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## ABSTRACT

Wire cutting is essential in the electrical industry. Smaller organizations usually cut and wind wire manually as the machines available in the industry to do so tend to be very expensive. This project is focused on reducing the use of manpower to cut, measure and wind wires as well as making an affordable alternative to cut wire. This will reduce the chances of mistakes being made. This project is designed to automatically cut a specific measurement of wire as well as automatically winding wire. This machine will take the input from the keypad, sending them to the machine to start pulling the desired measurement of wire if the option to cut wire is chosen . The wire cutter will then cut the wire and this process will repeat for the amount chosen. If the option to wind wire is chosen, the machine will turn the wire spool until the key to stop is pressed. This project is realized using Arduino as the microcontroller and 4x4 keypad as the input. For the output, a 16x2 LCD is used as a display, a stepper motor is used to pull the wire as well as turn the wire spool, and a servo motor is used to move the wire cutter.

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## **ABSTRAK**

*Pemotongan wayar adalah penting dalam industri elektrik. Organisasi-organisasi kecil biasanya memotong dan menggulung wayar secara manual kerana mesin yang tersedia dalam industri untuk melakukannya cenderung sangat mahal. Projek ini tertumpu kepada mengurangkan penggunaan tenaga kerja untuk memotong, mengukur dan menggulung wayar serta menjadi alternatif yang lebih berpatutan untuk memotong wayar. Ini akan mengurangkan kemungkinan kesilapan dibuat. Projek ini direka bentuk untuk memotong secara automatik ukuran dawai tertentu serta penggulangan wayar secara automatik. Mesin ini akan mengambil input daripada pad kekunci, menghantarnya ke mesin untuk mula menarik ukuran wayar yang dikehendaki jika pilihan untuk memotong wayar dipilih. Pemotong wayar kemudiannya akan memotong wayar dan proses ini akan berulang untuk jumlah yang dipilih. Jika pilihan untuk menggulung wayar dipilih, mesin akan memusingkan kili wayar sehingga kekunci untuk berhenti ditekan. Projek ini direalisasikan menggunakan Arduino sebagai mikropengawal dan papan kekunci 4x4 sebagai input. Sebagai output, LCD 16x2 digunakan sebagai paparan, motor stepper digunakan untuk menarik wayar serta memutar kili wayar, dan motor servo digunakan untuk menggerakkan pemotong wayar.*



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## CHAPTER 1

### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction

This chapter will explain the background research done for this project, as well as the problem statement, research objectives, scope of research and project significance.

#### 1.2 Background Research

Electrical wire is used in a lot of different settings. It is one of the most important components used in the electrical industry. Due to this, the demand for wire cutting and spooling is always high. This is traditionally done manually with a wire cutter or a manual spooling caddy but as new technologies continue to exist, the traditional method is now considered a slow method in approaching wire cutting and spooling. Thus, innovations were made to solve this issue. Unfortunately, a lot of them do not cater to smaller organizations where floor space and budget is limited.

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#### 1.3 Problem Statement

Wire cutting tends to require a lot of attention as it is very easy to make mistakes. Cutting wires manually also takes a lot of time if done frequently. This will lower the productivity rate as a lot of time is wasted to carefully measure and cut wires to avoid uneven measurements.

While there are options such as industrial wire cutting machine, they tend to be very expensive and comes in big sizes. This will cost smaller organizations a lot of money which will be hard for them to gain back due to them being a smaller organization. Apart from that, these machines are usually big and will take up a lot of space. For many smaller organizations, this may not be a good option to take.

When it comes to wire winding, although most wires are bought in spools, after handling them there may be a lot of excess wires which will be needed to wind as to maintain a neat working space. In other occasions, wire spools may also get accidentally dropped causing the wires to get unraveled. To wind them

manually will take up a lot of time and it needs to be done carefully as too much tension on the wire can lead to possible wire damage.

There is also industrial wire spooling machine but like the wire cutting machine, they are expensive and big which is not suitable for small organizations.

#### 1.4 Research Objectives

The objectives of this project are ;

- 1) To design a machine that can cut a specific measurement of wire
- 2) To build an automatic wire winder

#### 1.5 Scope of Research

This project is aimed to develop a more affordable option to measure, cut, and wind wires all within one machine. This product is aimed to be used by the electrical industry. This product is expected to be able to measure up to 1000cm of wire and cut a maximum of 99 pieces at a time. This product does not measure the wire while spooling therefore it will only stop spooling when the stop key is pressed.

This project will be constructed with these measures :

1. 9V battery will be used to power the system
2. Arduino Nano is used for the system's microcontroller

#### 1.6 Project Significance

This project is developed to help the electrical industry save time and manpower when it comes to measuring, cutting and winding wires. This will greatly benefit those in the electrical industry to improve productivity while not spending a huge amount of resource to use industrial wire cutting machine.

#### 1.7 Chapter Summary

This chapter explains the background research done for this project, along with the problem statement which inspired the innovation of this project that is the unnecessary use of extra manpower to cut and spool wire when it could be directed towards other more productive activity. Another problem is the high cost and low mobility of industrial machines.

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## CHAPTER 2

### 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter will discuss further on the problem statement. This chapter will also discuss a few similar projects in how they were executed, the difference in the hardware as well as the software used, to be compared and observed. A comparison between different types of a component is also discussed. This will help to be able to make improvement for this project.

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#### 2.2 Overview

From the research done, there appear to be many parties who have looked into the issue with manual wire cutting and wire winding and created a project to solve the issue. Most of them uses similar main components to create a machine to cut or wind wire such as Arduino as the microcontroller and stepper motor.

#### 2.3 Previous Research

##### 2.3.1 Industrial Wire Cutting Machine

This system uses Arduino Mega 2560 for the microcontroller as well as a 24-V power supply to power the machine. They also used a recycled stepper motor to draw the wire and a servo motor to cut the wire. For the input, they use buttons and 16x2 LCD. This system is innovated to solve the issue with manual wire cutting. This product appears to be made in a bigger scale which may affect its mobility.

### **2.3.2 Automatic Pipe-Wire Cutting Machine**

Another similar project that was done is Automatic Pipe-Wire Cutting Machine by Mr D. G. Gahane, Prachi Katole, Priyanka Naidu, Ruchita Dhoke, and Sushama Kore in 2020. This project uses stepper motor to draw the wire for the desired length and pull the wire towards the cutter assembly. The cutter is then controlled by the servo motor by having the servo motor attached to the blade to cut the wire perfectly. The product also uses LCD to show current status of on-going work to help the operator know the progress of the task. Buttons are used to set the measurements and amount to be cut. For the microcontroller, they used Arduino Nano .

### **2.3.3 Improvement in Spooling of Wire Rope**

This project focuses on the spooling of wire rope, Rack and pinion mechanism is used to convert rotation into linear motion. The wire will first be attached to the drum to provide tension. Then, switch is pressed which start the motor which will rotate the drum and actuate the gear mechanism. The speed of the motor is maintained to provide uniform layer of wire on the drum. When the wire reaches the end the second pinion gets engaged to the rack and starts winding the second layer or wire in reverse direction. The machine will stop once the clearance limit is reached which can be achieved by using a limiting sensor.

## **2.4 Hardware**

### **2.4.1 Microcontroller**

Microcontroller is a self-contained computer-on-a-chip that can be used as an embedded system. There are many options when it comes to microcontroller with each slightly different than the other. Microcontrollers are characterized by bus-width, instruction set, and memory structure. The types of microcontrollers are PIC microcontroller, ARM microcontroller, 8051 microcontroller, AVR microcontroller, and MSP microcontroller.

### **2.4.2 Stepper Motor**

Stepper motors are a type of DC synchronous motor. Whereas the rotation of an induction motor is largely uncontrollable, the rotation of a stepper motor can be precisely controlled. Stepper motors can generate full, instantaneous torque even when at rest. This makes them ideal for motion control applications requiring precision, repeatability and power.

There are three main types of stepper motors, the permanent magnet stepper which create rotation and torque by interacting with the electromagnets of the stator. Another is a variable reluctance stepper. They are built with plain iron and resemble a gear. This type has a high degree of angular resolution but lower torque.

Lastly is the hybrid synchronous stepper. This stepper motor has the features of both the permanent magnet stepper and variable reluctance stepper. Due to this, this type has both high angular resolution and high torque.

### 2.4.3 Servo Motor

Servo motor is a rotational or translational motor to which power is supplied by a servo amplifier and serves to apply torque or force to a mechanical system. Servo motor allows for precise control in terms of angular position, acceleration, and velocity. There are three basic types of servo motor, positional rotation servos, which rotate 180 degrees, continuous rotation servos motor which does not have a range of motion limit and linear servos which use a rack and pinion mechanism.

### 2.5 Chapter **Summary**

This chapter discussed the previous research that was done to create this project. From the research, it is found that most projects done focuses on either wire cutting or wire spooling. Most projects also use buttons for the input rather than other form such as a keypad. Next, A research for the different types of microcontrollers, stepper motor and servo motor are done. From the research, an AVR microcontroller Arduino Nano is found to be the most suitable microcontroller as it is small and easier to use compared to other microcontrollers. As for the stepper motor, NEMA 17 is chosen which is a hybrid stepping motor. The servo motor that was chosen is MG996r servo motor which is a digital positional rotation servo.

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## CHAPTER 3

### 3 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Introduction

To realize this Project as a product that is ready to use with safety characteristic, a very comprehensive plan is taken. A step by step procedure is done so that the Project can be completed in time.

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#### 3.2 Project Design and Overview

This project is initially designed and simulated on Proteus using Arduino Nano as the microcontroller.

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##### 3.2.1 Block Diagram of the Project

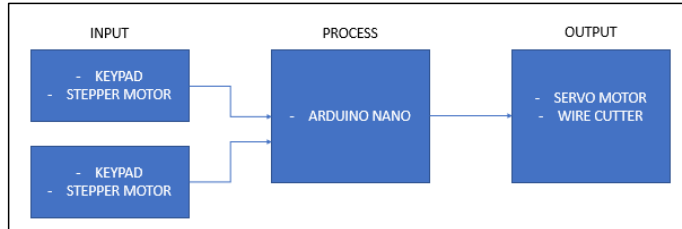


Figure 3. 1 shows the block diagram of the project

##### 3.2.2 Flowchart of the Project

Figure 3. shows the circuit diagram of the whole system. The project will start by displaying the options for the user such as option A : to cut wire and option B : to wind wire. If the user picked the first option, the machine will ask for the desired measurement of wire the user wish to cut. After pressing next, the machine will ask for the amount of wire to be cut. Then, the machine will begin to cut the wire according to the selected measurement and amount. The machine will need to be reset to begin the process again or to choose other option. If the second option is chosen, the machine will ask the user to start

winding by pressing a key. The machine will then ask the user to press the stop key to stop winding.

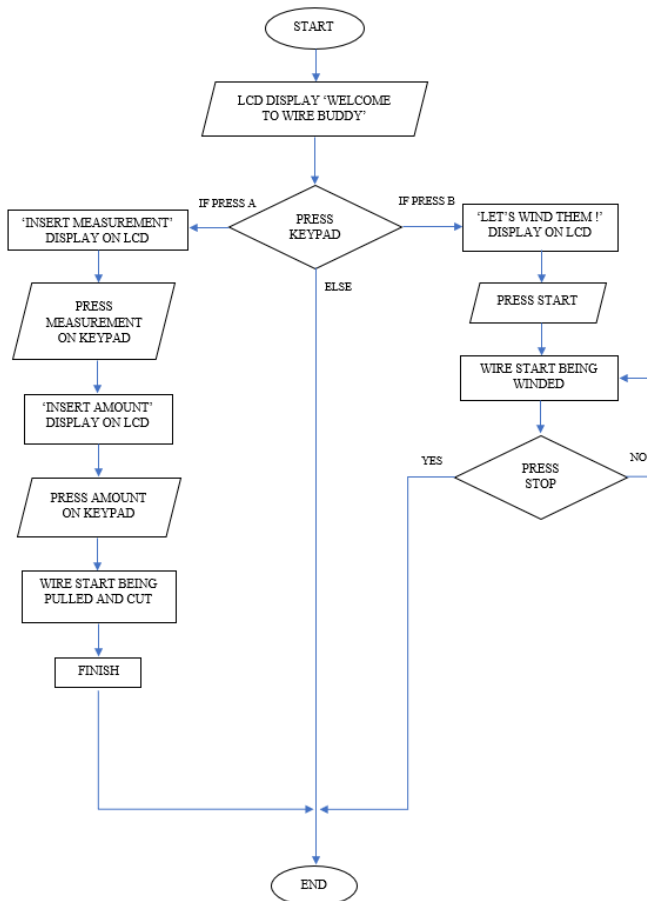


Figure 3.2: Flow chart of operation of the system  
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### 3.2.3 Project Description

This project requires both hardware and software to be able to function properly. For the hardware, the circuit is first designed and simulated on Proteus then the prototype is built to test the machine. As for the software, the program for this project is done on Arduino IDE to process the input.

### 3.3 Project Hardware

#### 3.3.1 Schematic Circuit

Figure 3 shows the overall circuit diagram of this Project. From the diagram, the LCD, keypad, stepper motor and servo motor are connected to the Arduino as well as the power source.

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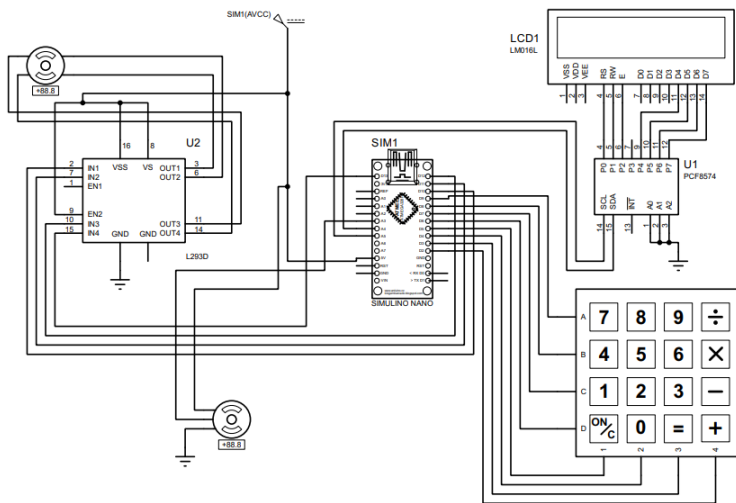


Figure 3.3: Circuit Diagram  
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### 3.3.2 Description of Main Component

#### 3.3.2.1 Arduino Nano

Arduino Nano is a small, complete, flexible and breadboard friendly microcontroller board, based on ATmega328P. It has 14 digital pins, 8 analog pins, 2 reset pins and 6 power pins. This Arduino is used to process the input from the keypad and move the stepper motor and servo according to the input.

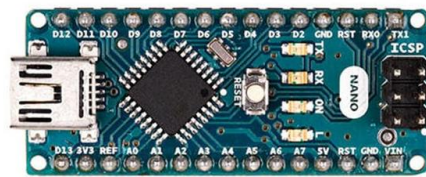


Figure 3.4 Arduino Nano

#### 3.3.2.2 Stepper Motor

Nema 17 stepper motor is a hybrid stepping motor with a  $1.8^\circ$  step angle (200 steps/revolution). Each phase draws 1.2A at 4V, allowing for a holding torque of 3.2 kg-cm. Nema 17 stepper motor is generally used in printers, CNC machines and laser cutters. This stepper motor is used to move the wheel that is used to pull the wire as well as to move the wire spool for winding purposes.



Figure 3.5 NEMA 17 Stepper Motor

#### 3.3.2.3 Servo Motor

The MG996r servo motor is a metal gear servo motor with a maximum stall torque of 11 kg/cm. This motor rotates from 0 to 180 degree based on



the duty cycle of the PWM wave supplied to its signal pin, weight 55g, This servo motor is used to pull one leg of the wire cutter to cut automatically cut the wire.



Figure 3.6 MG996r Servo Motor

#### 3.3.2.4 Timing Belt and Pulley

A timing pulley is a type of pulley configuration that features teeth and pockets on the outside diameter of the pulley's body. These teeth and pockets mate with a timing belt having the same pitch in a synchronous drive, preventing pulley-belt misalignment and ensuring smooth power transmission. The timing pulley and belt will connect to the stepper motor to move the wire spool and the wheel to pull the wire.



Figure 3.7 Timing Belt and Pulley

### 3.3.2.5 16 x 2 I2C LCD

LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) 16x2 is an electronic device that is used to display data and message. It includes 16 columns and 2 rows allowing it to display 32 characters in total and every character will be made with 40 pixel dots. The LCD will display the input inserted from the keypad and tell the user what process is currently on-going.



Figure 3.8 LCD 16x2

### 3.3.2.6 4 x 4 Matrix Membrane Keypad

This is a keypad with 16 buttons. It is made of a thin, flexible membrane material with an adhesive backing. This keypad is used to insert the desired measurement and amount to the Arduino.

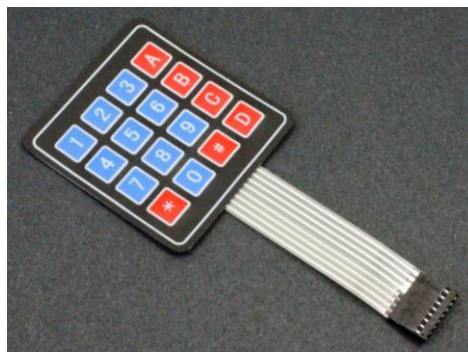


Figure 3.9 4 x 4 Matrix Membrane Keypad

### 3.3.2.7 Wire Cutter

Wire cutter is a handheld tool designed to cut wire ropes and cables. It will be used to automatically cut wire by connecting it to a servo motor.



Figure 3.10 Wire Cutter

### 3.3.2.8 Wheel

The wheel is used to pull the wire to the desired measurement.



Figure 3.11 Wheel

### 3.3.2.9 Shock Absorber

Shock absorber is a mechanical device designed to absorb and damp shock impulses. The shock absorber is used for the top wheel to keep the wire from moving around.



Figure 3.12 Shock Absorber

### 3.3.3 Circuit Operation

## 3.4 Project Software

### 3.4.1 Arduino IDE

Arduino IDE is an open-source software, designed by Arduino.cc and is mainly used for writing, compiling and uploading code to almost all Arduino. The main code, also known as a sketch, created on the IDE platform will generate a Hex File, which is then transferred and uploaded into the board's controller. For this project, this software is used to write and upload the code into the Arduino Nano.

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### 3.4.2 Flowchart of the System

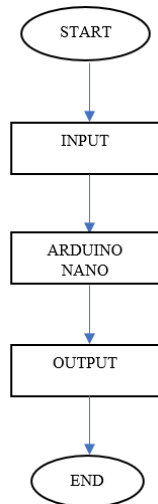


Figure 3.13 System Flowchart

### 3.4.3 Description of Flowchart

The input will come from the keypad. User will be asked to choose whether to cut or to wind, and if the option to cut is picked, the user will be asked to key in the desired measurements and amount.

The Arduino will then process the input .

If the option to cut is chosen, the stepper motor will turn and pull the wire according to picked measurements and the servo motor will then pull the cutter leg to cut the wire. If the option to wind is chosen, the stepper motor will turn and move the wire spool and wind the wire.

### 3.5 Prototype Development

#### 3.5.1 Mechanical Design/Product Layout

Figure 3. and Figure 3.4 shows the design of the product from the top view and from the front view

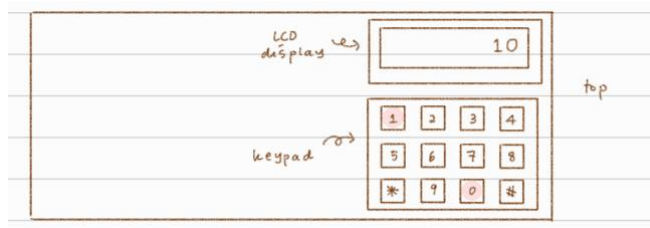


Figure 3.14 Top View of the Project

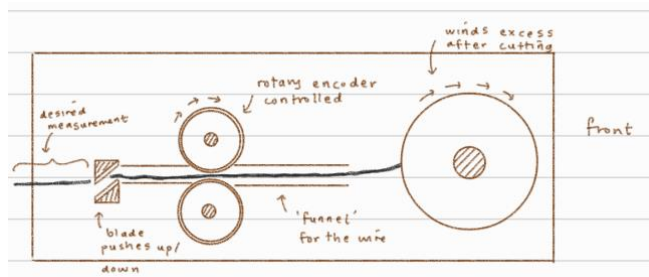


Figure 3.15: Front view of the Project

### 3.6 Sustainability Element in The Design Concept

For this project, it is expected to be able to be used with a rechargeable battery therefore the waste of battery can be reduced. This product is expected to be compact, affordable and portable which can help a lot of people be able

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to afford and use this product without needing a lot of floor space at the same time be able to move the product around easily.

### **3.7 Chapter Summary**

This chapter discusses about how the product will run from the hardware to its software. How the product functions is explained using a block diagram, a flow chart and schematic diagram. The use of the main components are also explained in this chapter.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **4 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND COSTING**

#### **4.1 Introduction**

This chapter will show the management of this project via a Gantt chart and the expected total budget for this project.



#### 4.2 Gantt Chart and Activities of the Project

No.	Activity	Implementation	WEEK													
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6	Product Market Studies	Plan				█	█	█								
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7	Project Sketches and Draw	Plan						█	█							
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9	Project Programming	Plan							█	█						
		Actual							█	█	█	█	█			
10	Investigation Report	Plan							█	█						
		Actual							█	█	█	█				
11	Idea Development	Plan							█	█	█					
		Actual							█	█	█	█				
12	Project Assembling	Plan											█	█	█	█
		Actual											█	█	█	█
13	Project Testing	Plan											█	█	█	█
		Actual											█	█	█	█
14	Project PCB Etching and Soldering	Plan													█	█
		Actual													█	█

### 4.3 Cost and Budgeting

No.	Items	Unit	Price (RM)
1.	Arduino Nano	1	37
2.	Nema 17 Stepper Motor	1	45
3.	A4988 Motor Driver	1	4.50
4.	MG996r Servo Motor	1	17
5.	I2C LCD 16x2	1	13
6.	4x4 Membrane Keypad	1	3.50
7.	9V Battery	1	5
8.	Touring Wheel	3	26.50
9.	Timing Pulley	2	14
10.	Timing Belt	2	10
11.	Shock Absorber	1	9
12.	Wire Cutter	1	10
13.	Other materials		50
<b>Total</b>			<b>244.50</b>

### 4.4 Chapter Summary

In conclusion, this project is designed to be halfway finished within 14 weeks. The making of this project is also expected to cost about RM250 which makes this project feasible and affordable.

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## **5 APPENDICES**

## APPENDIX A- DATA SHEET

**Commented [FAP14]:** Put relevant data sheet that you are referring while doing your project

## APPENDIX B- PROGRAMMING

**Commented [FAP15]:** Put your coding here

```
//----- librarys -----  
  
#include <LiquidCrystal.h>  
#include <Servo.h>  
  
//----- lcd -----  
LiquidCrystal lcd(12, 11, 5, 4, 3, 2); // 2, 3, 4, 5  
  
//----- stepper -----  
#define stepPin 7  
#define dirPin 8  
  
//----- servo -----  
Servo snippers;  
#define servo 10  
#define openAngle 180  
#define closedAngle 0  
  
//----- input -----  
  
#define leftButton 14  
#define rightButton 9  
#define upButton 15  
#define downButton 6  
  
//----- user settings -----  
unsigned int wireLength = 0;  
unsigned int wireQuantity = 0;
```

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//----- system settings -----
int state = 0;
int incrementSpeed = 1;
int previousWireLength = 0;
int previousWireQuantity = 0;
float mmPerStep = 0.18096;

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);

  lcd.begin(16, 2); //LCD columns and rows

  pinMode(upButton, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(downButton, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(leftButton, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(rightButton, INPUT_PULLUP);

  pinMode(stepPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(dirPin, OUTPUT);

  snippers.attach(servo);
  snippers.write(openAngle);

  delay(1000);
}

void loop() {
  if (!digitalRead(rightButton)){
    if(state == 5){
      state = 0;
    }
    else{
      state += 1;
    }
    delay(200);
    lcd.clear();
  }
  if (!digitalRead(leftButton) && state > 0 && state < 4){
    state -=1;
    delay(200);
    lcd.clear();
  }

  switch (state){
    case 0:
      homeScreen();
      break;
    case 1:
      chooseWireLength();
      break;
    case 2:
      chooseWireQuantity();
      break;
    case 3:
      confirm();
      break;
  }
}

```



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        case 4:
            currentlyCutting();
            break;
        case 5:
            finishedCutting();
            break;
    }
}

void homeScreen() {
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("WIRE CUTTER");
    lcd.setCursor(11, 1);
    lcd.print("NEXT>");
    delay(100);
}

void chooseWireLength() {
    wireLength = changeValue(wireLength);

    //clear LCD if required
    if(previousWireLength != wireLength) {
        lcd.clear();
        previousWireLength = wireLength;
    }

    //Display information on LCD
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("LENGTH:" + (String)wireLength + "mm");
    displayNavigation();
}

void chooseWireQuantity() {
    wireQuantity = changeValue(wireQuantity);

    //clear LCD if required
    if(previousWireQuantity != wireQuantity) {
        lcd.clear();
        previousWireQuantity = wireQuantity;
    }

    //Display information on LCD
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("QUANTITY:" + (String)wireQuantity);
    displayNavigation();
}

void confirm() {
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print((String)wireLength + "mm x " + (String)wireQuantity + "pcs");
    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
    lcd.print("<BACK");
    lcd.setCursor(10, 1);
    lcd.print("START>");
    delay(100);
}

```

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void currentlyCutting(){
  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd.print((String)0 + "/" + (String)wireQuantity);
  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print("??s");
  int stepsToTake = (int)wireLength/mmPerStep;
  for(int i = 0; i < wireQuantity; i++){
    unsigned long timeForOneCycle = millis();
    digitalWrite(dirPin,HIGH);
    for(int x = 0; x < stepsToTake; x++) {
      digitalWrite(stepPin,HIGH);
      delayMicroseconds(500);
      digitalWrite(stepPin,LOW);
      delayMicroseconds(500);
    }

    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print((String)(i+1) + "/" + (String)wireQuantity);

    snippers.write(closedAngle);
    delay(600);
    snippers.write(openAngle);
    delay(600);

    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);

    unsigned long timeRemaining = ((millis() - timeForOneCycle)*(wireQuantity - (i+1)))/1000;
    lcd.print((String)timeRemaining + "s   ");
  }

  wireLength = 0;
  wireQuantity = 0;
  state = 5;
}

void finishedCutting(){
  lcd.clear();
  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd.print("CUTTING COMPLETE");
  lcd.setCursor(11, 1);
  lcd.print("NEXT>");
  delay(100);
}

int changeValue(int currentValue){
  if (!digitalRead(upButton)) {
    delay(100);
    currentValue += incrementSpeed;
  }
  if (!digitalRead(downButton)) {
    if(currentValue - incrementSpeed >= 0){
      delay(100);
      currentValue -= incrementSpeed;
    }
  }
  else{
    currentValue = 0;
  }
}
}

```

```
    if (!digitalRead(downButton) && !digitalRead(upButton)){
        incrementSpeed = 1;
    }
    return currentValue;
}

void displayNavigation() {
    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
    lcd.print("<BACK");
    lcd.setCursor(11, 1);
    lcd.print("NEXT>");
    delay(100);
}
```

**APPENDIX C- PROJECT MANUAL/PRODUCT CATALOGUE**



