

Arduino Nano Code for HVAC Protection Circuit

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File: ArduinoHVACController.ino, inside subdirectory ArduinoHVACController
(Per Arduino integrated development environment requirements)

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////////////////LIBRARIES TO INCLUDE////////////////
// include the library for the Liquid Crystal display
#include <LiquidCrystal.h> // standard lib for liquid crystal
#include <Arduino.h>       // basic Arduino functions
#include <avr/wdt.h>        // Allows us to have a watchdog timer

////////////////ARDUINO OUTPUTS//actual board////////////////
#define HVACPOWERED  6 // D6 shows when circuit is up and allows power to HVAC
                        // send HIGH to LED & resistor;
#define DELAYOUTPUT  7 // D7 shows during the time that delay is active
                        // sends HIGH to LED and resistor;
#define NANOLED      13// D13 is onboard LED
#define ACPWRINPUT   A0 // A0 allows reading isolated AC power input
#define DELAYCONTROL A1 // A1 allows reading delay request during SETUP
#define RELAYOUTPUT  5 // Goes to Solid State Relay to control AC
#define DELAYTIME    100 // use 1500 for 3 minutes
#define ERRORBOUND   20 // error bound on change in 4 measurements

////////////////STATES////////////////

#define ACGONE       0
#define ACGOOD       1

/*****LOGIC*****/
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SETUP
Setup turns off the transmitter power by setting ALC to approx -4 VDC
Setup turns off the ON light
Setup turns off the DELAY light

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//////////////////STRUCTURES & VARIABLES ////////////////////
unsigned long  current_milliseconds;    // the current number of milliseconds since SEND output
int           delay_count;              // the desired delay in terms of count
                                           // approx 500 counts / minute
int           lockoutcounter=DELAYTIME; // downcounter checking power good
int           refvoltage[200];          // reference voltages
int           normalpeakreading;
int           normalaveragereading;
int           failuremode; // track how it glitched
                           // 1 = low average 1/4 cycle
                           // 2 = low average, 1/2 cycle
                           // 3 = high average, 1/2 cycle
                           // 4=  low peak voltage, 1/2 cycle
                           // 5 = high peak voltage, 1/2 cycle
                           // "cycle" = 16msec, full 60 hz cycle. We are using fullwave rectified
                           // so we get 120Hz ripple --> we check 8 msec equivalent to half cycle
                           // of original AC

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LiquidCrystal lcd(8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13); // The GLG board -- sequencer, rotator controller, arduino
winkeyer etc

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////////////////// SET UP ROUTINE (EXECUTED ONCE ON STARTUP) ////////////////////

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void setup() {
  int i; // general purpose counter
  int j; // another

  pinMode(RELAYOUTPUT, INPUT); // Don't allow this any ability to write until needed!
  pinMode(ACPWRINPUT, INPUT);
  pinMode(HVACPOWERED, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(DELAYOUTPUT, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(NANOLED, OUTPUT);    // onboard LED

  analogReference(DEFAULT); // sets 5V as the top of reference

  //digitalWrite(RELAYOUTPUT, LOW); // turn OFF the relay output to de-energize the relay
  digitalWrite(HVACPOWERED,LOW); // turn off that LED
  digitalWrite(DELAYOUTPUT,HIGH); // turn ON the delay LED
  digitalWrite(NANOLED,HIGH);    // turn ON the Nano LED

  cli();
  wdt_reset();
  /*
  WDTCSR configuration:
  WDIE = 1: Interrupt Enable
  WDE = 1 :Reset Enable
  See table for time-out variations:
  WDP3 = 0 :For 1000ms Time-out
  WDP2 = 1 :For 1000ms Time-out
  WDP1 = 1 :For 1000ms Time-out
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WDP0 = 0 :For 1000ms Time-out
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// Enter Watchdog Configuration mode:
WDTCSR |= (1 << WDCE) | (1 << WDE);
// Set Watchdog settings:
WDTCSR = (1 << WDIE) | (1 << WDE) | (0 << WDP3) | (1 << WDP2) | (1 << WDP1) | (1 <<
WDP0);
// trying to set it for 2 seconds
sei(); // R-enable the interrupts

//Serial.begin(115200); // this sets up the USB to give us diagnostic info
// at baud rate 115200 (fast)

lcd.begin(16, 2); // initialize the lcd display


lcd.setCursor(0,1); // set cursor to 0th column, 1st row (2nd line on ours)
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,1);

lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,0);
lcd.print(F("HVAC Protection"));
MyDelay(2000);
lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,0);
lcd.print(F("KX4Z Sequencer"));
MyDelay(2000); // Delay so this can be READ
wdt_reset();
lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,0);
lcd.print(F("Version 0.1"));
MyDelay(2000); // Delay so this can be READ
wdt_reset();
lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,0);
lcd.print(F("Setup ACdetect"));
MyDelay(100); // Delay so this can be READ

// Approximately 80 measurements is one period (for 120Hz ripple)
for(i=0;i<200;i++){
  refvoltage[i] = analogRead(ACPWINPUT);
}

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wdt_reset();
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for(i=0; i<10; i++) {  
    normalpeakreading = 0;  
    normalaveragereading = 0;  
  
    for(j=i*8; j<(i*8)+75; j++){  
        if(refvoltage[reading[j]] > normalpeakreading) normalpeakreading= refvoltage[reading[j];  
        normalaveragereading = normalaveragereading + refvoltage[reading[j];  
    }  
    normalaveragereading = normalaveragereading/75;  
    wdt_reset();  
    lcd.setCursor(0,0);  
    Lcd_Clear_Line();  
    lcd.setCursor(0,0);  
    lcd.print(F("Avg:"));  
    lcd.setCursor(5,0);  
    lcd.print(i);  
    lcd.setCursor(10,0);  
    lcd.print(normalaveragereading);  
    lcd.setCursor(0,1);  
    Lcd_Clear_Line();  
    lcd.setCursor(0,1);  
    lcd.print(F("Pk:"));  
    lcd.setCursor(6,1);  
    lcd.print(normalpeakreading);  
    wdt_reset();  
    MyDelay(1000);  
    wdt_reset();  
}
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/*  
for(i=0; i<200;i++){  
    lcd.setCursor(0,0);    // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row  
    Lcd_Clear_Line();  
    lcd.setCursor(0,0);  
    lcd.print(F("V:"));  
    lcd.setCursor(4,0);  
    lcd.print(i);  
    lcd.setCursor(9,0);  
    lcd.print(refvoltage[reading[i]);  
    wdt_reset();  
    MyDelay(100);  
    wdt_reset();  
}  
*/
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// Need to turn off all the current systems and measure the offset voltages...
//Serial.print("PowerLevel: ");
//Serial.println(analogRead(A0));
/*
lcd.setCursor(0,1);
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,1);
sprintf(buffer,"Send: ");
lcd.print(buffer);
lcd.print(analogRead(A0) );
*/

wdt_reset();
// Read the analog delay control to set up the lockoutcounter
    // 1 min approx equal 500 counts

delay_count = 100 + analogRead(DELAYCONTROL) * 4;
lockoutcounter = delay_count;

digitalWrite(NANOLED, LOW); // turn OFF LED until
while(lockoutcounter>0) {
    //MyDelay(100); // wait 100 msec
    wdt_reset();

    if(PowerCheck()==1){
        lockoutcounter--;
        digitalWrite(NANOLED, HIGH); // we found power
        lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
        Lcd_Clear_Line();
        lcd.setCursor(0,0);
        lcd.print(F("SETUP:AC!"));
        lcd.setCursor(11,0);
        lcd.print(delay_count);
        lcd.setCursor(0,1); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
        Lcd_Clear_Line();
        lcd.setCursor(0,1);
        lcd.print(lockoutcounter);
        lcd.setCursor(8,1);
        lcd.print(F("HVAC OFF"));
        wdt_reset();
    }
    else {
        lockoutcounter=delay_count;
        digitalWrite(NANOLED,LOW); // no power
        lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
        Lcd_Clear_Line();
        lcd.setCursor(0,0);
        lcd.print(F("No AC"));
    }
}

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    lcd.setCursor(11,0);
    lcd.print(delay_count);
    lcd.setCursor(0,1);    // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
    Lcd_Clear_Line();
    lcd.setCursor(0,1);
    lcd.print(lockoutcounter);
    wdt_reset();
}
} // end of lockout counter loop

// If we got here, we had 1 minutes of constant good power!
lcd.setCursor(0,0);    // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,0);
lcd.print(F("SetupGood"));
wdt_reset();
MyDelay(500);    // Delay so this can be READ
wdt_reset();
pinMode(RELAYOUTPUT, OUTPUT); // Now we need to use it!
digitalWrite(RELAYOUTPUT, HIGH); // turn ON power to the HVAC
digitalWrite(HVACPOWERED,HIGH); // turn off that LED
digitalWrite(DELAYOUTPUT,LOW); // turn OFF the delay LED
digitalWrite(NANOLED, HIGH); // indicate good setup
lcd.setCursor(0,0);    // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,0);

} //end of SETUP

//////////////////////READ Power LEVEL//////////////////////////////////////
int PowerCheck() {
int i, n, powertop, powerbottom, powerreading;
powertop = 0; // initialize as not present
powerbottom= 0; // initialize as not present
int reading[80]; // readings of voltage in 0-1023

int average=0;
int peak=0;

for(i=0;i<75;i++){
    reading[i] = analogRead(ACPWRINPUT);
    if (reading[i] > peak) peak = reading[i];
    average = average + reading[i];
    if(i==30) {
        if(average<1500) {    // really LOW LOW VOLTAGE!!
            failuremode = 1; // low average 1/4 cycle through
            return(0);
        }
    }
}

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    } // end of check for low voltage halfway through half cycle
  } // end of 75 reading loop
average = average/75;
wdt_reset();
// C R I T E R I A //////////////////////////////////////
// Set 6% limits on peak voltage = 24 up, 24 down
// Set 6% limits on average voltage = 14 up, 14 down
// note earlier check on absence of voltage for significant portion....

if (average < 236) {
  failuremode= 2;
  return (0); // Originally 240
}
if (average > 270){
  failuremode= 3;
  return (0); // Originally 265
}
if (peak<376){
  failuremode =4;
  return(0); // originally 390 (very tight!)
}
if (peak>434){
  failuremode=5;
  return(0); // originally 410 (very tight!)
}
// if it didn't fail, then it passed!!
return(1);

} // end of PowerCheck routine

//////////////////////////////////READ DELAY SETTING//////////////////////////////////
void readdelaysetting() {
  // read the 0-5V setting of the delay setting potentiometer
  //int delayinputsetting;

  //delayinputsetting = analogRead(DELAYINPUT); // reads 0-1023 for 0-250 mSec delay
  //delay_milliseconds = delayinputsetting/4 ; // int from 0 to about 250
  return;
}

//////////////////////////////////LOOP ROUTINE //////////////////////////////////////
// Meat of the program: executed over and over again
void loop() {
  char buffer[20];
  // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
  // Turn on Power to HVAC

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pinMode(RELAYOUTPUT, OUTPUT);
digitalWrite(RELAYOUTPUT, HIGH); // turn ON Solid State Relay
digitalWrite(HVACPOWERED,HIGH); // turn off that LED
digitalWrite(DELAYOUTPUT,LOW); // turn OFF the delay LED
digitalWrite(NANOLED, HIGH); // turn ON the Nano LED
lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
//Lcd_Clear_Line();
// lcd.setCursor(0,0);
lcd.print(F("PowerGood "));
wdt_reset();
lcd.setCursor(8,1); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
lcd.print(F("HVAC ON "));
wdt_reset();

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wdt_reset(); // Reset the watchdog timer -- it it doesn't get reset within 2 seconds,
// it will restart the software

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if(PowerCheck()==1) {
//lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
//Lcd_Clear_Line();
//lcd.setCursor(0,0);
//lcd.print(F("PowerGood"));
wdt_reset();
}

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else {
// Detected a power failure!
// Quickly turn everything off and start counting down good power
// Circuit likely to die and go through startup again...
digitalWrite(RELAYOUTPUT,LOW); // turn OFF the relay output to de-energize the relay
MyDelay(2); // time to turn it off
pinMode(RELAYOUTPUT, INPUT); // now make it impossible to turn back on!
// Hoping this will stop microprocessor dying mistakes....
digitalWrite(HVACPOWERED,LOW); // turn off that LED
digitalWrite(DELAYOUTPUT,HIGH); // turn ON the delay LED
digitalWrite(NANOLED, LOW) ; // indicate power loss detected
lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(0,0);
lcd.print(F("PwrGlitch"));
lcd.setCursor (11,0);
lcd.print(failuremode); // print the first failure detected
lcd.setCursor(0,1);
Lcd_Clear_Line();
lcd.setCursor(8,1);
lcd.print(F("HVAC OFF"));
wdt_reset();
}

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lockoutcounter = delay_count; // reset the lockout counter
while(lockoutcounter>0) {
//   MyDelay(100); // wait 100 msec
    wdt_reset();

    if(PowerCheck()==1){
        lockoutcounter--;
        digitalWrite(NANOLED, HIGH); // we found power
        // lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
        // Lcd_Clear_Line();
        // lcd.setCursor(0,0);
        // lcd.print(F("AC Found"));
        lcd.setCursor(0,1); // set the cursor at 0th column, 1th row
        // Lcd_Clear_Line();
        lcd.setCursor(0,1);
        lcd.print(lockoutcounter);
        wdt_reset();
    }
    else {
        lockoutcounter=delay_count;
        digitalWrite(NANOLED,LOW); // no power
        lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
        Lcd_Clear_Line();
        lcd.setCursor(0,0);
        lcd.print(F("PwrGlitch"));
        lcd.setCursor(11,0);
        lcd.print(failuremode); // show how it failed
        lcd.setCursor(0,1); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
        Lcd_Clear_Line();
        lcd.setCursor(0,1);
        lcd.print(lockoutcounter);

        lcd.setCursor(8,1);
        lcd.print(F("HVAC OFF"));
        wdt_reset();

    } // end of ELSE

} // END OF while

} // eLSE
// If we get here, power was good and OK to turn it back on,
// Which will occur on the next LOOP

} // END OF LOOP

//////////supporting subroutines //////////

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//////////////////////////////////CLEAR LINE////////////////////////////////////
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void Lcd_Clear_Line()
{
    lcd.print(F("          ")); // should be exactly 16 spaces
}
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//////////////////////////////////PRINT TO THE SCREEN //////////////////////////////////
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void lcd_display(char *s1,char *s2, int dtime)
{
    // dtime= milliseconds to delay
    lcd.setCursor(0,0); // set the cursor at 0th column, 0th row
    // make sure the strings are null terminated after the 16th character. 1st char = *s1
    *(s1+15) = 0;
    *(s2+15) = 0;
    lcd.print(s1);
    lcd.setCursor(0,1); // set cursor to 0th column, 1st row (2nd line on ours)
    lcd.print(s2);
    // call the delay function, while handling the watchdog
    wdt_reset(); // Reset the watchdog timer -- it it doesn't get reset within 2 seconds,
                // it will restart the software
    MyDelay(dtime);
    wdt_reset(); // Reset the watchdog timer -- it it doesn't get reset within 2 seconds,
                // it will restart the software
}
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//////////////////////////////////MICROSECOND DELAY NON BLOCKING //////////////////////////////////
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void MyMicroSecondsDelay(int udelay)
{
    int microseconds;
    unsigned long current_microseconds, next_microseconds;

    current_microseconds = micros();
    next_microseconds = current_microseconds + (unsigned long) udelay;
    while(micros()<next_microseconds);
    return;
}
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//////////////////////////////////MILLISECOND DELAY NON BLOCKING////////////////////////////////
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void MyDelay(int msec)
{
    unsigned long local_current_milliseconds, next_milliseconds, intermediate_milliseconds;
    int x;
    int thousands;
    wdt_reset();
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local_current_milliseconds = millis();
next_milliseconds = local_current_milliseconds + (unsigned long) msec;
thousands = msec/1000;          // integer division
if(thousands>=1) {
    for(x=1;x<= thousands; x++){
        intermediate_milliseconds = local_current_milliseconds + (unsigned long) (x*1000);
        while (millis() < intermediate_milliseconds);
        wdt_reset();
    }
}
// now finish out the remainder, which should be less than 1000 milliseconds
while (millis()<next_milliseconds);
wdt_reset();
return;
}

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