

Intelligent Dusk/Dawn Light Sensor

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MSP430 Application

ABSTRACT

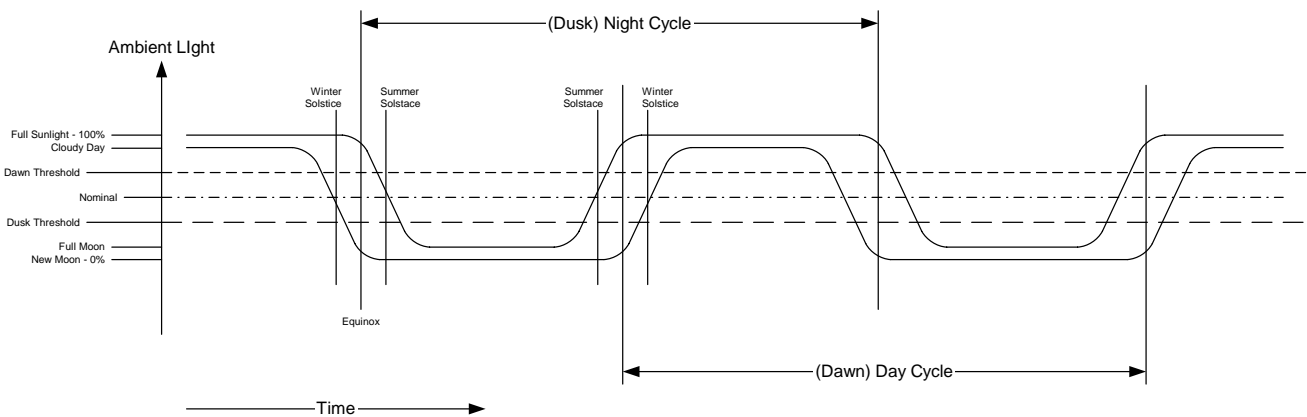
This document describes an application using the MSP430 (low pin count package) microcontroller to “intelligently” detect the daylight cycle transitions from light-to-dark (dusk) and dark-to-light (dawn) while filtering erroneous and spurious light level changes (noise) through a self-learning algorithm that automatically adapts to the normal daylight cycle. This application takes advantage of the rich feature set of the MSP430 family of microcontrollers by utilizing integral timers, analog-to-digital conversion (ADC), reference voltage generation, and clocks/oscillators; to minimize external circuit component requirement. Low power operation is also a major feature.

Introduction

How many times have you seen that rogue streetlamp that is on during the daytime or not on when needed at night? Or observed essential lighting needs turned-off due to a nearby lightning flash? These somewhat simple problems can be easily eliminated by adding just a small amount of intelligence to a standard photocell (or light sensitive resistor). A Cadmium-Sulfide (CdS) photocell similar to PN-120301 available from Jameco Electronics, will work well for this type of application. An external resistor used in series with the photocell to form a voltage divider that provides a voltage proportional to the light level observed by the photocell is all that is required for detection. This low component count circuit when combined with an MSP430 microcontroller device from Texas Instruments makes for an intelligent dusk/dawn sensor with the addition of a self-learning day-to-night and night-to-day algorithm implemented in software running on the MSP430.

Description of Normal Earth Daylight Cycle

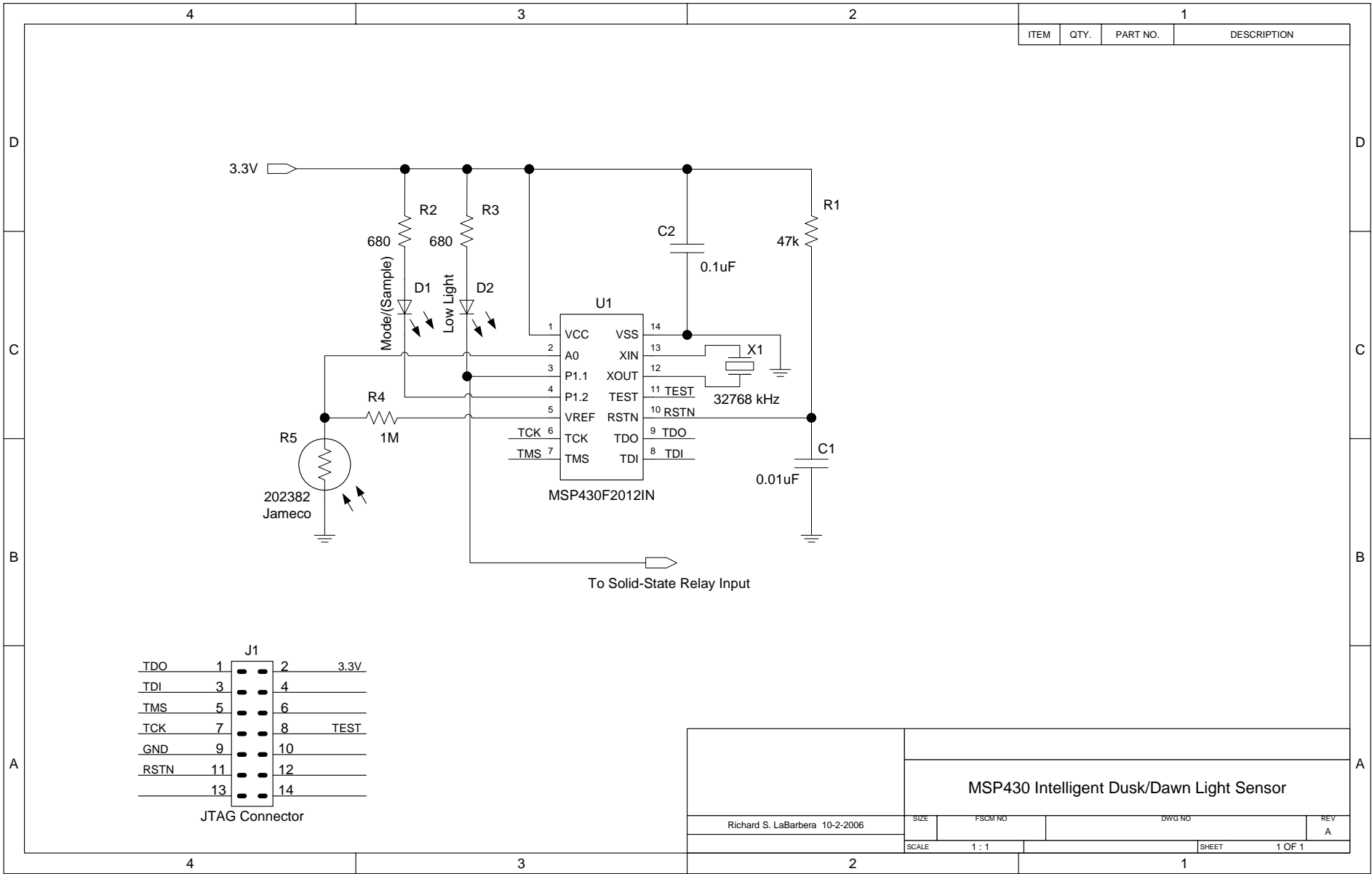
The following diagram shows a normalized cycle of a regular day and night as related to light levels falling on the earth's surface. (It is understood that other events can disrupt this "normal" cycle, but for simplicity this cycle depicts the expected light levels and intensity transitions as they usually occur.) The y-axis shows relative light intensity while the x-axis is advancing time from left to right.



Daylight Cycle

Circuit Implementation for the Intelligent Dusk/Dawn Light Sensor

The following diagram shows a circuit implementation for the intelligent dusk/dawn light sensor using the MSP430F2012IN (14-pin DIP) device. Using the DIP package for the MSP430 allowed for quick prototyping without the necessity of having surface mount capabilities readily available. All that was required beyond the sensing circuit (resistor and photocell) and the MSP430 device was the addition of a 32 kHz watch crystal and a header for JTAG connection to program the device for prototyping.



J1	
TDO 1	2 3.3V
TDI 3	4
TMS 5	6
TCK 7	8 TEST
GND 9	10
RSTN 11	12
13	14

JTAG Connector

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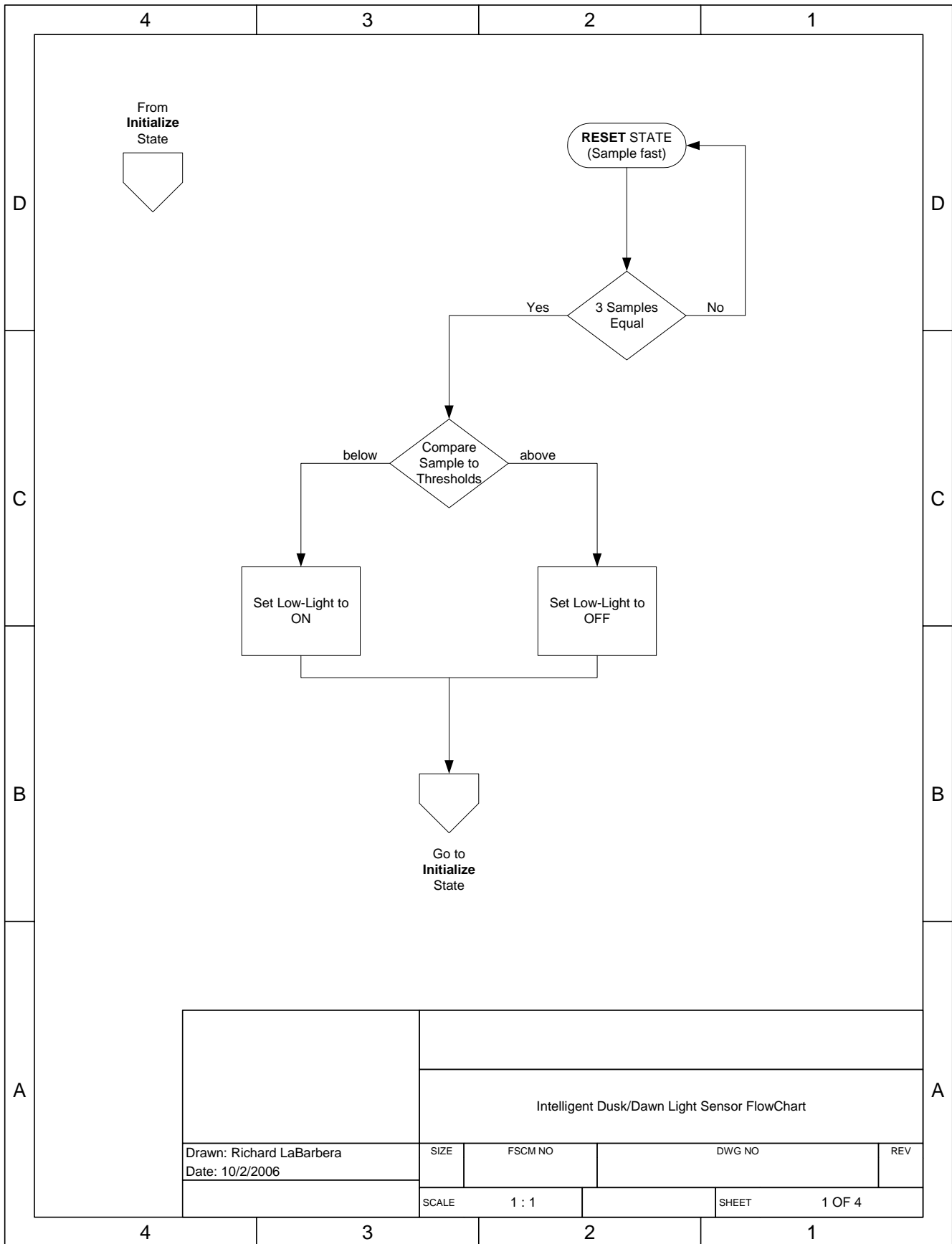
Intelligent Dusk/Dawn Algorithm

The 10-bit analog to digital converter included in the MSP430 is used to sample the voltage of the photocell/resistor network for light level indication to the algorithm. Sampling time vary depending on the state of the algorithm. Four states are defined and transition from one state to the next is dependent upon decisive “filtering” criteria. One huge advantage in using this microcontroller is that not only can filtering be done on levels (light intensity) but with respect to time. And by time, not only is sampling time used for filtering, but expected transition time is used. This is the “intelligent” or learned part of the algorithm. Knowing that dusk-to-dusk and dawn-to-dawn occur close to 24-hours apart while dusk-to-dawn and dawn-to-dusk can vary depending upon the tilt of the earth (seasonal change – short days in winter and long days in summer) can be used to intelligently predict the next upcoming transition. To properly track time, a 32 kHz watch crystal is used (connected directly to the MSP430 low frequency oscillator inputs) to produce an accurate time-of-day clock with 1-second watch dog timer interrupts to increment time keeping counters. Levels from the ADC are also used to filter noise (from other light sources). Different thresholds are used for night-to-day detection and day-to-night detection, providing hysteresis. The internal reference voltage of the MSP430 is also used to provide a stable 1.5-volt reference for the sensor circuit.

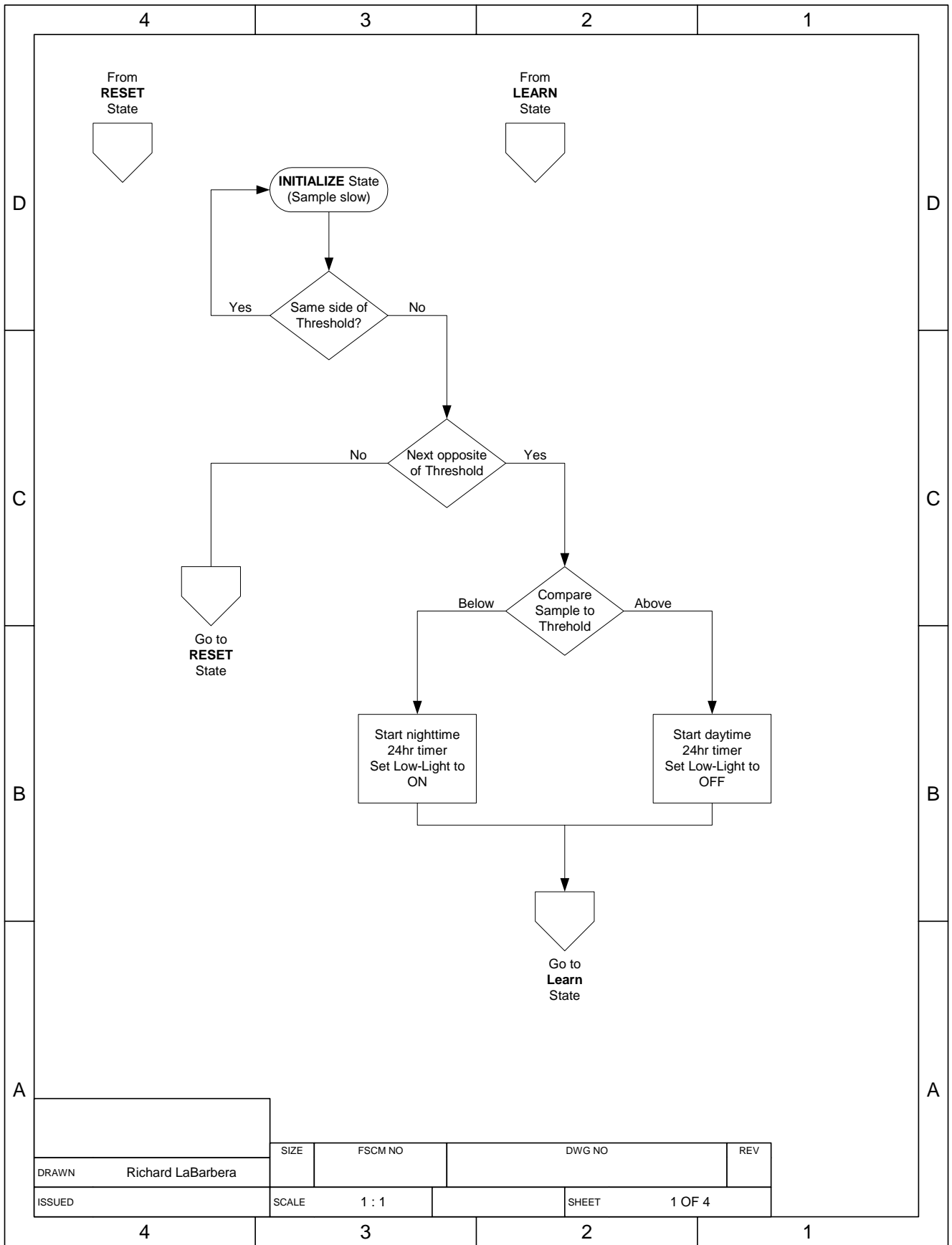
The four states of the algorithm include RESET, INITIALIZE, LEARN and SYNC. These states are shown in the next section in the algorithm flow diagram and transition criteria can be seen going between each of these states. A power-up sequence or a hardware/software reset will put the algorithm back in the RESET state.

Flow Diagram for Software Algorithm

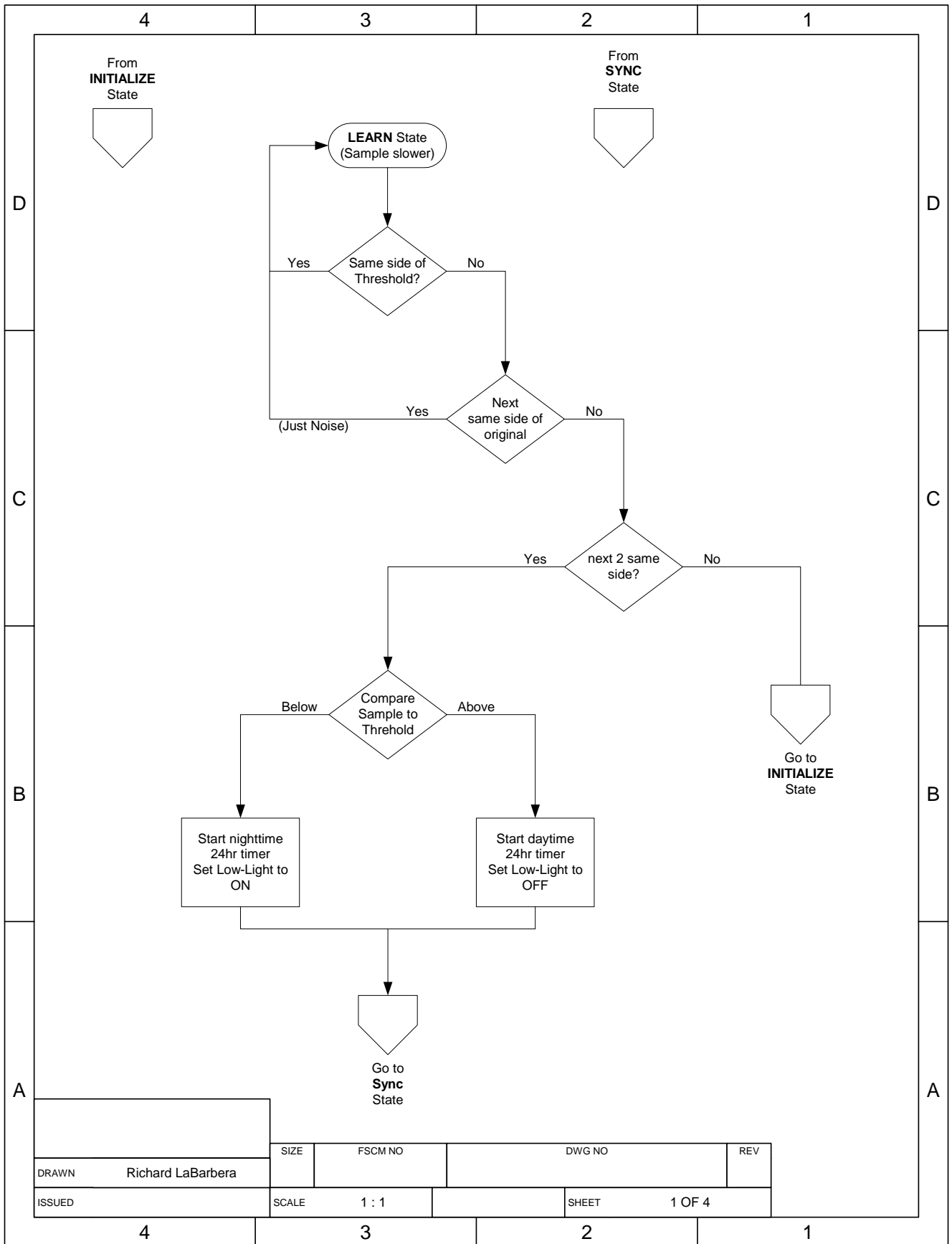
The following flow chart diagrams the intelligent algorithm used to filter out spurious light level changes by using sampling time settings and voltage threshold levels.

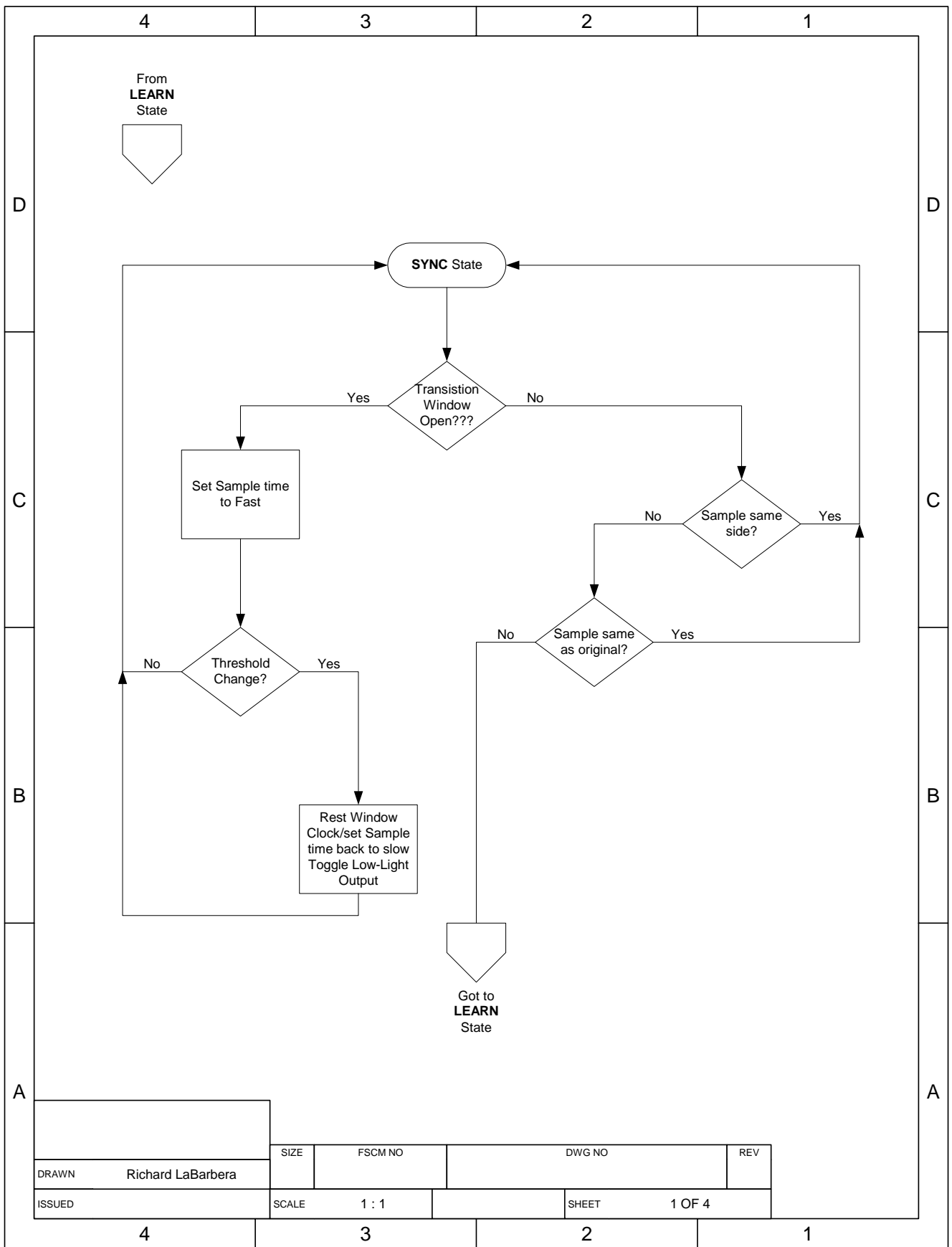


		Intelligent Dusk/Dawn Light Sensor FlowChart			
		SIZE	FSCM NO	DWG NO	REV
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		SIZE	FSCM NO	DWG NO	REV
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Assembly Code for Intelligent Dusk/Dawn Light Sensor

The algorithm for the intelligent dusk/dawn light sensor has been written in assembly language. There are four “include” files required in conjunction with the main controller source code. These include files are:

ADC_sensor.h
sensor_filter.h
time_isr.h
msp430x20x2.h

The include file ***msp430x20x2.h*** is the standard file provided by the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE.


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;-----
;test values for time constants -
;   - uncomment to use
;   - remember to comment out the ones above!
;-----
#define      s0_time    0001h          /*1sec - state0 sample time */
#define      s1_time    0002h          /*2sec - state1 sample time */
#define      s1_ftime   0001h          /*1sec - state1 sample time */
#define      s2_time    0005h          /*5sec - state2 sample time */
#define      s2_ftime   0001h          /*1sec - state2 sample time */
#define      s3_time    000Ah          /*10sec - state3 sample time */
#define      s3_ftime   0002h          /*2sec - state3 fast sample */

;-----
; Register variables
;-----
#define      VOLTAGE    R7

;-----
; Storage Area
;-----
sample      equ        0200h          ;sample storage area

;-----
; Data variables
;-----
                org      0210h          ;RAM address

daytime_counter      dw      1
nighttime_counter    dw      1
seconds              dw      1
sample_pointer        dw      1
prev_sample_pointer  dw      1
day_night_flag        dw      1
conv_flag_value       dw      1
adc_conv_flag_sensor  dw      1
sensor_state          db      1

;-----
                org      0f800h          ;Code memory
;-----
#include "include\ADC_sensor.h"
#include "include\sensor_filter.h"
#include "include\time_isr.h"

;-----
                RSEG     CSTACK          ; Define stack segment
;-----
                RSEG     CODE           ; Assemble to Flash memory
;-----
; A RESET Starts Here
;-----
RESET      mov.w    #SFE(CSTACK),SP      ; Initialize stackpointer
SetupWDT   mov.w    #WDT_ADLY_1000,&WDTCTL ;init WDT for 1 second

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;-----
;Set Up ADC Reference
;-----
                mov     #REFON+REFOUT+ADC10ON+ADC10SHT_2,&ADC10CTL0 ;+REF1_5V
                                                ;Turn on 1.5V ref, set sample time
                bis.b   #01h,&ADC10AE0          ;P1.0 ADC10 option select
                bis     #SREF_1,&ADC10CTL0      ;
                bis     #INCH_0,&ADC10CTL1      ;Sample channel = 0
                mov     #2600h,R12              ;delay for needed ref start-up
L$3             dec     R12                      ;See datasheet for details
                jnz     L$3                    ;Loop

;-----
;Initialize ADC Sample Storage
;-----
                mov.w   #0000h,sample_pointer ;
                mov.w   #01111h,R5           ;
                mov.w   #0000h,R6           ;
fill_sample    mov.w   R5,sample(R6)         ;load sample memory
                add.w   #01111h,R5          ;shift contents to make unique
                add.w   #0002h,R6          ;increment pointer
                cmp     #0008h,R6          ;check for end
                jne     fill_sample         ;

;-----
;Set Up LED Output
;-----
                bis.b   #BIT1+BIT2,&P1DIR     ;LED outputs
                bis.b   #MODE_LED           ;init LED OFF
                bis.b   #DRIVE_LED         ;init LED OFF

;-----
;Initialize Flags
;-----
                mov     #0000h,adc_conv_flag_sensor;
                mov     #0001h,conv_flag_value ;1 second for state 0
                mov.b   #01,day_night_flag    ;initalize to Daytime

;-----
;Initialize Sensor State
;-----
                mov.b   #00,sensor_state     ;

;-----
;Initialize Counters
;-----
                mov.w   #00,daytime_counter ;
                mov.w   #00,nighttime_counter ;

;-----
;Enable Interrupts
;-----
                bis.b   #WDTIE,&IE1         ;enable WDT interrupts
                eint                                     ;

;-----

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;
mainloop                                ;MAIN Loop Begins Here
;
;-----
check_sensor_flag
    cmp    conv_flag_value,adc_conv_flag_sensor;
    jlo    main_continue                    ;
    bic.b  #MODE_LED                        ;
    call   #check_sensor                    ;
main_continue
    mov    #2600h,R12                       ;delay to see LED
L$1      dec    R12                          ;
        jnz    L$1                          ;Loop
        bis.b  #MODE_LED                      ;
;-----
;
        jmp    mainloop                      ;MAIN Loop Ends Here
;
;-----

ERRVEC                                     ;
    jmp    ERRVEC                            ;Trap for Error
    reti                                     ;
;-----
; Interrupt Vectors for MSP430F2012
;-----
    rseg   INTVEC
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;0 reserved
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;1 reserved
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;2 port 1 Vector
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;3 port 2 Vector
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;4 reserved
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;5 reserved
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;6 TIMER_A CC0 Vector
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;7 reserved
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;8 TIMER_A CC1-2 TA Vector
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;9 reserved
    dw     WDT_ISR                           ;10 WDT Vector
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;11 Comparator Vector
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;12 reserved
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;13 reserved
    dw     ERRVEC                            ;14 NMI Vector
    dw     RESET                             ;15 RESET Vector
END

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File: ADC_sensor.h

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-----  
; MSP430F2012IN Microcontroller - Intelligent Dusk/Dawn Light Sensor  
; File: ADC_sensor.h  
; Author: Richard LaBarbera  
; October 2, 2006  
-----  
;-----  
; Analog to Digital conversion of Sensor Voltage  
;-----  
adc_conv_sensor  
    bis        #ENC,&ADC10CTL0        ;enable conversions  
    bis        #ADC10SC,&ADC10CTL0    ;Start conversion  
testIFG2    bit        #ADC10BUSY,&ADC10CTL1    ;Conversion done?  
            jnz        testIFG2        ;No, test again  
            bic        #ADC10SC,&ADC10CTL0    ;End conversion  
            bic        #ENC,&ADC10CTL0        ;disable conversions  
    mov.b     #0,adc_conv_flag_sensor ;  
    and.w     #03fch,&ADC10MEM        ;mask LSBs ADC mem1  
    mov       &ADC10MEM,VOLTAGE      ;hold voltage  
    mov.w     sample_pointer,R6      ;  
    mov.w     &ADC10MEM,sample(R6)    ;store results  
    mov.w     sample_pointer,prev_sample_pointer  
                                ;save pointer for later use  
    add.w     #02h,sample_pointer    ;  
    and.w     #07h,sample_pointer    ;modulo pointer  
    ret
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File: ADC_sensor.h

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-----  
; MSP430F2012IN Microcontroller - Intelligent Dusk/Dawn Light Sensor  
; File: sensor_filter.h  
; Author: Richard LaBarbera  
; October 2, 2006  
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;-----  
; Filter Sensor Voltage to set dusk/dawn indication  
;-----  
check_sensor  
    call    #adc_conv_sensor    ;  
  
;-----  
; check for current state  
;-----  
    cmp.b  #03, sensor_state    ;sync STATE???  
    jnz    state_2              ;not state_3  
  
;-----  
; state_3  
;-----  
check_day_window  
    cmp    #w_open, daytime_counter ;  
    jlo    check_night_window      ;  
    cmp    #w_close, daytime_counter ;  
    jhs    window_closed_day_rst   ;  
                                           ;new day window is OPEN  
    mov    #s3_fptime, conv_flag_value ;  
  
    mov.w  sample_pointer, R6  
    add.w  #04h, R6                ;point next sample  
    and.w  #07h, R6                ;modulo pointer  
    mov    sample(R6), VOLTAGE     ;  
    cmp.w  #lo_v_th, VOLTAGE       ;cmp to low threshold  
    jhs    sensor_exit             ;  
    bis.b  #DRIVE_LED               ;set as daytime  
    bic    #BIT0, day_night_flag   ;  
    clr    daytime_counter         ;  
    mov    #s3_time, conv_flag_value ;  
    jmp    sensor_exit             ;  
  
check_night_window  
    cmp    #w_open, nighttime_counter ;  
    jlo    window_closed           ;  
    cmp    #w_close, nighttime_counter ;  
    jhs    window_closed_night_rst ;  
                                           ;new night window is OPEN  
    mov    #s3_fptime, conv_flag_value ;  
  
    mov.w  sample_pointer, R6  
    add.w  #04h, R6                ;point next sample  
    and.w  #07h, R6                ;modulo pointer  
    mov    sample(R6), VOLTAGE     ;  
    cmp.w  #hi_v_th, VOLTAGE       ;cmp to high threshold
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        jlo     sensor_exit           ;
        bic.b  #DRIVE_LED             ;set as nighttime
        bis   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        clr   nighttime_counter     ;
        mov   #s3_time,conv_flag_value;
        jmp   sensor_exit           ;

window_closed_day_rst
        clr   daytime_counter       ;
        jmp   window_closed        ;
window_closed_night_rst
        clr   nighttime_counter     ;
window_closed
        mov   #s3_time,conv_flag_value;
        bit   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        jz    last_check_day_1_s3   ;
        cmp.w #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to low threshold
        jlo   first2different_s3    ;
        jmp   first2same_s3         ;
last_check_day_1_s3
        cmp.w #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to high threshold
        jhs   first2different_s3    ;
first2same_s3
        mov   #s3_time,conv_flag_value;
        mov.w sample_pointer,R6
        add.w #04h,R6                ;point next sample
        and.w #07h,R6                ;modulo pointer
        mov   sample(R6),VOLTAGE     ;
        bit   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        jz    last_check_day_2_s3   ;
        cmp.w #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to low threshold
        jhs   sensor_exit           ;
        jmp   back2state_2          ;
last_check_day_2_s3
        cmp.w #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to high threshold
        jlo   sensor_exit           ;
back2state_2
        mov.b #02h,sensor_state     ;go back to state_1
        mov   #s2_time,conv_flag_value;
        jmp   sensor_exit           ;
first2different_s3
        mov   #s3_ftime,conv_flag_value;
        mov.w sample_pointer,R6
        add.w #04h,R6                ;point next sample
        and.w #07h,R6                ;modulo pointer
        mov   sample(R6),VOLTAGE     ;
        bit   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        jz    last_check_day_3_s3   ;
        cmp.w #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to low threshold
        jlo   threshold_tripped_s3  ;
        jmp   sensor_exit           ;
last_check_day_3_s3
        cmp.w #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to high threshold
        jlo   sensor_exit           ;
threshold_tripped_s3
        mov.b #02,sensor_state     ;go to state_2

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        mov     #s2_time,conv_flag_value;
        jmp     sensor_exit           ;

;-----
; check for next state
;
state_2
;-----
        cmp.b  #02, sensor_state     ;learn STATE???
        jnz   state_1                ;not state_2
        bit   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        jz    last_check_day_1_s2   ;
        cmp.w #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to low threshold
        jlo   first2different_s2    ;
        jmp   first2same_s2         ;
last_check_day_1_s2
        cmp.w #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to high threshold
        jhs   first2different_s2    ;
first2same_s2
        mov   #s2_time,conv_flag_value;
        mov.w sample_pointer,R6
        add.w #04h,R6                ;point next sample
        and.w #07h,R6                ;modulo pointer
        mov   sample(R6),VOLTAGE    ;
        bit   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        jz    last_check_day_2_s2   ;
        cmp.w #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to low threshold
        jhs   sensor_exit           ;
        jmp   back2state_1          ;
last_check_day_2_s2
        cmp.w #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to high threshold
        jlo   sensor_exit           ;
back2state_1
        mov.b #01h,sensor_state     ;go back to state_1
        mov   #s1_time,conv_flag_value;
        jmp   sensor_exit           ;
first2different_s2
        mov   #s2_ftime,conv_flag_value;
        mov.w sample_pointer,R6
        add.w #04h,R6                ;point next sample
        and.w #07h,R6                ;modulo pointer
        mov   sample(R6),VOLTAGE    ;
        bit   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        jz    last_check_day_3_s2   ;
        cmp.w #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to low threshold
        jlo   threshold_tripped_s2 ;
        jmp   sensor_exit           ;
last_check_day_3_s2
        cmp.w #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE      ;cmp to high threshold
        jlo   sensor_exit           ;
threshold_tripped_s2
;crossed the threshold from d to n
        bit   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        jz    change2night_s2       ;
        bis.b #DRIVE_LED             ;set as daytime
        bic   #BIT0,day_night_flag  ;
        clr   daytime_counter       ;

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        jmp        go_sync                ;
change2night_s2
        bic.b     #DRIVE_LED              ;set as nighttime
        bis      #BIT0,day_night_flag    ;
        clr      nighttime_counter      ;
go_sync
        mov.b    #03,sensor_state        ;go to state_3
        mov      #s3_time,conv_flag_value;
        jmp      sensor_exit            ;

;-----
; check for next state
;
state_1
;-----
        cmp.b    #01, sensor_state        ;init STATE???
        jnz      state_0                ;not state_1
        bit      #BIT0,day_night_flag    ;
        jz       last_check_day_1       ;
        cmp.w    #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE        ;cmp to low threshold
        jlo     first2different          ;
        jmp      first2same             ;
last_check_day_1
        cmp.w    #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE        ;cmp to high threshold
        jhs     first2different          ;
first2same
        mov      #s1_time,conv_flag_value;
        mov.w    sample_pointer,R6
        add.w    #04h,R6                 ;point next sample
        and.w    #07h,R6                 ;modulo pointer
        mov      sample(R6),VOLTAGE      ;
        bit      #BIT0,day_night_flag    ;
        jz       last_check_day_2       ;
        cmp.w    #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE        ;cmp to low threshold
        jhs     sensor_exit             ;
        jmp      back2state_0           ;
last_check_day_2
        cmp.w    #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE        ;cmp to high threshold
        jlo     sensor_exit             ;
back2state_0
        mov.b    #00h,sensor_state        ;go back to state_0
        mov      #s0_time,conv_flag_value;
        jmp      sensor_exit            ;
first2different
        mov      #s1_ftime,conv_flag_value;
        mov.w    sample_pointer,R6
        add.w    #04h,R6                 ;point next sample
        and.w    #07h,R6                 ;modulo pointer
        mov      sample(R6),VOLTAGE      ;
        bit      #BIT0,day_night_flag    ;
        jz       last_check_day_3       ;
        cmp.w    #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE        ;cmp to low threshold
        jlo     threshold_tripped       ;
        jmp      sensor_exit            ;
last_check_day_3
        cmp.w    #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE        ;cmp to high threshold

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        jlo      sensor_exit          ;
threshold_tripped                          ;crossed the threshold from d to n
        bit     #BIT0,day_night_flag ;
        jz     change2night         ;
        bis.b  #DRIVE_LED           ;set as daytime
        bic    #BIT0,day_night_flag ;
        clr   daytime_counter       ;
        jmp   go_learn              ;
change2night
        bic.b  #DRIVE_LED           ;set as nighttime
        bis   #BIT0,day_night_flag ;
        clr   nighttime_counter     ;
go_learn
        mov.b  #02,sensor_state     ;go to state_2
        mov   #s2_time,conv_flag_value;
        jmp   sensor_exit          ;

;-----
state_0
;-----
cmp_samples
        mov.w  sample_pointer,R6
        add.w  #02h,R6              ;point next sample
        and.w  #07h,R6              ;modulo pointer
        cmp   sample(R6),VOLTAGE    ;cmp last to first samples
        jne   sensor_exit          ;no match
        add.w  #02h,R6              ;point next sample
        and.w  #07h,R6              ;modulo pointer
        cmp   sample(R6),VOLTAGE    ;cmp last to previous samples
        jne   sensor_exit          ;no match
match
        mov.w  prev_sample_pointer,R6 ;get current sample
        mov   sample(R6),VOLTAGE    ;hold voltage - last sample
        cmp.w  #hi_v_th,VOLTAGE     ;cmp to high threshold
        jhs   sense_complete_night ;
        mov   sample(R6),VOLTAGE    ;hold voltage - last sample
        cmp.w  #lo_v_th,VOLTAGE     ;cmp to low threshold
        jlo   sense_complete_day    ;
        bit   #BIT0,day_night_flag ;
        jz   sense_complete_day     ;already set as Daylight
sense_complete_night
        bic.b  #DRIVE_LED           ;set as nighttime
        bis   #BIT0,day_night_flag ;
        jmp   sense_complete       ;
sense_complete_day
        bis.b  #DRIVE_LED           ;set as daytime
        bic   #BIT0,day_night_flag ;
sense_complete
        mov.b  #01,sensor_state     ;go to state_1
        mov   #s1_time,conv_flag_value;
;-----
sensor_exit
;-----
        ret

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