Auto-Cool PC

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Auto-Cool PC Overview

 Cooling system for a PC or stand-alone server using conditioned air

- Cool air will be funneled into the computer through a PCI slot opening
- An LM34 is used to determine the temperature inside the computer case
- The fan speed for the cool air is determined and controlled using an 8051 microcontroller and voltage regulating circuit

Block Diagram



User Interface/Programming Notes

Initial design has changed
Over 650 lines of code
Written entirely in C
Issue using LCD and ADC code together
TB-1 is used for analog inputs

Flowchart



Circuit Design Alternatives

Analog to Digital Circuit
Temperature Gauging Kit
First MUX – 74LS157
OP Amp

Circuit Diagram



Auto-Cool Construction

Cooling system from a 1.8 cu ft. refrigerator
Plywood case
Foam insulation
Condenser coil compartment
Dual fan housing
Insulated 1.5 inch tubing





Cost Analysis

Material	Unit Price	Price
Haier America 1.8 cu. ft.	\$54.86	\$54.86
Refrigerator		
PC Cooling Fans (2)	\$2.95	\$5.90
Split Loom (5)	\$1.50	\$7.50
100 Ft. Wire Hookup	\$4.45	\$4.45
Integrated Circuits (4)	\$1.25	\$5.00
MINI-MAX/51-C	\$69.95	\$69.95
Microcontroller		
TB-1 Training Board	\$50.00	\$50.00
Standoffs (13)	\$.35	\$4.55
IC/Opt-NPN/Transistor (5)	\$2.00	\$10.00
Standoffs (14)	\$.40	\$5.60
Standoffs (4)	\$.60	\$2.40
2x24 LCD w/LED	\$7.95	\$7.95
Unused Hardware		\$69.10
Total Material Cost		\$325.16
Labor		Hours
Tear down of Refrigerator		2.5
Modification of Coils		4
Construction of System		10
Construction of Housing		3
Programming Microcontroller		100
Designing/Constructing Circuit		100
Installation of Components		3
Total Hours		225.5
Hourly Rate		\$20.00
Total Labor Costs		\$4,450.00
Support Tools	Hours	Cost per Hour
Cordless Drill	10	\$10.00
Circular Saw	2	\$10.00
Dremel Tool	1.5	\$10.00
Total Costs		\$135.00

Questions/Answers