# FPGA-Based Design and Implementation of a Controller for a Dual-Axis Sun Tracking System

# **Problem Statement**

*Maximize power extraction from the panel by operating the cell arrays at their full potential* **Outcome,** which in its core will increase the efficiency of these panels.

# Outcome

Prototype of a solar panel that adjusts the angle of the PV cells toward the best angle to maximize the amount of sunrays acquired keeping the efficiency at higher rates and the cost as minimum as possible.

#### Requirements

- Literature survey of existing solutions
- Evaluation of different solution options and adopting an approach
- Design and implementation of the system
- Testing correct functionality of the system and determining performance measures

#### Advisor

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# Timetable

|             |    | Start 🗸      | Task Name                                                   | Duratior <del>+</del> | Resource Name | 06 Sep '14         20 Sep '14         04 Oct '14         18 Oct '14         01 Nov           06         10         14         18         22         26         30         04         08         12         16         20         24         28         01         0 |  |
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|             | 1  | Tue 09/09/14 | Looking for existing , innovative solutions                 | 39 days               |               | a 31/1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|             | 2  | Tue 09/09/14 | Using FPGA board as a Microcontroller                       | 2 days                | Taha          | Taha<br>Omar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|             | 3  | Wed 10/09/14 | Using power provided by the solar panel to run the motors   | 2 days                | Omar          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|             | 4  | Fri 12/09/14 | Other Approaches                                            | 2 days                | Mohamed       | Mohamed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
|             | 5  | Tue 16/09/14 | 4 Evaluation of solutions and choosing the best approach    | 34 days               |               | l IIII                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|             | 6  | Tue 16/09/14 | Economical perspective                                      | 3 days                | Mohamed       | Mohamed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 11 12 12 12 | 7  | Thu 18/09/14 | Energy Efficient                                            | 3 days                | Omar          | Omar<br>Taha<br>Taha<br>Omar<br>Mohamed                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
|             | 8  | Fri 19/09/14 | Compatibility and support                                   | 4 days                | Taha          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|             | 9  | Thu 25/09/14 | <ul> <li>Design and implementation of the system</li> </ul> | 27 days               |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|             | 10 | Thu 25/09/14 | Architecture design                                         | 4 days                | Taha          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|             | 11 | Wed 01/10/14 | Implementation                                              | 7 days                | Omar          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|             | 12 | Fri 10/10/14 | Coding                                                      | 7 days                | Mohamed       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|             | 13 | Tue 21/10/14 | <ul> <li>Testing and Debug</li> </ul>                       | 9 days                |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|             | 14 | Tue 21/10/14 | Performance Analysis                                        | 5 days                | Omar          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|             | 15 | Fri 24/10/14 | Code Tracing                                                | 4 days                | Taha          | Taha                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
|             | 16 | Tue 28/10/14 | Troubleshooting                                             | 4 days                | Mohamed       | γ Mohε                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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