Dual-Mode LCD Character Entry System

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GND (ground)

VCC (5 volts) contrast pin)

VO (display contrast)

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RS (register select)

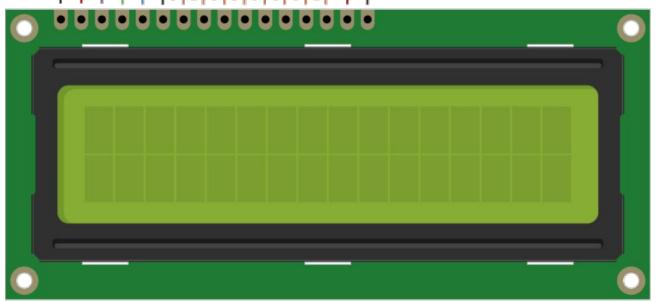
RS (readlwrite)

| RW (readle)

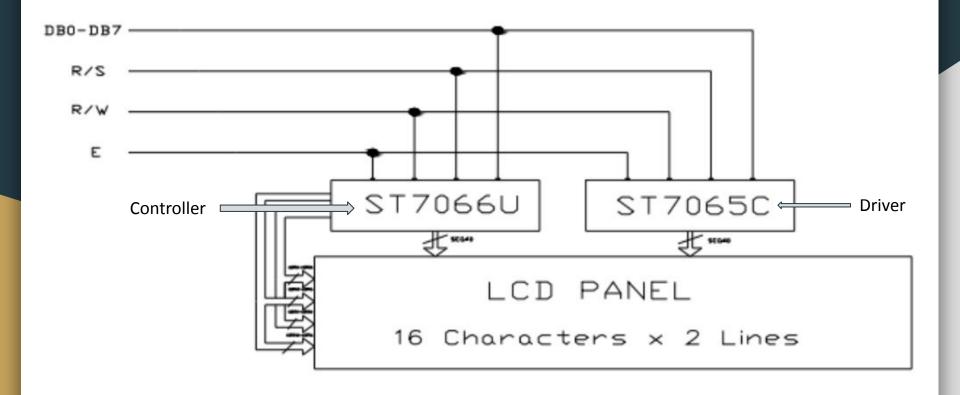
| D0-D7 (data pins) A (anode)

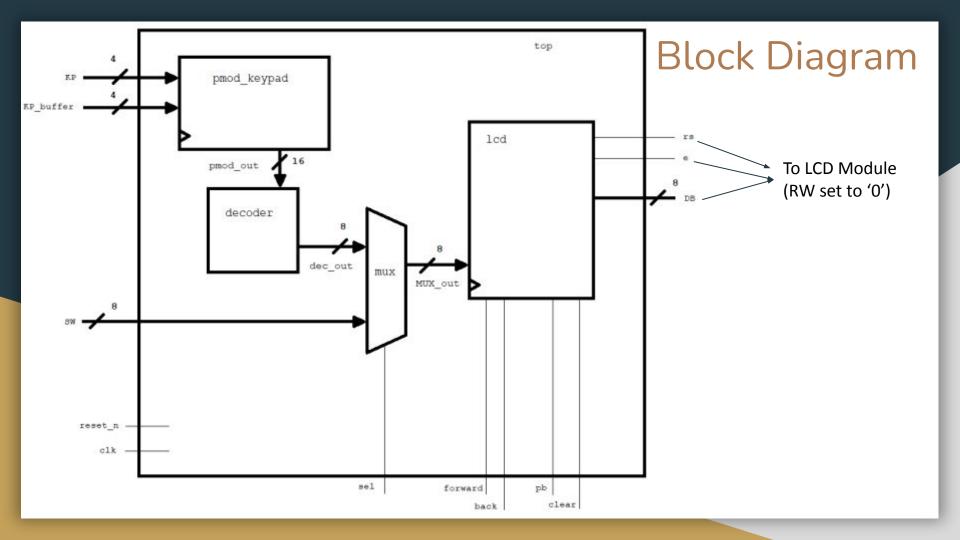
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | K (cathode)

The Overview

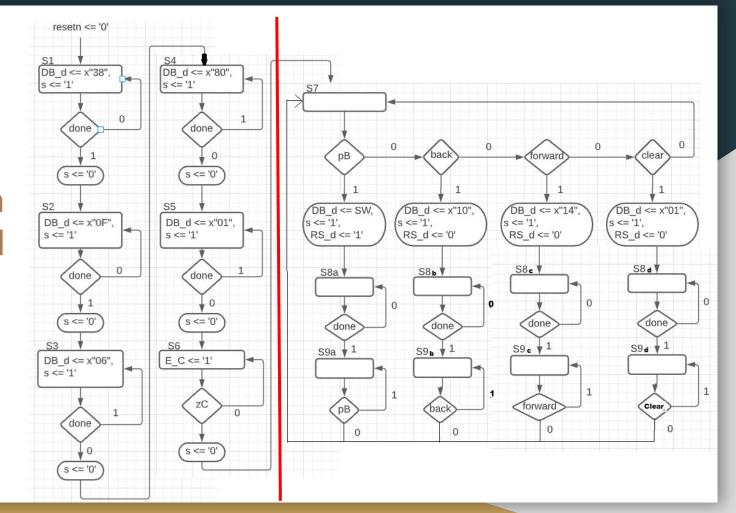


Inner Workings of the 1602 LCD Module





The Initialization Process and State Machine



Writing Data

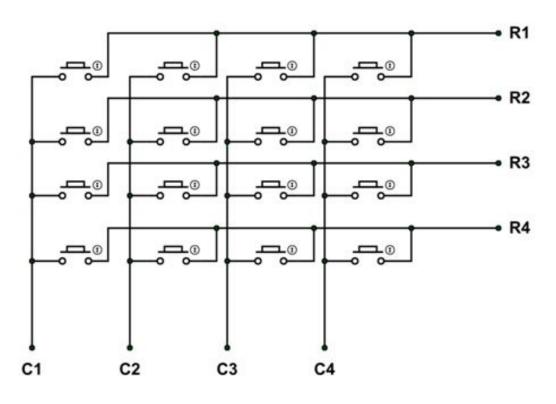
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Instruction Table:

				Inst	ructi	on (ode		Description Time (270KHz)			
Instruction	RS	R/W	DB7	DB6 DB		DB4	DB3 DB2				DB1 DB0	
Clear Display	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Write "20H" to DDRAM. and set DDRAM address to "00H" from AC	1.52 ms
Return Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	х	Set DDRAM address to "00H" from AC and return cursor to its original position if shifted. The contents of DDRAM are not changed.	1.52 ms
Entry Mode Set	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	I/D	s	Sets cursor move direction and specifies display shift. These operations are performed during data write and read.	37 us
Display ON/OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	D	С	В	D=1:entire display on C=1:cursor on B=1:cursor position on	37 us
Cursor or Display Shift	0	0	0	0	0	1	S/C	R/L	х	х	Set cursor moving and display shift control bit, and the direction, without changing DDRAM data.	37 us
Function Set	0	0	0	0	1	DL	N	F	х	x	DL:interface data is 8/4 bits N:number of line is 2/1 F:font size is 5x11/5x8	37 us
Set CGRAM address	0	0	0	1	AC5	AC4	AC3	AC2	AC1	ACC	Set CGRAM address in address counter	37 us
Set DDRAM address	0	0	1	AC6	AC5	AC4	AC3	AC2	AC1	ACC	address counter	37 us
Read Busy flag and address	0	1	BF	AC6	AC5	AC4	AC3	AC2	AC1	ACC	Whether during internal operation or not can be known by reading BF. The contents of address counte can also be read.	0 us
Write data to RAM	1	0	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	Write data into internal RAM (DDRAM/CGRAM)	37 us
Read data from RAM	1	1	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	Read data from internal RAM (DDRAM/CGRAM)	37 us

The Keypad





And Now, a Demonstration...

