

# GPS Clock

# MECH 6621 Final Project

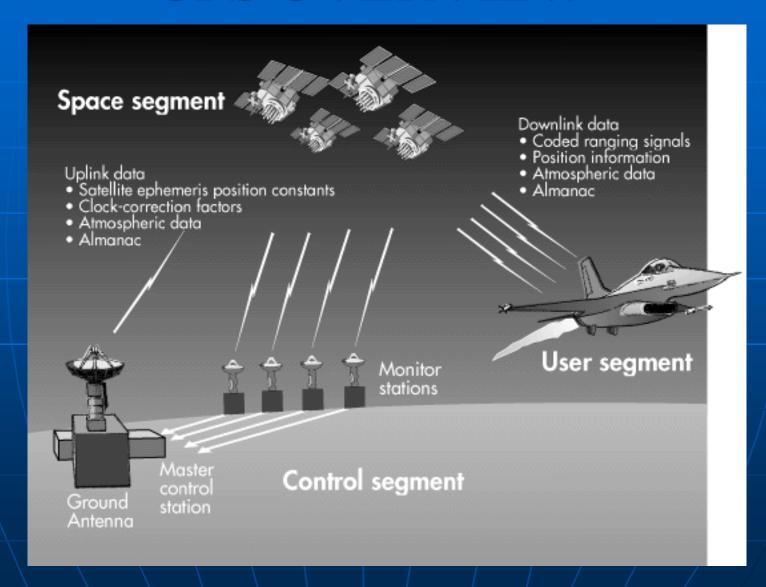
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# INTRODUCTION



## **GPS OVERVIEW**



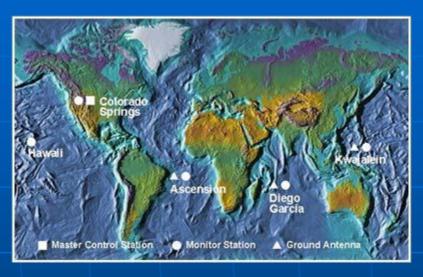
# Space segment





- 31 satellites
  - 24 at 6 orbital planes
  - 7 are orbited as spares
- Orbital radius is 26 600 km
  (20 200 km altitude)
- 2 complete orbits each 24 hours(the same ground track each day)
- from 5 to 8 satellites above horizon from any point on the Earth

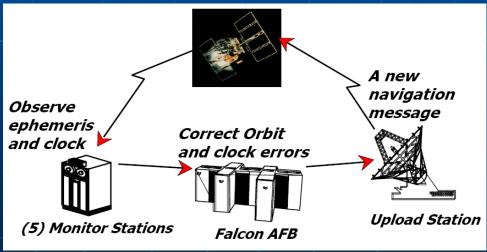
# Control segment



#### consists of:

- Master control station (Colorado Spring, USA)
- Alternate master control station
- Four dedicated ground antennas
- Six dedicated monitor stations

The main role is observing the ephemeris and clock of each satellite and correction of the orbit and clock errors



# User segment

U.S. military users of the secure GPS PrecisePositioning Service

Civil, commercial andscientific users of theStandard Positioning Service



# Principle of work





The GPS receiver receives the following information from each satellite:

- The almanac data about the approximate position of satellite
- The ephemeris data about the exact position of satellite
- Message containing the time of transmission

The receiver measures the time of arrival of the satellite signals

 $\Delta t = t_{Arrival} - t_{Transmission}$ Distance=Propagation Rate (speed of light) \* Time

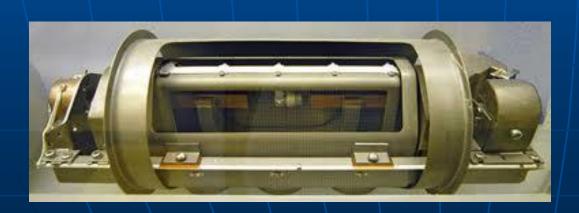
User position can be computed using satellite positions and the distance to them

#### GPS satellite clocks

GPS time is accurate to about 14ns.

To achieve such accuracy each satellite is equipped with 2 cesium and 2 rubidium clocks (\$100,000 - \$500,000 each).

Moreover these clocks are continually adjusted with atomic clock by Master Control Station



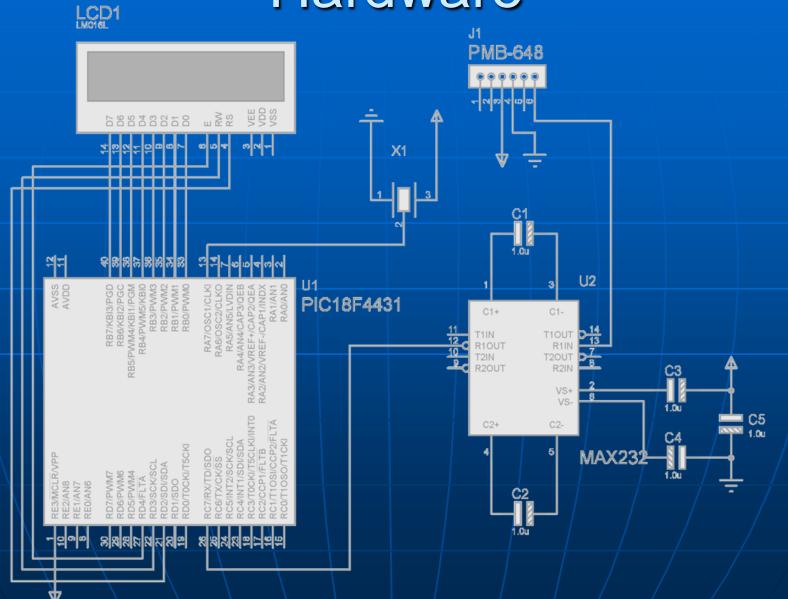


### Hardware

- Microcontroller as the main processing and controlling unit
- GPS module as data provider
- An alphanumeric LCD as display
- RS232 standard peripherals for communication purpose



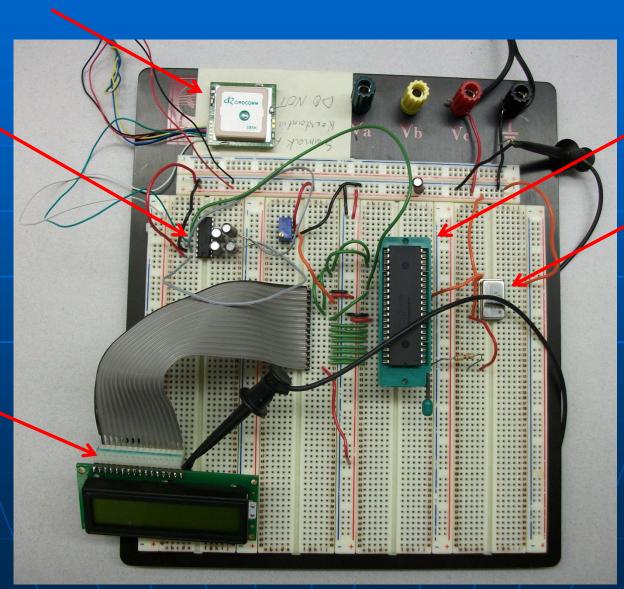
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PMB-648 GPS Module

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MAX232



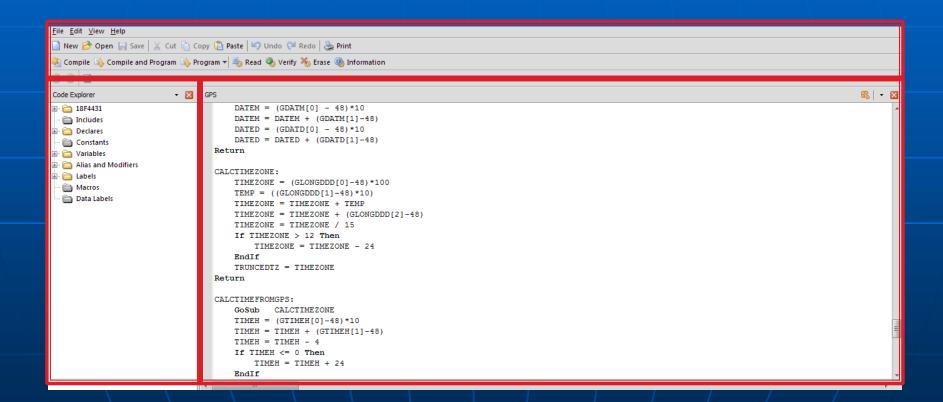
PIC18F4431

Oscillator 8MHz

LCD Module LMB162ABC

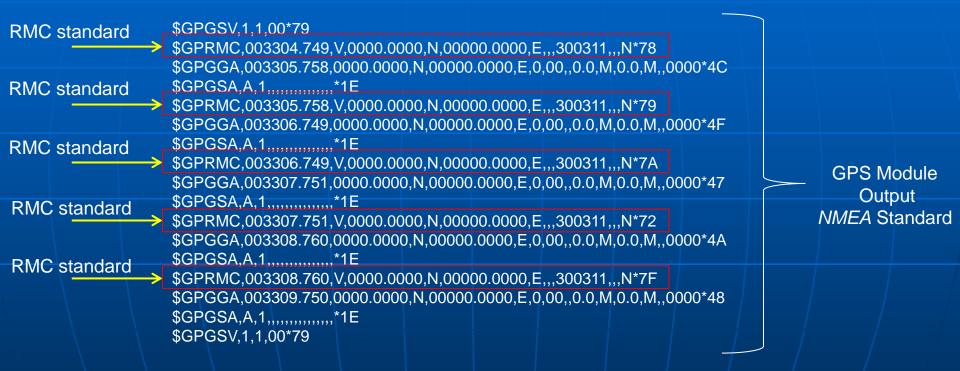
#### Software

- High level programming language, Proton Basic employed
- Proton IDE used to develop and compile code



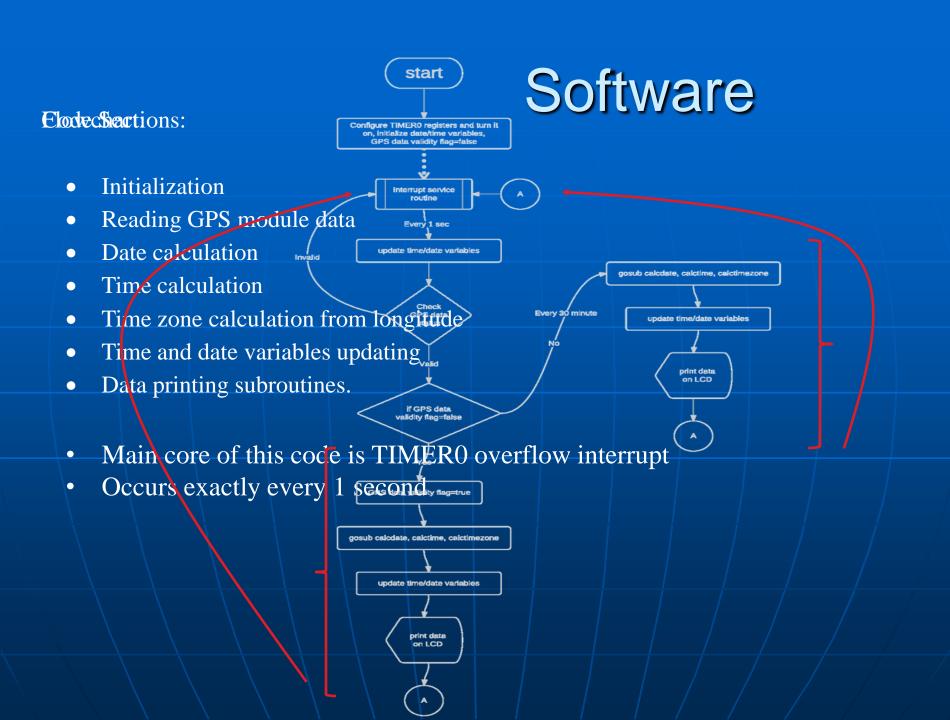
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 One-shot HSerIn instruction of Proton Basic used with necessary arguments to place each data in its own associated variable



Valid example of RMC data:

\$GPRMC,161250.487,A,3723.2475,N,15030.3416,W,0.13,309.62,120511



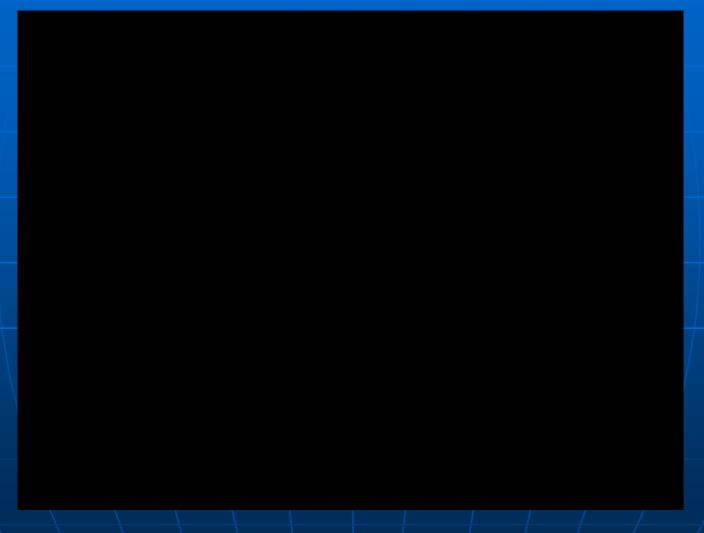
# Modeling & Simulation

• Proteus ISIS Professional advanced simulation software employed for design verification of this system

#### Model Components:

- PIC18F4431 microcontroller
- Standard LM016L 2×16 LCD model
- Virtual terminal to illustrate data flow in serial data line
- HDL (Hardware description language) code to define a virtual model for the GPS module.

# Practical Testing



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# Conclusion and practical application



# Thank you for your attention