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# Two Channels Wireless Electrocardiograph System Using Bluetooth Communication

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ABSTRACT Health problems with disorders of the cardiovascular system are still in high rank in the world. This is in according to data from the WHO reported that about 31% of the causes of death globally are cardiovascular diseases. The purpose of this study was to develop a 12-lead electrocardiograph with two displays and a Bluetooth HC-05 as a signal data transmitter. In this study, the electrocardiogram signal obtained from tapping was obtained by attaching electrode cables to leads I, Lead II, Lead III, aVR, aVL, and aVF. This study used IC AD620, HPF filter with frequency and LPF filter, and non-volatile inverting amplifier. Additionally, the amplifier output was feed to Arduino UNO for further display. The ECG signal was recorded and displayed on a computer monitor by using the Delphi 7 application. The research method is to measure the heart signal on the ECG Simulator and test the similarity of the signal on the ECG at 0.5mV, 1 mV, and 2 mV settings on each lead. The testing stage was performed. Further, the error was calculated. In this case, the highest error value is obtained for lead I, lead aVL, and aVF of 7.14%. Additionally, the smallest error is a 3.57% error in lead III. Another finding was obtained that at the 1mV setting, the highest error value is obtained in leads aVL and aVF of 5.71%, and the smallest error is 2.1% for lead II. There is no significant difference between the signal generated by the module and the signal on the manufacturer's ECG.

**INDEX TERMS** Electrocardiograph, Heart Monitoring, HC-05, Delphi-7.

# I. INTRODUCTION

Health problems with disorders of the cardiovascular system still rank high; according to data from the World Health Organization (WHO) it is reported that around 31% of the causes of death globally are cardiovascular disease [1][2][3]. The number of deaths caused by the symptoms of this disease cannot be seen directly, but by conducting an examination using an electrocardiograph (ECG) [4][5].

In a previous study, research conducted by Dwiky Wicaksono and Aprilia Krisnawati in 2016 has created an Electrocardiograph (ECG) 12 leads on PC. In this study, researchers used 12 leads by using multiplexer IC 4051 for data switching and using a microcontroller IC for data processing [6][7][8]. However, there are still shortcomings from this research; namely, it is still not equipped with storage for the ECG signal analysis process, and signal processing on a computer has not stabilized the signal that

goes up and down the reference point [9][10]. In further research by Sugondo Hadiyoso in 2015 has created a development of 12 lead ECG devices and client-server applications for data distribution. In this study, a 12-lead ECG was designed to be controlled by a multiplexer 4051 through a microcontroller in turn[11][12][13]. Then the data is processed through ADC conversion and then sent serially to the server computer and can be viewed on the connected client computer. However, the ECG lead signals cannot be displayed all at once because the transfer delay is too large. A further study by Aisyah Taqiyyatun Ni'mah in 2017 has created an electrocardiograph (ECG) and PC-based photoplethysmography or PPG [14][15], [16]. In this study, the measurement of the ECG signal is only in lead II, and the graph will be displayed. On a computer using the Delphi programming language and for data transmission using the

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HC-05 module [17] [18][19] [20]. Meanwhile, to see the complete state of the heart, you need leads inferior (Lead II, Lead III, and aVF), lateral (Lead I, aVL, V5, and V6), septum (V1 and V2), anterior (V3, V4, and aVR) [11],[7][16].

The purpose of this study was to develop an ECG with two display measurements on a computer via Bluetooth communication (Frontal). In building the system, several filter circuits like low pass filter, high pass filter, and notch filter will be used, and components are needed, such as the HC-05 module as a wireless concept and signal data sender in the design.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### A. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

This study uses data retrieval per 12 ECG Signal Leads by setting the BPM signal on the Fluke ECG Simulator with settings of 30, 60, 120, and 240 BPM. In each setting, a comparison will be made of each ECG lead signal at 0.5mV, 1mV and 2mV settings between the module and the manufacturer's ECG and analysis of the working distance for the module.

## 1) MATERIALS AND TOOL

This study used a comparison ECG-9012A. ECG simulator as a signal generator. IC AD620 for instrumentation amplifier and TL084 as a filter and non-inverting amplifier. The microcontroller used is Arduino Uno and HC-05 for data transmission.

2) EXPERIMENT In this study, after the design was completed, the instrument was tested using an ECG simulator (phantom) with a BPM range of 30, 60,120, and 240. Then the results were displayed to a PC, and then a comparative analysis was carried out with the recording results with the manufacturer's ECG.

# B. THE DIAGRAM BLOCK

The diagram block that is shown in FIGURE 1 explains that heart signals in patients were detected using electrodes attached to the patient on the right hand (RA), left hand (LA), left leg (LL), and right foot (RL). Furthermore, in the processing block, the recorded signal enters the buffer circuit so that the detected signal is the actual signal and no signal is lost. Furthermore, with the multiplexer the tapped signal will be selected according to the logic of the microcontroller that has been inputted to the multiplexer for the selection of the tapped signal. The multiplexer output will enter the instrumentation circuit used to process the body signal. Then the signal will be filtered using a passive filter circuit that has set the frequency value according to the signal frequency value in the heart so that only heart signals are passed and block other body signals. After that the signal will enter the amplifier circuit and then enter the adder circuit which functions to increase the signal reference from negative to positive because the microcontroller can only read positive voltages so that the signal will be processed and the reference

value adjusted so that it can be read by the microcontroller. The output of the adder circuit is connected to the ADC pin of the microcontroller to convert from an analog signal to digital. The modified data will be processed on the microcontroller, and the microcontroller will control the multiplexer (two-way communication between the microcontroller and PC). after processing on the microcontroller. Furthermore, the data is sent via Bluetooth communication between the HC-05 and the Delphi7 application on the PC and displays a graph of the ECG signal.

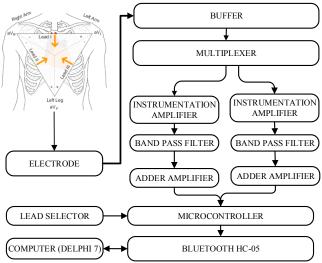


FIGURE 1. The diagram block of the electrocardiograph

## C. THE FLOWCHART

The Arduino program was built based on the flowchart as shown in FIGURE 2. When the device is turned on in the transmitter block, there will be a lead initialization process to pick up body signals using electrodes that have been attached to the patient and a process for receiving lead selection instructions from the PC. Then the lead selection is carried out using an IC multiplexer which will then display all measurements from leads 1 and V1, leads 2 and V2, leads 3 and V3, leads aVR and V4, then leads aVL and V5 then leads aVF and lead V6. Then the measurement results will be processed in the ADC circuit which is sent via Bluetooth to the PC. In the receiver block, the user will connect to the PC to call the input data from the receiver. After connecting to the PC, the software is initialized. The PC will receive Bluetooth signals containing the measurement results data. then send the measurement selection results from the lead selector which will be displayed to the PC. From the previous process, the selected lead measurement data will be displayed to the PC.

# D. ANALOG CIRCUIT

## 1) INSTRUMENTATION AMPLIFIER

An instrument amplifier is a closed loop amplifier. To set the desired gain, adjust it by varying the value of Rg (Resistor

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gain). This circuit serves to amplify the signal obtained from the Phantom ECG. The output of the instrument circuit still has a lot of noise.

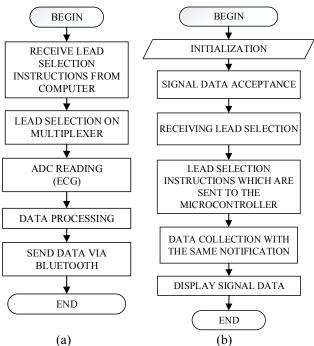


FIGURE 2. The flowchart of the Arduino program (a) transmitter and (b) receiver.

## 2) HIGH PASS FILTER

A high pass filter (HPF) is one type of filter that has the function of passing high frequencies and suppressing low frequencies or those less than the cut-off frequency. The ECG signal ranges from 0.05-110 Hz; for that we need an HPF circuit that has the appropriate cut-off value. In this case the gain is 0.049 Hz. With the following formula:

$$fc = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$$
 (1) where R is the resistance value and C is the capacitor value used.

## 3) LOW PASS FILTER

Low Pass filter is one type of filter that functions to pass low frequencies and suppress frequencies higher than the cut-off frequency. The ECG signal ranges from 0.05-110 Hz, after entering the HPF circuit block, which passes frequencies above the cut-off frequency. In this study the gain is 102.6Hz. With the following formula:

$$fc = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{R_1 \times R_2 \times C_1 \times C_2}} \tag{2}$$

where R is the resistance value and C is the capacitor value used.

## 4) NOTCH FILTER

The notch filter circuit functions as a buffer for signals that have a frequency according to the cut-off frequency and will pass signals that have a frequency outside the cut-off frequency, either less than or more than the cut-off frequency. In this study, the notch filter has a cut-off

frequency of 50Hz. Here is the design of the Notch Filter circuit.

#### 5) NON-INVERTING AMPLIFIER

The final amplifier circuit circuits whose function is to amplify the input, not to reverse the phase to produce a higher output.

In this study the strengthening of 27 times. With the following formula:

$$ACL = \frac{1 + Rf}{Rg} \tag{3}$$

where ACL is instrumentation amplifier gain, Rf is feedback resistor and Rg is gain resistance.

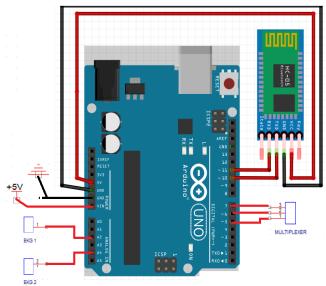


FIGURE 3. The Bluetooth connection with the others circuit

# 6) ADDER AMPLIFIER

The Adder Amplifier circuit serves to increase the reference to the ECG signal voltage, so that the negative voltage obtained by the ECG signal will be increased to the entire positive voltage value.

# 7) MULTIPLEXER CIRCUIT

The multiplexer circuit is an analog switch that is controlled or digitally controlled. The multiplexer allows to select one or more data contained in the input and for a time will be forwarded to 1 output, which is controlled on the input selection logic pin. One of the multiplexer ICs is IC 405X and has several types CD4051B, CD4052B, and CD4053B.

# 8) THE BLUETOOTH MODULE

The Bluetooth Module as shown in FIGURE 3 in this case is the HC-05. This Bluetooth module is used to transmit the ECG signal to the computer. For communication between the Arduino board and the Bluetooth module, two pins are needed, namely Tx (to transmit ECG data, and Rx to receive information between the microcontroller and the computer unit).

## III. RESULT

In this study, the ECG was tested using a phantom ECG (Fluke, USA) and ECG and compared with the manufacturer's ECG (ECG-9012A). The analog section consists of four 4051 ICs which are used as the lead selection switch. There are also 4 TL084s and some variable resistors for gain adjustment. The digital part consists of the Arduino Uno and the HC-05 Bluetooth module which is used to communicate data between the microcontroller and the PC. In this study, the Loftware is divided into two parts, Arduino and Delphi. To program on Arduino for setting communication speed and program initialization.

FIGURE 5 to FIGURE 7 show comparison of signal between the module with the comparison, white line for the module and black line for the manufacturer's ECG or the comparison, for setting 1mV.

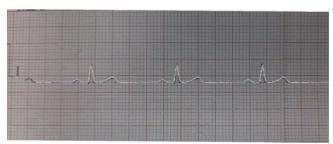


FIGURE 5. Comparison between module and ECG manufacturers at Lead I

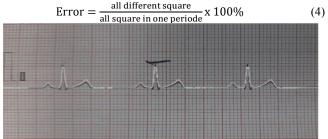


FIGURE 6. Comparison between module and ECG manufacturers at Lead II



FIGURE 7. Comparison between module and ECG Manufacturer's at Lead III

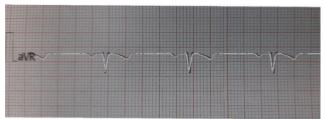


FIGURE 8. Comparison between module and ECG manufacturers at Lead aVR



FIGURE 9. Comparison between module and ECG manufacturers at Lead aVL



FIGURE 10. Comparison between module and ECG manufacturers at Lead aVF

TABLE 1
Comparison error between module and ECG manufacturers

Lead	Error (%)
Lead I	2,38
Lead II	3,96
Lead III	4,76
Lead aVR	4,08
Lead aVL	7,14
Lead aVF	4,76

TABLE 1 show error comparison between modules and ECG manufacturers. At the sensitivity setting of 1mV, the average error value for all leads is 4.51%; the highest error is in lead aVL of 7.14% and the lowest error is in lead I of 2.38%. The testing wireless range of the ECG Module using the HC-05 Bluetooth module result was shown in TABLE 2.

# IV. DISCUSSION

The results of the signal similarity test between the module and the manufacturer's ECG at the 0.5mV setting for the smallest error value is 3.57% in lead III and the largest error is 7.14% in lead aVL and aVF. There is a difference in lead II, the R signal on the module is smaller than on the ECG. At the 1mV setting, the smallest error value is 2.38% in lead I and the largest error is 7.14% in lead aVL. There is a difference in the aVR where the R signal on the module is smaller than the ECG. At the 2mV setting, the smallest error value is 2.1% in lead II and the largest error is 5.71% in lead aVL. There is a difference in height in leads I, aVR, and aVF where the R signal on the module is smaller than on the ECG. Weaknesses/weaknesses of the circuit made on this ECG module is that there is a delay when transferring leads and it takes time to stabilize the signal displayed on the PC. There is no BPM value on the display on PC.

TABLE 2
Wireless range testing

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Tx and Rx Range (m)	Without Obstacle	With Obstacle
2	Sent	Sent
4	Sent	Sent
6	Sent	Sent
8	Sent	Sent
10	Sent	Can't Sent
12	Sent	Can't Sent
13	Sent	Can't Sent
14	Sent	Can't Sent
16	Can't Sent	Can't Sent

In the table above, the results of testing the distance without obstruction at a distance of 16 meters, the module cannot transmit signals to a PC. For the results of distance testing with obstacles at a distance of 16 meters the module cannot transmit signals to PC.

## V. CONCLUSION

The purpose of this study was to develop a 12-lead electrocardiograph with 2 displays and Bluetooth HC-05 as a signal data sender. In this study, the electrocardiogram signal obtained from tapping was obtained by attaching electrode cables to leads I, Lead II, Lead III, aVR, aVL, and aVF; This study used IC AD620, HPF filter with frequency and LPF filter and non-volatile amplifier. inverting then using Arduino UNO for further display. in the form of a signal on the Delphi 7 application. The research method is to measure the heart signal on the ECG Simulator and test the similarity of the signal on the ECG at 0.5mV, 1mV and 2 mV settings on each lead. After testing the equation at the 0.5mV setting by calculating the error rate value, the highest error value is obtained in lead I, lead aVL and aVF of 7.14% and the smallest error is a 3.57% error in lead III. Then at the 1mV setting, by calculating the error rate, the highest error value in lead aVL is 7.14% and the smallest error is 2.36%. At the 2mV setting, by calculating the error rate, the highest error value is obtained in leads aVL and aVF of 5.71% and the smallest error is the smallest error of 2.1% in lead II. There is no significant difference between the signal generated by the module and the signal on the manufacturer's ECG. For further development, it is recommended to use a signal processor on a PC to stabilize the signal that goes up and down its reference point, use components with better quality in order to produce a better signal, and add BPM values to the PC.

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#### **APPENDIX**

Program 1. For Data Processing

```
void olahsinyal1(){
  ecg=analogRead(4);
  if (ref<=ecg)
    {ref=ecg;}
  else
    {ref=ref;hold=(ref*0.7);}}

void olahsinyal2 () {
  ecg2=analogRead(2);
  if (ref2<=ecg2)
    {ref2=ecg2;}
  else
    {ref2=ref2;hold2=(ref2*0.7);}}</pre>
```

In the above program is a signal processing program that is connected to the Arduino from the output of the ECG filter circuit. The result of the signal read by pin 4 and pin 2 of Arduino is processed before being sent to Delphi via Bluetooth HC-05

# Program 2. Display

```
void loop() {
int sinyal1 = analogRead(A4);
int sinyal2 = analogRead(A2);
MyBlue.print("x");
MyBlue.print(sinyal1);
MyBlue.print("y");
delay(5);
MyBlue.print("c");
MyBlue.print(sinyal2);
MyBlue.print("d");
delay(5);
}
```

The above program is a program for the signal that will be read as analog data and then sent to the interface display by Bluetooth HC-05 by analog pins A4 and A2 and will later be adjusted to the address on the display application on the PC (Delphi).

## Program 3. For Lead Selection

```
Void mux () {
//y=0
while (MyBlue.available()) {
daridelphi = MyBlue.read();
if (daridelphi == '1') { //Lead 1 dan V1
digitalWrite(pin_A, LOW);
digitalWrite(pin_B, LOW);
digitalWrite(pin_C, LOW);
Serial.println ("coba 111");
delay(100);
}
```

```
else if (daridelphi == '2'){ //Lead 2 dan V2
 digitalWrite(pin A, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(pin B, LOW);
 digitalWrite(pin C, LOW);
 Serial.println ("coba 222");
 delay(100);
//y=2
if (daridelphi == '3'){
 digitalWrite(pin_A, LOW);
 digitalWrite(pin B, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(pin C, LOW);
 Serial.println ("coba 333");
 delay(100);
//v=3
else if (daridelphi == '4'){
 digitalWrite(pin A, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(pin B, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(pin C, LOW);
 Serial.println ("coba 444");
 delay(100);
//v = 4
if (daridelphi == '5'){
 digitalWrite(pin_A, LOW);
 digitalWrite(pin B, LOW);
 digitalWrite(pin C, HIGH);
 Serial.println ("coba 555");
 delay(100);
//y=5
else if (daridelphi == '6'){
 digitalWrite(pin A, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(pin_B, LOW);
 digitalWrite(pin C, HIGH);
 Serial.println ("coba 666");
 delay(100);
 }}
```

In making the module display using this delphi application as shown in FIGURE 4, programming includes the graph for ECG signal, both frontal and transversal reading display program, and the setting for lead selection, and ON/OFF button.



FIGURE 4. The Display of ECG in Delphi 7 application

Program 4. To connect the ECG

```
//-------
Procedure
TForm1.Button7Click(Sender: TObject);
begin
Comport1.Port:=InputBox('Setting','Masukkan
Port',Comport1.Port);
procedure
TForm1.ComDataPacket2Packet(Sender:
TObject; const Str: String);
//-------CONNECT-----
procedure
TForm1.Image4Click(Sender: TObject);
Begin
```

The above program is a program in Delphi which is used to receive data sent \ choose the port to be used and then connected with the "CONNECT" button. Will be connected when the connect button changes to "CONNECTED".

Program 5. To display data on Delphi 7

```
//----data processing ecg-----
procedure TForm1.ComDataPacket7Packet(Sender:
TObject; const Str: String);
Var
 E,dataadc: Integer;
 tegangan: Real;
begin
Val(Str,dataadc,E);
if E \Leftrightarrow 0 then Exit;
tegangan:=dataadc*0.0038875855327468230694037145
65;
Chart1.Series[0].AddXY(x,tegangan);
x := x + 0.17:
if chart1.Series[0].MaxXValue >
Chart1.BottomAxis.Maximum then begin
Chart1.Series[0].Clear;
x=0;
end;
//----2-----2
procedure TForm1.ComDataPacket1Packet(Sender:
TObject; const Str: String);
Var
 E1,dataadc1: Integer;
 tegangan1, teganganbaru: Real;
begin
Val(Str,dataadc1,E1);
```