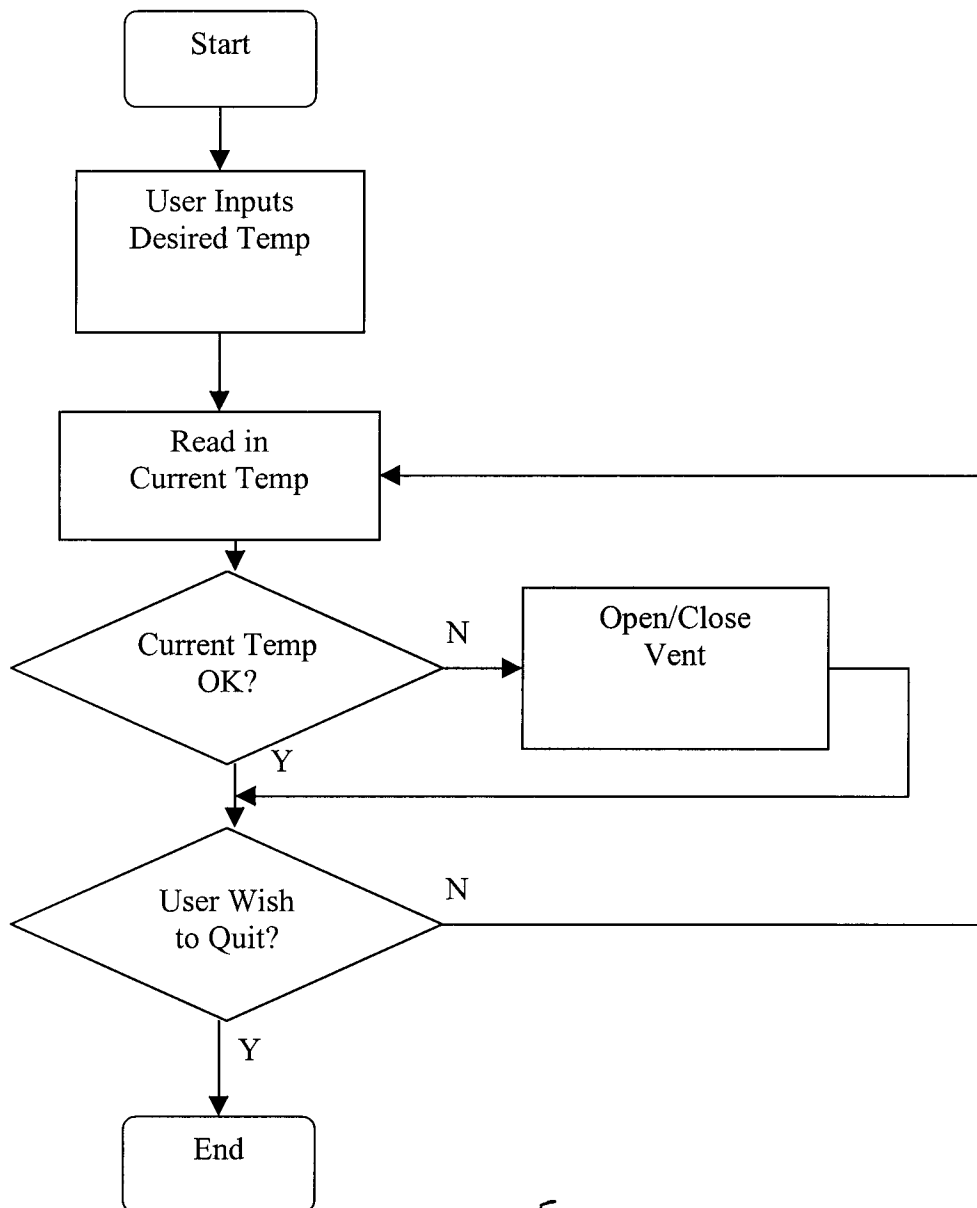


Diagram Description

As previously mentioned, the heart of the system is a microprocessor. This microprocessor accepts inputs from the keypad, temperature sensors, and position sensors. The outputs of the microprocessor are used to control the LCD display and the motor driving circuitry. The LCD will display the current temperature as well as provide an interface between the user and the programmable features of the product.

Entering the information is easy with on-screen instructions, and an easy to use keypad. After all of the data has been entered, the microprocessor will do the rest of the work. It will read the data from the temperature and position sensors, which are placed in each of the zones, and make any of the necessary corrections to the baffle motors.

Software Flowchart



System Job Sheet

The direct costs associated with the system include direct labor, materials, and equipment. Below is the system job sheet and the individual job sheets based on the first year cost of manufacturing 5,200 units of the product.

Considerations

- \$85 / hour for labor
- Office = \$2500 per quarter
- 40 hr. work week

Responsible Engineers: 6

Objective: Design of a Automatic Home Climate Control System.

Milestones:

1. Hardware Design
2. Software Design
3. Prototyping and Testing
4. Manufacturing

Schedule and Resources: ECET Department Resources

Milestone	2001			2002	Costs			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Labor	Material	Equipment	Total
Office Space	X	X	X				\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Hardware Design	X				\$40,800	\$605.35		\$ 41,405.35
Software	X				\$40,800			\$ 40,800.00
Prototyping & Testing		X	X		\$ 34,000.00	\$ 3,475.15		\$ 37,475.15
Manufacturing			X	X				\$4,044,666.67
Total					\$115,600.00	\$ 4,080.50		\$4,164,347.17

Milestone	Costs			
	Labor	Material	Equipment	Total
Office Space			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Hardware Design	\$40,800	\$605.35		\$ 41,405.35
Software	\$40,800			\$ 40,800.00
Prototyping & Testing	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 3,475.15		\$ 37,475.15
Manufacturing				\$ 4,044,666.67
Total	\$ 115,600.00	\$ 4,080.50		\$ 4,164,347.17

Hardware Job Sheet

Responsible Engineers: 1

Objective: Create and test Hardware Design of a Automatic Climate Control system.

- Milestones:
1. Parts Selection
 2. Control Panel
 3. Microprocessor Interface
 4. Troubleshooting

Schedule and Resources: ECET Department Resources

Milestone	2001			2002	Costs			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Labor	Material	Equipment	Total
Parts Selection	X				\$4,080.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,080.00
Control Panel	X				\$ 16,320.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,320.00
Microprocessor Interface	X				\$ 8,160.00	\$ -	\$605.35	\$ 8,765.35
Troubleshooting	X				\$ 12,240.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,240.00
Total					\$ 40,800.00	\$ -	\$ 605.35	\$ 41,405.35

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Software Coding and Testing Job Sheet

Responsible Engineers: 1

Objective: Create and test software of a Automatic Climate Control system.

Milestones:

1. LCD display driver
2. Sensor Reading
3. Communication
4. Readout and features
5. User Interface
6. Testing

Schedule and Resources: ECET Department Resources

Milestone	2001			2002	Costs			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Labor	Material	Equipment	Total
LCD display Driver	X				\$ 6,120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,120.00
Sensor Reading	X				\$ 2,040.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,040.00
Communication	X				\$ 8,160.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,160.00
Readout and Features	X				\$ 12,240.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,240.00
User Interface	X				\$ 4,080.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,080.00
Testing	X				\$ 8,160.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,160.00
Total					\$ 40,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,800.00

Prototype Job Sheet

Responsible Engineers: 1

Objective: Build prototype of a Automatic Climate Control system.

Milestones: 1. Construction
2. Testing
3. Debugging

Schedule and Resources: ECET Department Resources

Milestone	2001			2002	Costs			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Labor	Material	Equipment	Total
Construction		X	X		\$ 6,800.00	\$3,475.15	\$ -	\$ 10,275.15
Testing			X		\$ 27,200.00		\$ -	\$ 27,200.00
Debugging			X					
Total					\$ 34,000.00	\$ 3,475.15	\$ -	\$ 37,475.15

Parts List

Part	Quantity	Price/Unit	Price/1000	Extended Price/Unit	Extended Price/1000	Description
Sensors	4	\$2.39	\$0.72	\$9.56	\$2.88	Senses room temperature
Baffle Motor	4	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	Controls the damper position
EMAC Transformer	1	\$4.79	\$4.79	\$4.79	\$4.79	Powers EMAC board
Transformer	1	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	Converts 120VAC to 24VAC
LCD	1	\$67.34	\$36.78	\$67.34	\$36.78	Backlit display / user interface
Keyboard	1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	User input
Wall-Mount Housing	1	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	Enclosure for the user interface
EMAC	1	\$129.95	\$129.95	\$129.95	\$129.95	Microprocessor
Electrical enclosure	1	\$18.69	\$18.69	\$18.69	\$18.69	Transformer housing
Dampers	4	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	Controls the airflow through the duct work
H-Bridge	4	\$23.55	\$10.44	\$94.20	\$41.76	Switching power device to control motors
Total				\$695.03	\$605.35	

Additional Zone Parts List

Sensors	1	\$2.39	\$0.72	\$2.39	\$0.72	Senses room temperature
Baffle Motor	1	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	Controls the damper position
Dampers	1	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	Controls the airflow through the duct work
H-Bridge	1	\$23.55	\$10.44	\$23.55	\$10.44	Switching power device to control motors
Total				\$105.94	\$91.16	

Manufacturing Job Sheet

Responsible Engineers: 1

Objective: Build prototype of a Automatic Climate Control system.

Milestones:

1. Contract a manufacturer
2. Finalize production
3. Production of 5,200 units

Schedule and Resources: ECET Department Resources

(Calculations on following Cost Estimate)

- Total Materials Cost = \$605.35
- Total Direct Cost = \$672.61
- Manufacturing Vendor = \$269.04

Cost Estimate

- Total Direct Cost = Total Material Cost / 0.90 → adjusted for our project
- TDC = $\$605.35 / 0.90 = \672.61
- Manufacturing Cost = $(.40) * \text{Total Direct Cost}$
- MFC = $(0.40) * \$672.61 = \269.04
- Total Labor and Equipment Cost = $\$125,600$
- Cost / Unit = $\$125,600 / 5200 \text{ Units} = \24.15
- Cost Estimate = MFC + TLEC
- $\$269.04 + \$24.15 = \$293.19$

Conclusion

There are several benefits of the Home Climate Control System including: comfort, convenience, conservation, and common sense. This combination makes for a great heating and cooling option for many people.