

Station Automation

--W3SZ

The screenshot displays a comprehensive radio station automation interface. The top section features several signal monitoring windows, including a main waterfall display and smaller sub-windows for specific frequencies (e.g., 50.280000, 144.140000). The central area contains a control panel with various knobs and buttons for adjusting parameters like volume, gain, and filters. Below this, there are windows for call logs and messages, showing a list of incoming and outgoing calls with details such as frequency, mode, and name. The bottom right corner shows a system status window with various indicators and a clock displaying 1:08:20 PM. The interface is densely packed with data and controls, typical of professional broadcast software.

Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example

- Use Arduino to create web page, provide on/off control for 12 devices via the Ethernet
 - Could use instead for band switching transverters or switching mic, receive audio, foot switch, CW key, etc. among IF rigs - just change the code slightly!
- Arduino MEGA and ethernet shield from eBay
 - Code uses 3196 bytes of RAM, so need to use a Mega
 - UNO only has 2048 bytes of RAM

W3SZ Ethernet Relay Control

Click On Relay Buttons To Change State

GET STATUS

Relay 1 ON	Relay 1 OFF	Relay 2 ON	Relay 2 OFF	Relay 3 ON	Relay 3 OFF	Relay 4 ON	Relay 4 OFF
ON		OFF		OFF		ON	
Relay 5 ON	Relay 5 OFF	Relay 6 ON	Relay 6 OFF	Relay 7 ON	Relay 7 OFF	Relay 8 ON	Relay 8 OFF
OFF		ON		ON		OFF	
Relay 9 ON	Relay 9 OFF	Relay 10 ON	Relay 10 OFF	Relay 11 ON	Relay 11 OFF	Relay 12 ON	Relay 12 OFF
OFF		ON		ON		OFF	
Relay 13 ON	Relay 13 OFF	Relay 14 ON	Relay 14 OFF	Relay 15 ON	Relay 15 OFF	Relay 16 ON	Relay 16 OFF
ON		OFF		OFF		ON	

E:\StationAutomation\PackRatsMiniTalk\3_MEGA12ChEthernetSwitchOriginal.wmv

Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example

- Remember, Google is your friend!
- <http://www.instructables.com/id/Arduino-Ethernet-Shield-Tutorial/> has an example that turns LED on and off via the ethernet...a perfect beginning for our project!
- Original Arduino code is here:
 - http://w3sz.com/EthernetLED_Switch.ino
- New Arduino code is here:
 - http://w3sz.com/Ethernet_12_SwitchButtonsMega.ino
- Ethernet shield uses digital pins 10,11,12,13 so we can't use those pins to control relays
- Use pins 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A0,A1,A2,A3 for relay control

Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example: Arduino Code

1) Include Libraries that are needed

2) Define/initialize constants and variables

3) Setup()

Define and initialize output pins

Start ethernet port and serial port

4) Loop()

Get ethernet data

Parse ethernet data

Switch relays on or off

Call procedure “sendReply” to:

Send relay status back to client and re-write web page at client

(Web page uses HTML buttons to send commands to Arduino to control relays)

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Include Libraries, Define Variables & Constants

```
 9 #include <Ethernet.h> //for ethernet port
10 #include <string.h> // for string handling
11
12 String commandInputString = "";
13 String serIn;
14 String serOut1;
15 String serOut2;
16 String serOut3;
17 String serOut4;
18 String serOut5;
19 String serOut6;
20 String serOut7;
21 String serOut8;
22 String serOut9;
23 String serOut10;
24 String serOut11;
25 String serOut12;
26 |
27 String strValue;
28
29 // Enter MAC address and IP address for Arduino below.
30 // The IP address is dependent on your local network:
31 byte mac[] = { 0x90, 0xAA, 0xBB, 0xCC, 0xDA, 0x02 };
32 IPAddress ip(192, 168, 10, 176); //<< ENTER YOUR IP ADDRESS HERE <<
33
```

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Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example: Define Constants

```
34 // Initialize the Ethernet server library
35 // We'll use port 80 for HTTP):
36 EthernetServer server(80);
37 EthernetClient client;
38
39 const int PinR1 = 2; //number of Relay 1 pin
40 const int PinR2 = 3; //number of Relay 2 pin
41 const int PinR3 = 4; //number of Relay 3 pin
42 const int PinR4 = 5; //number of Relay 4 pin
43 const int PinR5 = 6; //number of Relay 5 pin
44 const int PinR6 = 7; //number of Relay 6 pin
45 const int PinR7 = 8; //number of Relay 7 pin
46 const int PinR8 = 9; //number of Relay 8 pin
47 const int PinR9 = A0; //number of Relay 9 pin
48 const int PinR10 = A1; //number of Relay 10 pin
49 const int PinR11 = A2; //number of Relay 11 pin
50 const int PinR12 = A3; //number of Relay 12 pin
51
```

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Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example: Setup/Initialize Output Pins and Start Ethernet Port

```
52 void setup()
53 {
54   // initialize GPIO pins as output pins
55   pinMode(PinR1, OUTPUT);
56   pinMode(PinR2, OUTPUT);
57   pinMode(PinR3, OUTPUT);
58   pinMode(PinR4, OUTPUT);
59   pinMode(PinR5, OUTPUT);
60   pinMode(PinR6, OUTPUT);
61   pinMode(PinR7, OUTPUT);
62   pinMode(PinR8, OUTPUT);
63   pinMode(PinR9, OUTPUT);
64   pinMode(PinR10, OUTPUT);
65   pinMode(PinR11, OUTPUT);
66   pinMode(PinR12, OUTPUT);
67
```

```
68   //initialize all GPIO pin values to low
69   digitalWrite(PinR1, LOW);
70   digitalWrite(PinR2, LOW);
71   digitalWrite(PinR3, LOW);
72   digitalWrite(PinR4, LOW);
73   digitalWrite(PinR5, LOW);
74   digitalWrite(PinR6, LOW);
75   digitalWrite(PinR7, LOW);
76   digitalWrite(PinR8, LOW);
77   digitalWrite(PinR9, LOW);
78   digitalWrite(PinR10, LOW);
79   digitalWrite(PinR11, LOW);
80   digitalWrite(PinR12, LOW);
81
82   // start the Ethernet connection and the server
83   Ethernet.begin(mac, ip);
84   server.begin();
85   Serial.begin(9600);
86   Serial.println("Starting Server");
87   Serial.println (Ethernet.localIP());
88
```

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Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example:

Loop to Get Ethernet Data, Parse It, Switch Relays, Send Status Back to HTML Client and Refresh Web Page

```
272 void loop()
273 {
274   // listen for incoming client
275   client = server.available();
276   if (client) {
277     while (client.connected()) {
278       if (client.available()) {
279         char c = client.read();
280         commandInputString += c; //append latest character received to string
281         if (c == '\n')
282         {
283           //Checks for the URL string beginning with '~' and ending with '$'
284           int stringStart = commandInputString.indexOf('~');
285           int stringEnd = commandInputString.indexOf('$');
286           String commandOut = commandInputString.substring(1 + stringStart, stringEnd);
```

the number of bytes available to read

TRUE if client connected

TRUE if client has data available for reading

Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example:

Loop to Get Ethernet Data, **Parse It, Switch Relays**, Send Status Back to HTML Client and Refresh Web Page

```
288     if (commandOut == "1") {
289         String HTMLString = "R1 ON";
290         Serial.println(HTMLString);
291         digitalWrite(PinR1, HIGH);
292         sendReply();
293     }
294     else if (commandOut == "100") {
295         String HTMLString = "R1 OFF";
296         Serial.println(HTMLString);
297         digitalWrite(PinR1, LOW);
298         sendReply();
299     }
300
301     else if (commandOut == "2") {
302         String HTMLString = "R2 ON";
303         Serial.println(HTMLString);
304         digitalWrite(PinR2, HIGH);
305         sendReply();
306     }
307     else if (commandOut == "200") {
308         String HTMLString = "R2 OFF";
309         Serial.println(HTMLString);
310         digitalWrite(PinR2, LOW);
311         sendReply();
312     }
```

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Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example:

Send Status Back to HTML Client:
Read Pin Status and form Status String

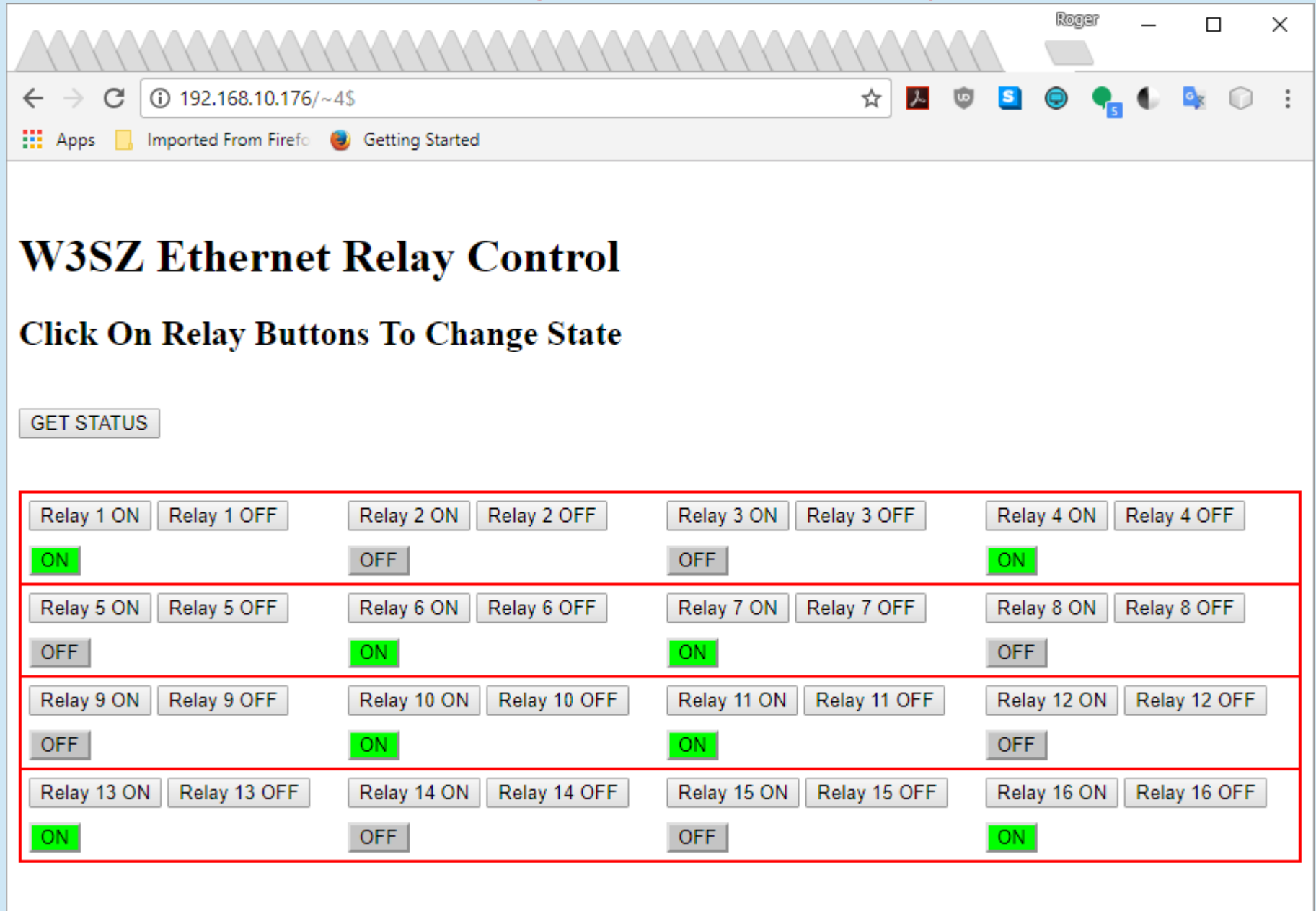
```
114 void sendReply()  
115 {  
116  
117     //read all output pin values  
118     int val = digitalRead(PinR1);  
119     strValue = val2Str(val);  
120     serIn = "Relay 1 is ";  
121     serOut1 = serIn + strValue;  
122     Serial.println(serOut1);  
123     val = digitalRead(PinR2);  
124     strValue = val2Str(val);  
125     serIn = "Relay 2 is ";  
126     serOut2 = serIn + strValue;  
127     Serial.println(serOut2);
```

```
94 String val2Str(int val)  
95 {  
96     if(val==0)  
97     {  
98         return "OFF";  
99     }  
100     else if (val==1)  
101     {  
102         return "ON";  
103     }  
104     else  
105     {  
106         return "UNKNOWN";  
107     }  
108  
109 }
```

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Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example:

Refresh Client Web Page and Return Relay Status to Client



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying '192.168.10.176/~45'. The page title is 'W3SZ Ethernet Relay Control'. Below the title, there is a instruction: 'Click On Relay Buttons To Change State'. A 'GET STATUS' button is located below the instruction. The main content area displays a grid of 16 relays, each with two buttons: 'Relay X ON' and 'Relay X OFF'. The current status of each relay is indicated by a colored box: green for 'ON' and grey for 'OFF'. The relays are arranged in four rows of four.

Relay	ON Button	OFF Button	Current Status
Relay 1	Relay 1 ON	Relay 1 OFF	ON
Relay 2	Relay 2 ON	Relay 2 OFF	OFF
Relay 3	Relay 3 ON	Relay 3 OFF	OFF
Relay 4	Relay 4 ON	Relay 4 OFF	ON
Relay 5	Relay 5 ON	Relay 5 OFF	OFF
Relay 6	Relay 6 ON	Relay 6 OFF	ON
Relay 7	Relay 7 ON	Relay 7 OFF	ON
Relay 8	Relay 8 ON	Relay 8 OFF	OFF
Relay 9	Relay 9 ON	Relay 9 OFF	OFF
Relay 10	Relay 10 ON	Relay 10 OFF	ON
Relay 11	Relay 11 ON	Relay 11 OFF	ON
Relay 12	Relay 12 ON	Relay 12 OFF	OFF
Relay 13	Relay 13 ON	Relay 13 OFF	ON
Relay 14	Relay 14 ON	Relay 14 OFF	OFF
Relay 15	Relay 15 ON	Relay 15 OFF	OFF
Relay 16	Relay 16 ON	Relay 16 OFF	ON

Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example:

Refresh Client Web Page and Return Relay Status to Client

```
179     client.println("HTTP/1.1 200 OK");
180     client.println("Content-Type: text/html");
181     client.println();
182     client.println("<!DOCTYPE HTML>");
183     client.println("<html>");
184     client.println("<HEAD>");
185     client.println("<TITLE>W3SZ Ethernet Relay Switch</TITLE>");
186     client.println("</HEAD>");
187     client.println("<body>");
188     client.println("<br />");
189     client.println("<H1>W3SZ Ethernet Relay Control</H1>");
190     client.println("<H2>Click On Relay Buttons To Change State</H2>");
191     client.println("<br />");
```

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Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example:

Refresh Client Web Page and Return Relay Status to Client

```
192 client.println("<input type=button value = 'GET STATUS' onmousedown=location.href='/~STATUS$'>");
193 client.println("<br />");
194 client.println("<br />");
195 client.println("<br />");
196 client.println("<input type=button value = 'Relay 1 ON' onmousedown=location.href='/~1$'>");
197 client.println("<input type=button value = 'Relay 1 OFF' onmousedown=location.href='/~100$'>");
198 client.println(serOut1);
199 client.println("<br />");
200 client.println("<br />");
201 client.println("<input type=button value = 'Relay 2 ON' onmousedown=location.href='/~2$'>");
202 client.println("<input type=button value = 'Relay 2 OFF' onmousedown=location.href='/~200$'>");
203 client.println(serOut2);
204 client.println("<br />");
205 client.println("<br />");
206 client.println("<input type=button value = 'Relay 3 ON' onmousedown=location.href='/~3$'>");
207 client.println("<input type=button value = 'Relay 3 OFF' onmousedown=location.href='/~300$'>");
208 client.println(serOut3);
209 client.println("<br />");
210 client.println("<br />");
211 client.println("<input type=button value = 'Relay 4 ON' onmousedown=location.href='/~4$'>");
212 client.println("<input type=button value = 'Relay 4 OFF' onmousedown=location.href='/~400$'>");
213 client.println(serOut4);
```

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Arduino Ethernet Device Control Example:

Refresh Client Web Page and Return Relay Status to Client

```
251     client.println("<input  type=button value = 'Relay 12 ON' onmousedown=location.href='/~12$'>");
252     client.println("<input  type=button value = 'Relay 12 OFF' onmousedown=location.href='/~1200$'>");
253     client.println(serOut12);
254
255     client.println("</body>");
256     client.println("</html>");
257 // pause to give the browser time to receive the data
258 delay(5);
259 // close the connection:
260 client.stop();
261
262
263 }
```


Station Automation Coding

- **Very Simple:**
 - Got Some Input
 - Did Something With It
 - Produced Some Output

Programming Steps

1) Included libraries containing external functions

Ethernet.h

string.h

2) Defined variables and constants

3) Setup ()

Defined and initialized GPIO pins

Defined, started, serial port, Ethernet port

4) Loop()

Received input from Ethernet port

Parsed / processed data to extract desired information

Used information derived from data to perform desired task (e.g. switch relays on or off)
and to send html web page and GPIO status updates to client computer

5) From within Loop(), called other functions() as needed (e.g. Ethernet.begin, Serial.x, client.x, val2Str, sendReply, digitalWrite, digitalRead)

Today's topics

- Reasons for and goals of station automation
- IF/Transverter Bandswitching
 - Binary/LPT devices
 - USB-Serial devices
 - I2C devices -no logging programs support directly
 - Radio-based – Elecraft K3
 - Ethernet devices – no logging programs support directly
 - Arduino-based or other MCU devices (can use LPT, COM/CAT, USB, I2C, Ethernet)
- CAT Control
 - N1MM
 - WSJTX
 - Other Software
- Device Bandswitching
 - Microphone
 - Receive Audio
 - PTT
 - CW keying
- Device Control
 - Ethernet Device Control
 - Antenna Azimuth and Elevation
- Device Monitoring
 - RF output power monitoring

Device Control – Antenna Azimuth and Elevation K3NG Arduino-Based Controller

- Versatile controller with very active user base
- GitHub Download site:
 - https://github.com/k3ng/k3ng_rotator_controller/wiki
- Radio Artisan Rotator Controller Project Page
 - <https://blog.radioartisan.com/yaesu-rotator-computer-serial-interface/>
- User Group:
 - <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/radioartisan/info>

K3NG Controller

- Azimuth only and azimuth / elevation rotator support
- Serial interface using the standard Arduino USB port
- Control Port Protocol Support:
 - Yaesu GS-232A & GS-232B
 - Easycomm
- Support for position sensors:
 - Potentiometers / Analog Voltage
 - Rotary Encoders
 - Incremental Encoders
 - Pulse Output
 - HMC5883L digital compass
 - ADXL345 accelerometer
 - LSM303 digital compass and accelerometer
 - HH-12 / AS5045
 - A2 Absolute Encoder (under development)

K3NG Controller

- LCD display (2 or 4 rows, at least 16 columns)
- Can be interfaced with non-Yaesu rotators, including homebrew systems
- Intelligent automatic rotation (utilizes overlap on 450 degree rotators)
- Support for both 360 degree and 450 degree azimuth rotators or any rotation capability up to 719 degrees
- North Center and South Center support
- Support for any starting point (fully clockwise)
- Optional automatic azimuthal rotation slowdown feature when reaching target azimuth
- Optional rotation smooth ramp up
- Optional brake engage/disengage lines for azimuth and elevation
- Buttons for manual rotation

K3NG Rotator Controller

Well Documented (on GitHub)

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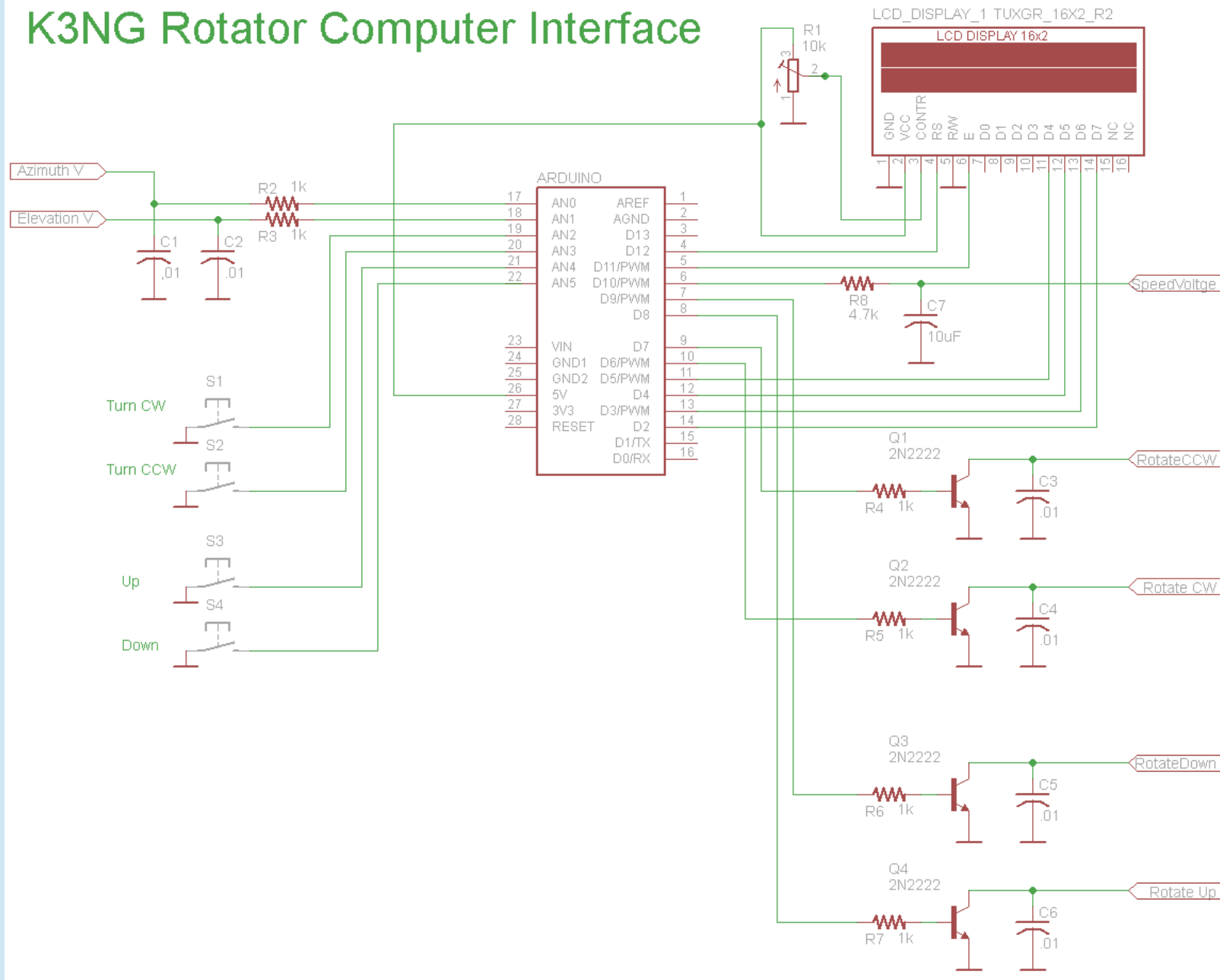
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K3NG Rotator Interface

K3NG Rotator Computer Interface



K3NG Rotator Controller

- 13,000 + lines of code in the Arduino sketch
- 157 options and features available through rotator_features.h
- 10 support libraries
- **Current code requires an Arduino Mega or better**

THE DRAKE EQUATION

NUMBER OF
COMMUNICATING
CIVILIZATIONS
IN OUR GALAXY

PROBABILITY THAT
LIFE ON A PLANET
BECOMES INTELLIGENT

$$N = R^* f_p n_e f_l f_i f_c L B_s$$

NUMBER OF LIFE-
SUPPORTING PLANETS
PER SOLAR SYSTEM

AMOUNT OF BULLSHIT
YOU'RE WILLING
TO BUY FROM
FRANK DRAKE