# Voice Activated Remote Control System **Post Mortem**

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The VoiceIR is a voice-activated remote control system. This product allows those physically disabled to enjoy the convenience of remote controls. The versatility and simplicity of this product is unique among current solutions.

The post-mortem report reviews the composition of the product and traces over the technical issues faced in developing each aspect of the product. The solutions to each technical issue are presented and its impact on the product development. It also provides a design of our finished product, with emphasis on the aspects that are different from the original design specifications.

As a reflection on the prototype, this report also presents the final cost of the product, estimated production cost, and an actual timeline. Team dynamics and project organization are discussed as well as a plan for future development provided.



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### **1 Introduction**

The VoiceIR is a voice activated remote control system. This product allows disabled individuals to enjoy the convenience of remote controls through trainable voice commands. The user is able to control any device that uses infrared (IR) remotes simply by talking into a wireless microphone. Through the versatility of the design, the user is able to control devices located anywhere in the house.

### 1.1 Scope

This document describes the technical problems encountered in development of a workable prototype, and details the solutions that we used to surpass these issues.

The post-mortem report also provides some design depictions, especially those sections that have changed or have been added to the original design specifications. In the earlier written design specifications, we presented a theoretical design of our product, with our chosen components and our understanding to the best of our knowledge at that time. The post-mortem provides a detailed design of the actual finished prototype, including the modifications made to accommodate technical issues and improvements made from our increased technical knowledge of the components included in our project. In terms of cost, there is a cost analysis, describing the final costs to the product, and the estimated production cost.

As part of the reflection on the finished project, team dynamics and project organization are discussed. To improve the project, future work to be done is presented as well.

#### 1.2 Acronyms



### 1.3 Intended Audience

This document is intended for project management to evaluate the progress of the product team after the 13 week prototype-development stage. It also provides a way to help



measure the success of the project team, as well as make decisions regarding the future of the project.

### **2 System Overview**

A system overview of the VoiceIR product is presented in Figure 2.1. This figure shows a user engaging the VoiceIR system to control various devices with voice commands. The purpose of this overview is to allow the reader to gain familiarity with the organization of functionality of the product.

The VoiceIR system consists of three modules. The user first needs to train the VoiceIR system at the central control unit (CCU). The CCU will store the user's voice and the corresponding remote control signals. After initial training, the user simply speaks commands into the wireless microphone in order to control target devices. The wireless microphone sends the voice commands to the central control unit for processing. The CCU interprets the voice signal and looks up the appropriate IR signal. A command signal is sent to the IR Module. The IR Module receives the signals and transmits the appropriate IR signal to target devices. To control numerous devices, the user may place multiple IR Modules in different locations in front of each target device.



**Figure 2.1: System Overview**



### **3 Wireless Microphone**

Originally, we had planned to use a wireless microphone FM transmitter that one of our group members had made in high school and use a pocket radio as a FM receiver. However, we had a lot of problems with this combination. We were unable to get stable tuning from our inexpensive pocket radio since the tuning knob on the radio was not very consistent. The inaccurate tuning meant that the voice signal out of the FM receiver had too much static for the voice recognition chip. As an attempted solution, we purchased a hobby FM receiver kit that we hoped would be more stable for tuning. This receiver kit used a variable inductor for tuning and we were unable to get a consistent frequency between the wireless microphone and the FM receiver.

A commercial wireless microphone transmitter and receiver set would cost too much and the voice quality it provides is not required for our product. We eventually settled on a pair of FRS radios, which can be tuned to a specific channel. The voice quality was sufficient for our voice recognition chip.

### **4 Central Control Unit**

The central control unit is the main component of the product. The following sections discuss the technical issues encountered while developing this component, as well as some details about design changes.

### 4.1 Technical Issues

#### **4.1.1 VoiceDirect Interface**

The VoiceDirect does not provide as many status pins as we had originally anticipated to allow the HC11 to display complete status messages from the VoiceDirect to the LCD. For example, the VoiceDirect has only one error pin, which does not reveal information as to what type of error occurred. The VoiceDirect, however, does have a speaker through which it delivers messages to the user, though it cannot be readily interfaced with the HC11. The VoiceDirect also lacks pins to tell the user how many words are currently stored in memory.

We decided to make use of the speaker that came with the VoiceDirect to convey messages to the user, as this will save valuable memory space on the HC11 by eliminating the need to process messages and displaying it on the LCD.

The number of words recorded is tabulated by the HC11. This is important because the HC11 needs to associate a word with a signal sequence. The HC11 also needs to know when to inactivate the voice train sequence when 14 words have been trained.



As we were checking for possible error status for VoiceDirect, we noticed that the "training complete" audio message indicates an error. This error occurs in several situations. One situation is when the user keeps silent when VoiceDirect asks the user to say a word. When this error occurs, an error pin is toggled and the voice train process is aborted. Compared to all other error types, this "training complete" error does the voice train process only once and does not asks the user to repeat like all other error situations. This "training complete" error also occurs when all 15 words have been programmed onto VoiceDirect. In this case, the error does not indicate that word training failed, but it indicates that word train has succeeded and all 15 words have been used. From this example, we cannot distinguish whether a word has been successfully trained based on one error pin.

Based on our observation of the error situations, the only solution other than reading in the speaker feedback of VoiceDirect is to check the error pin for a set amount of time and decide that a word has been successfully obtained if the error pin does not get pulled high. We experimentally determined a length of time where if an error is to occur, it must occur within that time. We then used that measured time and incorporated it in the HC11 program. If an error is received within that time, then we ask the user to repeat training. If no error is detected, then we determine the training to be successful.

#### **4.1.2 Infrared Signals**

We were unable to fully characterize infrared signals until we could get our infrared transceiver working, which was accomplished after the design specifications had been written. The infrared signals turned out to be more complicated than we had anticipated. The figure below shows a typical infrared sequence.



**Figure 4.1: Infrared Signal (Unfiltered and Filtered)**



The top signal in the figure above is an unfiltered IR signal. The signal can be interpreted as a digital signal, modulated onto a carrier. The frequency of the carrier is between 30 and 40 kHz. The precise carrier frequency is not critical to the operation transmitting an infrared signal. To save memory, we only need to store the outer envelope of the infrared signal. A filter was designed to extract the envelope. The design synopsis of this module describes the functionality of the filter. The lower signal in Figure 4.1 shows the filtered output.

The HC11 is able to toggle a pin at the required frequency of approximately 35 kHz. Our choice of RF transmitters/receivers can only transmit at 5000 bps, which is less than 35 kHz. Only the envelope of the IR signal is sent to the IR Modules, and the modulation is redone there. The details are presented in the design of the IR Module.

Another complication arose from the different timing of IR signals from different brand of remote controls. We originally thought there was a constant minimum signal length. We had to program logic into the HC11 to detect the different timing before an IR signal can be sampled.

### **4.1.3 RF Chips**

We spent a lot of time trying to get our RF chips to work. The chips are designed to be surface mounted. We soldered leads on the chips and plugged it into a breadboard, but were unable to get it to transmit. It was very difficult to debug the RF chips with their limited amount of pins. We were concerned with stray capacitance and moved the circuit onto a perforated board. We also tried using ground-planes and better antennas to attempt to get the chip to work. In the end, we discovered that during the soldering process, we must have applied heat too long and burned out the chips.

### 4.2 Design Synopsis

This section describes the design of the Central Control Unit as evident in our prototype, with emphasis on the aspects that are different from our original design specification.

The central component in this module is the HC11 microcontroller. It controls the interfacing between all components within the CCU and the menu system that the user interacts with to train the device. The complete source code for the HC11 can be found in Appendix 1.

#### **4.2.1 Voice Chip Interface**

The VoiceDirect is connected to the HC11 via its four buttons and the error status pin, as well as its 8 output pins. The 8 output pins are passed through an encoder to reduce the number of pins that it uses on the HC11 ports. Although the HC11 chip has enough pins for direct connection, we observed that these 8 pins can easily be encoded to a 4-bit



number. This saves valuable memory space from being used to get data from port pins and convert them to a 4-bit number, which will then be used to match the proper IR sequence.

To control the voice chip, HC11 needs to simulate button pushes. We noticed that the button pins connected to the voice chip are active low, therefore we needed to pull the pins to 0 V. However, by configuring HC11 pins to output pins, problem arose because the internal circuitry in the voice chip drives a pin to high. This creates the situation of connecting two outputs together.

The solution to properly simulate button pushes is to configure the HC11 pins to input by default. Whenever there is a need to simulate button pushes, we then reconfigure pins to output only for a short period of time  $\left(\sim 200 \text{ms}\right)$ . After triggering the 0V status, we then reset the pins back to input only and let the voice chip pull up the voltages by itself.

#### **4.2.2 Filter Design**

The purpose of the filter is to extract the envelope of the IR signal. In order to filter out the carrier frequency (30~40 kHz) from the baseband (at a maximum of 800 Hz) we had to first low-pass filter the signal, then use a comparator to reconstruct the shape of the digital pulses.

The filter stage consists of a non-inverting amplifier and a low pass filter. The cutoff frequency of the filter is set at 1kHz. An amplifier is used to amplify the signal to offset the attenuation by the filter so that there is a bigger margin of error for setting the threshold voltage of the comparator. At the comparator side, the threshold voltage is set to achieve the highest duty cycle in order to most accurately reproduce the IR pulses. The comparator also acts as a DC shifter, shifting the 10.5 V output of the filter down to 5 V with 0 V corresponding to an IR pulse. The circuit diagram of the filter can be found in Appendix 2.

#### **4.2.3 IR Signal Storage**

We need to have the IR signal stored in memory maintained when the Central Control Unit is unplugged. We originally wanted to use a backup battery to keep the IR signals stored in RAM intact, but have since implemented a better solution.

During IR training, the sequence will initially be stored in RAM, and then copied over into the EEPROM. The IR sequence is permanently stored in EEPROM and would not erase when the unit is unplugged. The overhead associated with moving the signal from RAM into EEPROM is approximately 300 ms.

#### **4.2.4 Power Supply**



In order to supply the appropriate voltages to each device in the Central Control Unit, we used LM317 adjustable voltage regulators. In our design specifications, we had resistive voltage dividers, but this does not maintain steady voltages with fluctuations in the power supply. We used one voltage regulator for each device and powered all the voltage regulators with a 12 V AC adaptor.

Appendix 3 provides detail of the how the voltage regulator works, including the relationship for estimating output voltage.

### **5 IR Module**

The IR Module is placed in front of the device the user wishes to control. It accepts incoming signals from the Central Control Unit and modifies it to be an output for IR transmitting.

The figure below gives an overview of the IR Module.



**Figure 5.1: IR Module Overview**

The next sections discuss the technical issues faced in developing this module and some design details.

### 5.1 Technical Issues

#### **5.1.1 IR Complications**

As stated in Section 4.1.2, the IR signal is more complicated than we had originally thought. The RF transmitter/receiver pair is unable to transmit the carrier of the IR signal, because of the limited transmission rate of the RF pair.

However, the carrier frequency is not critical, as long as it is between 30 and 40 kHz. We recreated the carrier at the IR Module and modulated it with the envelope of the IR signal to create the required signal to drive the IR transmitter. Originally, we planned to use a



PIC micro-controller to module the signal. After some development with the chip, we thought of a simple solution using an oscillator circuit and some logic gates.

### 5.2 Design Synopsis

#### **5.2.1 Oscillator Circuit**

A timer circuit is used to create oscillation at approximately 37 kHz. This circuit adds oscillation to the incoming RF signal to re-create the entire IR signal.

#### **5.2.2 Entire Module**

A detailed circuit diagram of the IR Module can be found in Appendix 4.

The oscillation from the oscillator circuit is modulated with the digital RF signal through a logic gate, and the corresponding output is used to drive the IR transmitter. Because the carrier frequency does not have to be precise, we are able to use the same carrier circuit for any IR signal.

### **6 Individual Contributions**

The section below lists the contributions made by each person to the project.

### 6.1 Alex Cheng

Alex was first responsible in investigating the capabilities of several microcontrollers. Upon picking the Motorola 68HC11 series, he then took charge of the program design of the HC11 coding. He was also an important contributor in determining the functional and design aspects of the VoiceIR.

The functional modules of the assembly code include LCD control, button control, IR capture, VoiceDirect control, IR match, RF send, EEPROM erasure and IR storage. To accomplish the tasks within a limited EEPROM space, he also needed to find references on special techniques in capturing signals and determining pulse widths.

As other members complete their necessary parts for the final product, he then incrementally tested and interfaced each component and made sure they work as designed. When all components were interfaced, he did most of the software testing and debugging.



Gary was in charge of handling all financial aspects of the project team, which including keeping track of spending and purchasing parts. His initial task was to assemble and research the voice recognition module, the VoiceDirect 364. Gary's knowledge of filters and op-amp circuits were extremely helpful in designing the IR filter. As well, Gary helped with all the hardware interfacing, as he was very knowledgeable about interfacing issues.

Gary also had the role of the devil's advocate and offered suggestions and criticism of most group decisions. This is done through keeping an objective view as well as offering constructive criticism.

At the end of the project, Gary did the final editing of the presentation.

### 6.3 Jeff Liu

Jeff was initially responsible for the RF chips, soldering and testing the chips. He then worked on the LCD, including writing the HC11 code for controlling the LCD as well as interfacing the LCD with the HC11. He assisted Gary in implementing the IR filter and investigated voice-activation on the FRS.

Jeff also investigated and implemented the encoder circuit used in the interfacing between the voice chip's status lines and the HC11.

Near the end of the project, Jeff spent many hours on cleaning up all the circuits and arranging the Central Control Unit to its final form.

### 6.4 Roger Lum

Roger was the group leader and was in charged of creating timelines and assigning intermediate tasks. He also helped with all purchasing decisions and spent some time helping to characterize IR signals. He also worked on the PIC chip programming, which was later abandoned, and designed and made the IR Modules. This involved researching and creating the oscillator circuit.

### 6.5 Jason Wang

Initially, Jason was assigned to the task of developing a wireless microphone system. He researched possible solutions and tried initially to incorporate his high-school wireless microphone project. He was responsible for purchasing FM receivers and trying to use them as a receiver for the wireless microphone. In the end, the FRS solution was used instead of FM receivers because of the sound quality.



Jason also had extensive soldering experience and provided continuous soldering and assembly support for many parts and devices, including the IR transceiver and the RF chips. He also was instrumental in debugging and finally getting the RF circuits to work.

Jason also worked on constructing the voltage regulator circuits used to power different components in the CCU from a single AC adapter. He also performed the first examinations and assisted in characterizing IR remote signals.

Jason also worked on the PIC chip programming, which was later abandoned. Subsequently he participated in the PIC chip's alternative.

 At the end of the project, Jason helped create the presentation slide shows and make the casing for the Central Control Unit.

### 6.6 Colin Ng

Colin's initial research focused on infrared transceivers. He built the supporting circuitry so the IR transceivers were able to receive and transmit IR signals. He was responsible for attempting to acquire sample components of all the parts.

Colin also worked on the voltage regulator circuits used to power different components in the CCU from a single AC adapter. He also assisted in a lot of the soldering.

At the end of the project, Colin was involved in developing and creating the presentations for the group presentation. In addition, Colin also aided in the design and creation of the prototype cases.

### **7 Group Dynamics and Structure**

Our group functioned as a team of equal individuals, with one group leader to help make final decisions in case of disputes. The group leader determined the timeline and helped establish milestones with input from the entire group.

Besides a defined team leader, we also appointed a team recorder and a devil's advocate. The team recorder was instrumental in keeping track of all our decisions and providing minute meetings. The devil's advocate helped to rationalize our decisions and forced consideration of other alternatives. All decisions were made after a brief discussion and each group member had the opportunity to voice their opinion. However, for sake of not being bogged down by the decision-making process, the group leader has the final say even if there is not total group consent. Once a decision had been made, everyone accepts the decision.

With a larger group, there are always inherent difficulties with communication and keeping everybody satisfied. We kept regular minute meetings and continuously re-



defined the tasks that needed to be accomplished so everybody has clear idea of what needs to be done.

There were not any major group dynamic problems, except some minor issues near the end of the project when everyone was stressed and short-tempered. Overall, the group worked very well and the slight hierarchy in the group helped to keep the group working without any major stalls.

### **8 Project Organization**

The project was split into multiple stages. As a group, we came up with a rough idea of how the product would work. We each researched a different technical aspect of the project and what kinds of components were required to accomplish each aspect.

Based on the individual research, we ordered the main components in our product. Each group member was in charge of a different component and did further research into how to interface the component and the major performance characteristics of the component.

All of the hardware development was done in parallel. Each person worked to get their individual component working with the appropriate supporting circuit and mounting it on perforated boards or soldering it to interface with a breadboard. We assigned one person to work on the HC11 software, which was continuously developed throughout the project timeline.

We started interfacing components as early as possible. Interfacing components created many issues and in the process, we discovered some issues which we had not foreseen, such as the complications involved with IR signals.

The figure below shows a time chart of the actual time spent on each component.



Table 9.1 below outlines our expected material cost for the prototype as well as the actual cost of the materials needed to build the prototype. The expected costs are taken from our Wighton Fund application, since the budget proposed in the proposal was submitted without the slightest idea of what was required.



**Table 9.1: Prototype Cost**



We spent more than the estimated cost to build the prototype mainly because we predicted our miscellaneous costs incorrectly. We overlooked, as well as underestimated the cost for, some miscellaneous items. For example, we failed to take into account the cost of the breadboards and AC adaptor, as well as the cost for the case. Other extra material costs include the unexpected cost of the speakers.

The cost of the VoiceIR prototype will be much more inexpensive in mass production. Table 9.2 outlines the cost of the prototype in production including some optimization. These optimizations include the use of PCB and using customized FRS module, without changing the functionality of the prototype. Cost of the items are in unit price when purchased in thousands.

<b>Item</b>	Cost	
<b>Wireless Mic and Central Control</b>		
Unit		
$RF$ tranmitter + antenna	11	
FRS module	30	
HC11	15	
VoiceDirect 364 Module	30	
<b>IR</b> Tranceiver	1	
LCD $16x4$	23	
<b>PCB</b>	5	
Encoder	0.70	
AC adapter	8	
Speaker	2.50	
Voltage Regulators (LM317T)	$\overline{2}$	
Misc (caps and resistors)	5	
Case (box + acrylic)	5	
<b>Sub Total</b>		\$138.20
<b>IR Module</b>		
<b>PCB</b>	5	
NE555 Timer	0.30	
Case with Battery Holder	$\overline{2}$	
<b>RF</b> Receiver	16	
<b>IR</b> Tranceiver	1	
Misc (caps and resistors)	0.50	
<b>Sub Total</b>		\$24.80
Total (Wireless Mic, CCU & 1 IR		\$163
module)		
<b>Retail price</b>		\$300

**Table 9.2: Estimated Prototype Production Cost**



We estimate that it will cost us \$163 in material to manufacture each VoiceIR with one IR Module. Additional IR modules will cost us \$25 each. The estimated retail price for the VoiceIR with one IR module is approximately \$300 after taking into account of distribution and manufacturing costs. Additional IR Modules are estimated at \$35 retail each.

Overall we spent a total of \$648.52 in building the prototype. The extra spending outside of the building material can be attributed to our many trials with different wireless microphone solutions, burnt RF transmitter and receivers, and purchase of spare parts. We also spent quite a bit of money on perishable items such as batteries for our IR module and FRS, as well as spray paint for the case.

We received funding from various sources. We received \$150 from the Engineering Student Society Endowment Fund (ESSEF) in exchange for our HC11 and Voice Direct EVBs at the end of the semester. We also received \$310 from the Wighton fund. The sum of the two funds, combined with a total of \$300 in individual contributions accounted for our entire budget.

### **10 Future Project Work**

This section deals with future work and improvements that can be made to the VoiceIR, to bring it closer to a finished product.

### 10.1IR Module Identification

In our design, each IR Module receives IR commands and just transmits it blindly. This would create problems if two devices being controlled use identical remotes.

Future work will have each IR Module identified with a unique tag, that way only the desired IR Module will transmit.

#### 10.2 IR Signal Storage

In our existing product, IR signals are stored in the EEPROM of the HC11 chip. Currently, the HC11 only has 2 KB of EEPROM, which only allows storage of only 4 IR signals per voice command. This can easily be increased by adding external memory. We have available ports on the HC11 which can be used to interface this external memory.

### 10.3 Voice Recognition Chip

Currently, our voice recognition chip, the Sensory VoiceDirect 364 EVB, is very limited in its features. It only recognizes up to 15 words and there are not enough status pins,



which forces us to use the speaker output. Ideally, we would prefer all status messages through the LCD. As well, individual words cannot be erased, only the entire memory. Because we are using an EVB, we are unable to use the voice chip in "slave" mode. There are more control and status options when the chip is in slave mode.

The voice recognition chip also has a low accuracy rate. It is very susceptible to background noise and usually requires multiple tries before it accepts a word.

By placing the chip in slave mode, we should have the ability to control it better as well as check up to 60 words.

Future project work on the voice recognition chip would be to add some noise filters to ensure the voice signal is clean and this should improve the accuracy of the voice chip. A new voice chip without an EVB should be used in "slave" mode, which will give better control of the chip. With the enhanced control, all status messages can be displayed on the LCD, instead of relying on the speaker output.

### 10.4 Wireless Microphone System

Currently, we are using a pair of FRS radios as a wireless microphone system. This was the most inexpensive system we could find that would still give us the required voice quality. Most commercial wireless microphone systems are too expensive, with the voice quality beyond what we require. The existing solution is not very elegant, since ideally the user will be wearing a headset connected to a small transmitter that can be clipped onto a belt. Have a headset will also keep the volume fairly consistent.

Future project work would involve researching the FRS technology and seeing whether it is feasible to purchase apply the technology in our own wireless microphone system, instead of buying a commercial pair of radios. This way, a more elegant and usable microphone system can be implemented.

### 10.5 HC11 Microcontroller

The HC11 currently is on an EVB. To reduce cost and space, the controller should be taken off the EVB.

### 10.6 PCB

The finished product should have all the circuits on printed circuit boards. This will further reduce the size of the product and ensure better connections between components.

Future project work would be to design a PCB layout and place all the components on a PCB.



Currently, our IR transceiver has a very limited range. It is only able to transmit a metre, which greatly restricts the distance the IR Module can be placed from the target device. An IR Module too close to the target device would probably restrict the placement of this module and this would be an inconvenience. We settled on our current IR transceiver because we were able to get free samples.

Future project work would be to investigate better IR transceivers and purchase better transceivers in the bulk quantity if the product is to be manufactured.

### 10.8 Usability

There are a lot of usability issues with the prototype. The buttons can probably be made larger in the finished product. As well, larger LCD, possibly colour, would make it easier to navigate through the menu. Usability is more of a concern regarding a final product than the prototype.

Currently, there is no feedback to the user that a voice command has been accepted. Instead, the user just keeps on repeating the voice command until it works. There needs to be some kind of notification, possibly through a speaker on the wireless microphone, to tell the user whether a voice command has been recognized or not.

There also needs to more of a focus in making the product more usable for those physically disabled. These could include people with speech impediments, which might interfere with voice recognition.



## **Appendix 1: HC11 Code**













JSR CLRMEM ;jump to clear memory subroutine BRA M1 \*=========== End of Interrupt Service Routine =================\*

```
*=================== Voice Training =======================*
VT:
     LDAA VCCOUNT
     LDAB #$1
     STAB COUNT2 : ACCB is used as success/failure flag<br>
CMPA #$E : check if VCCOUNT is already 14
                     ; check if VCCOUNT is already 14
     BLO VT2 : if lower, then do process. If not, quit
     RTS
VT2: LDX #$1000 ;regbase
     TST VCINIT<br>BNE TREDO1
                           iif initial word is there, then go to
train mode
     PSHX ;LCD display<br>LDX #STR GW
           #STR_GW
     PSHX
     LDX #STR_ABORT
     PSHX
     LDAA #$2
     JSR DISPLAY
     PULX \qquad \qquad ; end of LCD display
GREDO: JSR GMODE ; jump to gate word train mode
     JSR WFE : jump to Wait For Error
     BRSET $A, X, $1, TABORT ; if ABORT button is held down, then quit
                      ;was TABORT
     JSR LDELAY ;THE MAGIC
     TST COUNT2 : check if B is set or cleared
     BNE GREDO : if B is set, then redo gate word
     JSR VRESET ;if B is cleared, then no error. Jump to
reset
     JSR SUCCESS ;display Success!
     LDX #VCINIT : ierase VCINIT. Now VCINIT is $FF instead
of default 0
     STX INITADD
     JSR EEBYTE
     RTS
TABORT: JSR LDELAY
     BRA VRESET : iquits the Voice train procedure
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TREDO1: PSHX ;LCD display LDX #STR\_TW PSHX #STR\_ABORT PSHX LDAA #\$2 JSR DISPLAY PULX  $\qquad \qquad$  ; end of LCD display TREDO: JSR TMODE *;* jump to train word mode JSR WFE ;wait for error BRSET  $$A, X, $1, T$ ABORT  $;$  if ABORT is pressed, then quit ;was TABORT when it last worked JSR LDELAY TST COUNT2 : check if B flag is cleared BNE TREDO ; if not cleared = error occurred --> do TREDO again TDONE: JSR VRESET *ireset the voice chip so that it* listens to words<br>JSR SUCCESS JSR SUCCESS :display Success! JSR IRCAP : ithis should be in the VT subroutine RTS WFE: LDAA #\$15 ;loads a count value STAA COUNT WFE2: LDY #\$FFFF ;loads Y WFE3: BRSET \$3,X,\$1,VRESET ;check if error pin is toggled. If it is, reset the voice chip DEY BNE  $WFE3$  ; delay until  $Y = 0$ DEC COUNT BNE WFE2 ;delay until count = 0 CLR COUNT2  $\qquad \qquad$  ; if no error, clear B pin RTS VRESET: INC COUNT2 : SHOULD NOT NEED THIS JSR CDELAY CDELAY BSET \$7,X,\$10 BCLR \$3,X,\$10 VDELAY: JSR CDELAY ;do a short delay<br>BCLR \$7,X,\$1F ;set direction of PORTC iset direction of PORTC to OOOIIIII JSR LDELAY :do a long delay RTS GMODE: BSET \$7,X,\$02 BCLR \$3,X,\$02 BRA VDELAY TMODE: JSR CLRL : clear the listening mode light BCLR \$7, X, \$08 ;pin 3 (recog) input mode

Freedom · Life **Systems** BCLR  $$3,K,504$  ;pin  $2$  --> 0 BRA VDELAY CLRW: JSR CLRL ;clear listening light<br>BCLR \$3,X,\$0C ;clear both pin iclear both pin 2 and 3 JSR LDELAY :need a long delay for clearing memory<br>BRA VDELAY VDELAY CLRL: ;clear listening mode's light BSET \$7,X,\$0C BCLR \$3, X, \$08 ;clear pin 2 JSR CDELAY BCLR \$7,X,\$0C JSR LDELAY BSET \$7,X,\$0C RTS CDELAY: LDY #\$FFFF :~200ms delay JSR SDELAY RTS \*=============== End of Voice Training ======================\* \*================== IR Matching =====================\* IR\_MATCH: ;PORT A should come with a value matched to the voice IRMC: LDAB #\$20 LDY #IRBASE-\$20 IRM1: ABY DECA *iACCA* should contain voice # at this point BNE IRM1 LDAA 0,Y STAA IRNUM TSTA BEQ IRM2 : send IR only if valid IR exists CMPA #\$5 BLS IRM3<br>IRM2: JMP M1 M1 6 6 7 and RTS because JSR was not called LDY #\$FE20 LDAA 0,Y STAA IRNUM IRM3: INY STY IRRPT LDAA #\$5 STAA IRCNT \*================ End of IR Matching ==================\*



\*=================== IR Sending =====================\* IR\_SEND: LDX #\$1000 ;loads reg base -- just in case. Probably don't need LDY IRRPT LDD 0, Y ; STD PTIME ; this is the pulse width time INY INY **inow it points to the actual IR sequence** LDAA #\$2 STAA OCMODE : ioperate in mode '2' LDAA #\$8 STAA TMSK1,X : ienable interrupt OC5<br>STAA TFLG1,X : clears the OC5 flags iclears the OC5 flags LDAA #\$01 :set OC5 pin to toggle for debug. It can be set to 0 STAA TCTL1, X ;Set OC5 to toggle mode LDD TCNT, X ; loads main counter ADDD PTIME STD TOC5,X : stores a pulse width to OC5 for timeout<br>INC TOUT : sets TOUT INC TOUT CLI *ienable* interrupt IR\_SEN2: LDAA #\$8 ;<br>STAA COUNT ;send 8 isend 8 times per byte LDAA 0,Y  $CMPA$  #\$FF  $\qquad$  ; check if a byte is full of  $1's$ BLO S1 ; DEC COUNT2 ; BEQ DODLY ;if COUNT2 is zero -- do a long delay since there are 2 \$FF's. BRA S2 ;  $S1:$   $LDAB$   $\#S2$  ; STAB COUNT2 *iresets* COUNT2 value S2: TST TOUT BNE S2 : loops until OC5 is triggered INC TOUT ; resets TOUT LSLA ;ACCA shift left BCS DDONE1 :if carry is 1, then go clear pin 7<br>BSET 0,X,\$80 :if carry is 0, then set pin 7  $i$ if carry is 0, then set pin 7 BRA DDONE DDONE1: BCLR 0,X,\$80 BRA DDONE ;this is not redundent -- need this for balanced timing DDONE: DEC COUNT BNE S2 :if 8 counts have not expired, do again INY **inclust in the U.S.** is then increment Y and load new byte



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*================ Clear Memory ====================*
;Clear memory should reset everything to 'pre-programmed' condition CLRMEM: PSHX \qquad ;LCD display
                                  ;LCD display
      LDX #STR_CLRMEM
      PSHX
             #STR_NO
      PSHX
      LDX #STR_BLANK
      PSHX
             #STR_YES
      PSHX
      LDAA #$4<br>JSR DISP
             DISPLAY
      PULX
      JSR LDELAY :need a long delay
CLRM: BRSET $A,X,$01,CSKIP
      BRSET $A,X,$04,CGO
BRA CLRM<br>CGO: JSR CLRW
      JSR CLRW : clear Voice Chip memory<br>LDX #VCCOUNT : this will erase both VCO
      LDX #VCCOUNT ; this will erase both VCCOUNT and VCINIT<br>STX INITADD
             INITADD
      JSR EEBYTE<br>LDX #VCINI'
      LDX #VCINIT
             INITADD
      JSR EEBYTE
      CLR $0000
      CLR $0001
      LDAA #$2 :this will program both to $0
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\*============= EEPROM Programming/Erasing Module =================\* ;When jump to EEPROG ; Need NCYCLE, INITADD, SRCADD ;When jump to EEBYTE ; Need INITADD ;When jump to EEROW ; Need NCYCLE, INITADD EEPROG: LDAA #\$02 STAA EEPS LDAA #\$03 STAA EEPE LDAA #\$1 ;increment by 1 every time STAA INCV BRA EECOPY EEBYTE: LDAA #\$16 STAA EEPS LDAA #\$17 STAA EEPE LDAA #\$1 STAA NCYCLE STAA INCV BRA EECOPY EEROW: LDAA #\$0E STAA EEPS LDAA #\$0F STAA EEPE LDAA #\$10 STAA INCV



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*================= IR Capturing ==========================*
*need calibration<br>IRCREDO: PSHX
      DO: PSHX ;this runs only on REDOs<br>LDX #STR_IRE
            #STR_IRE
      PSHX
      LDAA #$1<br>JSR DISE
             DISPLAY
      PULX
      JSR LDELAY
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IRSTALL: BRSET \$A,X,\$1,IRCREDO ;if ABORT is pressed, jump to start BRSET \$A,X,\$2,IRC ;if 2nd button is pressed, new sequence BRSET \$A, X, \$4, IR\_DONE ; if 3rd button, jump to store BRA IRSTALL







IRCW3: BRCLR 0,X,\$4,IRT2 TST TOUT BEQ IRCEND BRA IRCW3 ;if IR finishes, it would stall here -- use OC5 to jump to IRCEND IRT2: LDD TCNT, X<br>STD RTIME RTIME SUBD DTIME CPD PTIME BHS IRT3 STD PTIME IRT3: LDD RTIME STD DTIME JSR DOC BRA IRCW2 IR\_DONE: JMP IR\_STORE IRCEND: SEI LDD PTIME ;PTIME contains 2 pulse widths LSRD : shifts ACCD to the right -- same as dividing by 2 STD PTIME ; now PTIME contains 1 pulse width STD 0,Y INY INY LSRD ;SUBTRACT HPTIME by a set amount for the new signal capture method SUBD #\$64 STD HPTIME : now HPTIME contains half a pulse width with 50us less INC TOUT ;used in the IR signal capture module INC OCMODE ; OCMODE --> 2 JSR LDELAY *i*do a long delay CLR PORTC : turn off all lights PSHX ;LCD display LDX #STR\_RPT PSHX LDAA #\$1 JSR DISPLAY PULX :end of LCD display ; JMP IRWAIT  $\qquad$  ; jump to IRWAIT ;should go smoothly to IRWAIT \*================= End of IR Capture ===================\*

\*================= IR signal capture ===================\* ;must turn off the IC functions (if applicable) before going here ;should turn on OC3 and OC5 before going here

Freedom · Life **Systems** ;make sure index X is \$1000 IRWAIT: BRCLR 0,X,\$4,DOIR ;if input is 0V (IR detected), jump out of loop BRA IRWAIT  $\qquad \qquad$  ; if nothing, then do IRWAIT again DOIR: LDD TCNT,X ADDD HPTIME STD TOC5, X : ido a delay after half the pulse width LDAA #\$08 STAA TFLG1, X : clear the flags for both OC5 CLI SEQ: LDAA #\$08 ;load 8 to counter STAA COUNT *i*to counter SEQ2: TST TOUT ; timeout counter -- controlled by OC3. Happens every PTIME SEQ2 ASL 0, Y ; shift memory LDD TOC5,X<br>ADDD #\$14 ;adds 20 cycles (10us) to it STD TOC5,X CLR LHPTIME LHP: BRSET 0, X, \$4, STOREL CLR COUNT2 LHP2: JSR IRDELAY LDAA LHPTIME MHP: BRSET 0,X,\$4,STOREM TSTA BEQ J2 : okay -- no problem BRA CUTOC : must cut back on the timing STOREL: INC LHPTIME INC COUNT2 INC 0,Y BRA LHP2 STOREM: TSTA BNE J2 ;okay -- no problem CUTOC: LDD TOC5, X ; these 2 are different. Must delay subtract time by 50us SUBD #\$64 STD TOC5,X J2: INC TOUT *i*resets the TOUT back to 1 DEC COUNT ; unaccounted for since the slight change of design BNE SEQ2 INY inc. Y for next RAM location  $CPY$  #\$001F BHI IR\_REDO  $i$  if Y = \$0020, then quit this process -memory is full. LDAA COUNT2 : check if COUNT2 > 15 CMPA #\$F BHI INCIR :if higher, an IR signal is completed



\*================= Output Compare ===================\* ;use OC5 for 1) timeout when determining IR pulse width and 2) to get IR signal ;should turn off when not using it % iOC5 does timeouts<br>OC5S: LDAB OCMODE ; check what mode this should operate CMPB #\$1 ;compare with mode 1 BHI 0C5S2 *i*if higher, then jump BRA OC5E : reset flag and return from interrupt OC5S2: LDD TOC5,X ;this was originally TCNT -- which might be the cause of bug ADDD PTIME STD TOC5, X OC5E: CLR TOUT LDAB #\$8 STAB TFLG1,X RTI DOC: ;Delay Output Compare LDD TCNT,X<br>ADDD #\$7530 idelay for about 15ms more STD TOC5, X RTS



\*============== End of Output Compare ================\*

\*==================== IR Storing =======================\* IR\_STORE: LDAA VCCOUNT INCA STAA VCNUM LDAB #\$20 LDX #IRBASE-\$20 ;figure out where to store to IRS1: ABX DECA BNE IRS1 STX INITADD : store IR sequence to proper address LDAA #\$20 ; run the program loop for 32 times STAA NCYCLE<br>LDX #\$0000 LDX #\$0000 ;initial address to get the stuff<br>STX SRCADD SRCADD JSR EEPROG *igo* program LDX #VCCOUNT ; Erase VCCOUNT<br>STX INITADD INITADD JSR EEBYTE LDX #VCCOUNT ;Replace VCCOUNT with new value STX INITADD LDX #VCNUM STX SRCADD LDAA #\$1 :program only 1 cycle STAA NCYCLE JSR EEPROG JSR SUCCESS RTS \*================= End of IR Storing =====================\*

\*==================== Delays =======================\* LDELAY: LDAA #\$5 :~1.5 second delay STAA COUNT



\*==================== LCD Component ====================\* \* Write Message to LCD \* WRITE\_MESS: PULX STX LCDTEM2 PULX NEXT\_CHAR: LDAB 0, X *i*Load the letter to be written into ACCB CMPB #\$00 :Check whether it is a null letter BEQ END\_MESS ; End the write message process when a null letter is encountered JSR WRITE\_DATA ;Write the letter to LCD INX BRA NEXT\_CHAR ;Write next letter END\_MESS: LDX LCDTEM2 PSHX RTS \* Write a letter to LCD \* WRITE\_DATA: STAB PORTB ; Write data to PortB ORAA #DATAREG ;Set RS = 1 for writing data to LCD STAA PORTA JSR DELAY ;Delay for 1 ms EORA #ENABLE : Enable LCD write









\*============== End of LCD Component ====================\*





PSHX LDX #STR\_SUC PSHX LDAA #\$1<br>JSR DISP DISPLAY PULX JSR LDELAY RTS \*============ End of Write Premade lines ================\*

\* Define The Strings \* STR\_ABORT: DB 'Abort' DB \$00 STR\_READY: DB 'Ready' DB \$00 STR\_BLANK: DB ' '<br>DB \$00  $$00$ STR\_TRAIN: DB 'Train'<br>DB \$00  $$00$ STR\_CLRMEM: DB 'Clear Memory' DB \$00 STR\_GW: DB 'Gate Word' DB \$00 STR\_TW: DB 'Train Word' DB \$00 STR\_SUC: DB 'Success!' DB \$00 STR\_RPT: DB 'Repeat' DB \$00 STR\_TIR: DB 'Train IR' DB \$00 STR\_IRLONG: DB 'IR too long'<br>DB \$00  $$00$ STR\_WAIT: DB 'Waiting' DB \$00 STR\_DONE: DB 'Done' DB \$00

Freedom · Life **Systems** STR\_REDOIR: DB 'Redo IR' DB \$00 STR\_IRE: DB 'IR Erased' DB \$00 STR\_YES: DB 'Yes' DB \$00 STR\_NO: DB 'No' DB \$00 \* Variables \* VCCOUNT: ;should be set to 0 for both VCCOUNT & VCINIT ;\*\* OR, let "FF" equal to initial condition -- can save some memory DB \$0 ;Number of voice commands stored VCINIT: DB \$0 :\$0 for no gate word, \$FF if yes \*========= IR sequence storage ===============\* \*======= End of IR sequence storage ===========\* ORG \$FFE0 FDB OC5S \* IRQ Vector \* ; ORG \$FFF2 ;IRQ vector<br>; FDB ISR ;Point to i ; FDB ISR ; Point to interrupt service routine \* Reset Vector To Point To The Start Of Program \* ORG \$FFFE FDB BEGIN



### **Appendix 2: IR Filter Circuit**



**Figure A2.1: IR Filter Circuit**

### **Appendix 3: Voltage Regulators**

Figure A3.1 shows the supporting circuitry used with a voltage regulator.



**Figure A3.1: Voltage Regulator Circuit**

The capacitors C1 = 0.1  $\mu$ F and C2 = 1.0  $\mu$ F are used to filter out instabilities in the voltage levels. The output voltage of the regulator is determined by the external resistors R1 and R2. The output voltage is related to R1 and R2 by

$$
R2 = \left(\frac{Vout}{1.25} - 1\right) 270
$$

We chose  $R1 = 270$  ? and varied R2 to produce the desired voltage. Table A3.1 shows the voltages produced for each device and the corresponding R2 value.



#### **Table A3.1: Device Voltages**



### **Appendix 4: IR Module Circuit**



**Figure A4.1: IR Module Circuit**