

IOT Based Home Automation System

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Abstract: *This project presents the overall design of Home Automation System (HAS) with low cost and wireless system. It specifically focuses on the development of an IOT based home automation system that is able to control various components via internet or be automatically programmed to operate from ambient conditions. In this project, we design the development of a firmware for smart control which can successfully be automated minimizing human interaction to preserve the integrity within whole electrical devices in the home. We used Node MCU, a popular open source IOT platform, to execute the process of automation. Different components of the system will use different transmission mode that will be implemented to communicate the control of the devices by the user through Node MCU to the actual appliance. The main control system implements wireless technology to provide remote access from smart phone. We are using a cloud server-based communication that would add to the practicality of the project by enabling unrestricted access of the appliances to the user irrespective of the distance factor. We provided a data transmission network to create a stronger automation. The system intended to control electrical appliances and devices in house with relatively low cost design, user-friendly interface and ease of installation. The status of the appliance would be available, along with the control on an android platform. This system is designed to assist and provide support in order to fulfil the needs of elderly and disabled in home. Also, the smart home concept in the system improves the standard living at home.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Internet of Things (IOT) is a concept where each device is assign to an IP address and through that IP address anyone makes that device identifiable on internet. The mechanical and digital machines are provided with unique identifiers (UIDs) and the ability to transfer data over a network without requiring human-to-human or human-to-computer interaction. Basically, it started as the “Internet of Computers.” Research studies have forecast an explosive growth in the number of “things” or devices that will be connected to the Internet. The resulting network is called the “Internet of Things” (IoT). The recent developments in technology which permit the use of wireless controlling environments like, Bluetooth and Wi-Fi that have enabled different devices to have capabilities of connecting with each other. Using a WIFI shield to act as a Micro web server for the Arduino which eliminates the need for wired connections between the Arduino board and computer which reduces cost and enables it to work as a standalone device. The Wi-Fi shield needs connection to the internet from a wireless router or wireless hotspot and this would act as the gateway for the Arduino to communicate with the internet. With this in mind, an internet based home automation system for remote control and observing the status of home appliances is designed. Due to the advancement of wireless technology, there are several different type of connections are introduced such as GSM, WIFI, and BT. Each of the connection has their own unique specifications and applications. Among the four popular wireless connections that often implemented in HAS project, WIFI is being chosen with its suitable capability. The capabilities of WIFI are more than enough to be implemented in the design. Also, most of the current laptop/notebook or Smartphone come with built-in WIFI adapter. It will indirectly reduce the cos

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

“Smart Energy Efficient Home Automation System using IOT”, by Satyendra K. Vishwakarma, Prashant Upadhyaya, Babita Kumari, Arun Kumar Mishra. This paper presents a step-by-step procedure of a smart home automation controller. It uses IOT to convert home appliances to smart and intelligent devices, with the help of design

control. An energy efficient system is designed that accesses the smart home remotely using IOT connectivity. The proposed system mainly requires, Node MCU as the microcontroller unit, IFTTT to interpret voice commands, Adafruit a library that supports MQTT acts as an MQTT broker and Arduino IDE to code the microcontroller. This multimodal system uses Google Assistant along with a web based application to control the smart home. The smart home is implemented with main controller unit that is connected with the 24-hour available Wi-Fi network. To ensure, that the Wi-Fi connection do not turn off, the main controller is programmed to establish automatic connection with the available network and connected to the auto power backup.

“IOT Based Smart Security and Home Automation”, by Shardha Somani, Parikshit Solunke, Shaunak Oke, Parth Medhi, Prof. P. P. Laturkar. This paper focuses on a system that provides features of Home Automation relying on IOT to operate easily, in addition to that it includes a camera module and provides home security. The android application basically converts Smartphone into a remote for all home appliances. Security is achieved with motion sensors if movement is sensed at the entrance of the house; a notification is sent that contains a photo of house entrance in real time. This notification will be received by the owner of the house via internet such that app can trigger a notification. So owner can raise an alarm in case of any intrusion or he/she can toggle the appliances like opening the door if the person is a guest. The system uses Raspberry Pi, a small sized computer which acts as server for the system. The smart home consist two modules. Home automation that consists; fan light and door controller, and security module that consists; smoke sensor motion sensor and camera module.

“A Dynamic Distributed Energy Management Algorithm of Home Sensor Network for Home Automation System”, by Tui-Yi Yang, Chu-Sing Yang, Tien-Wen Sung. This paper proposes an optimization of home power consumption based on PLC (Power Line Communication) for an easy to access home energy consumption. This also proposes a Zigbee and PLC based renewable energy gateway to monitor the energy generation of renewable energies. ACS and DDEM algorithm are proposed for the design of an intelligent distribution of power management system to make sure ongoing power supply of home networks. To provide efficient power management the power supply models of home sensor network are classified groups viz. main supply only, main supply and backup battery, rechargeable battery power and non-rechargeable battery power. Devices with particular features are assigned to these groups. It targets to establish real time processing scheme to address variable sensor network topologies.

“Enhance Smart Home Automation System based on Internet of Things”, by Tushar Churasia and Prashant Kumar Jain. This paper proposes a system that develops a model to reduce the computation overhead in existing smart home solutions that uses various encryption technologies like AES, ECHD, hybrid, etc. these solutions use intermediate gateway for connecting various sensor devices. The proposed model provides a method for automation with sensor based learning. The system uses temperature sensor for development but other sensors can also be used as per requirement. These smart home devices with sensors can configure themselves autonomously and can operate without human intervention. This work minimizes encryption decryption and focuses on authentication and automation of smart home devices with learning. The system bypasses local gateway mentioned in existing system to provide better security for smart home devices and sensor data and save computation overhead. The real time broker cloud is directly connected with smart home and manages all incoming and outgoing request between users and devices. The main purpose to use real time broker cloud is save time of cryptographic operations.

“Visual Machine Intelligence for Home Automation”, by Suraj, Ish Kool, Dharmendra Kumar, Shovan Barman. The paper present a vision-based machine intelligence system to sense on/off state of common home appliance. The proposed method of sensing the state of appliances results on a novel home automation system. The accessibility of the suite of devices in the home over a remote network is facilitated by the IP Addressing methods in the IOT. This project uses two boards viz. Raspberry Pi and Intel Galileo Gen 2. The communication between the User devices, Raspberry Pi and the Intel Galileo boards happens over a wireless network. The UDP protocol is deployed to facilitate the wireless communication of the nodes present in the home automation network. A Pi Cam and a USB Logitech camera attached to the rotating shaft of two different servo motor capture snapshots that are passed as inputs to the Machine Learning based models trained using dlib-C++ to detect the state of the operation of the appliances. The proposed method uses visual modality to automate the appliances, as privacy concerns may emerge while using the images from some specific places, as a counter to this issue, an SPDT switch is added to the Raspberry Pi which when turned off ensures that even

if the images are taken from the webcams, they are just passed as inputs to the machine learning models and are not displayed on the website when the users access the website on the server address obtained from Raspberry Pi.

“A Low Cost Home Automation System Using Wi-Fi based Wireless Sensor Network Incorporating internet of Things”, by Vikram.N, Harish.K.S, Nihaal.M.S, Raksha Umesh, Shetty Aashik Ashok Kumar. This paper illustrates a methodology to provide a low cost Home Automation System (HAS) using Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi). This crystallizes the concept of internetworking of smart devices. A Wi-Fi based Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) is designed for the purpose of monitoring and controlling environmental, safety and electrical parameters of a smart interconnected home. The different sections of the HAS are; temperature and humidity sensor, gas leakage warning system, fire alarm system, burglar alarm system, rain sensing, switching and regulation of load & voltage and current sensing. The primary requirement of HAS to monitor and control of devices is accomplished using a Smartphone application. The application is developed using Android Studio based on JAVA platform and User Interface of those are exemplified. The primary focus of the paper is to develop a solution cost effective flexible in control of devices and implementing a wide range of sensors to capture various parameters.

“Voice Controlled Home Automation System using Natural Language Processing and Internet of Things”, by Mrs. Paul Jasmin Rani, Jason Bakthakumar, Praveen Kumar.B, Praveen Kumar.U, Santhosh Kumar. The paper focuses on the construction of a fully functional voice based Home automation system that uses Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence and Natural Language Processing (NLP) to provide a cost-effective, efficient way to work together with home appliances using various technologies such as GSM, NFC, etc. it implements a seamless integration of all the appliances to a central console, i.e. the mobile device. The prototype uses Arduino MK1000, known as Genuino MK1000. The NLP in this project gives the user the freedom to interact with the home appliances with his/her own voice and normal language rather than complicated computer commands. The appliances are connected to the mobile device through an Arduino Board that establishes the concept of Internet of Things. The Arduino Boards are interfaced with the appliances and programmed in such a way that they respond to mobile inputs.

II. IOT (INTERNET OF THINGS)

IOT as a term has evolved long way as a result of convergence of multiple technologies, machine learning, embedded systems and commodity sensors. IOT is a system of interconnected devices assigned a UIDS, enabling data transfer and control of devices over a network. It reduced the necessity of actual interaction in order to control a device. IOT is an advanced automation and analytics system which exploits networking, sensing, big data, and artificial intelligence technology to deliver complete systems for a product or service. These systems allow greater transparency, control, and performance when applied to any industry or system.

III. BLOCK DIAGRAM

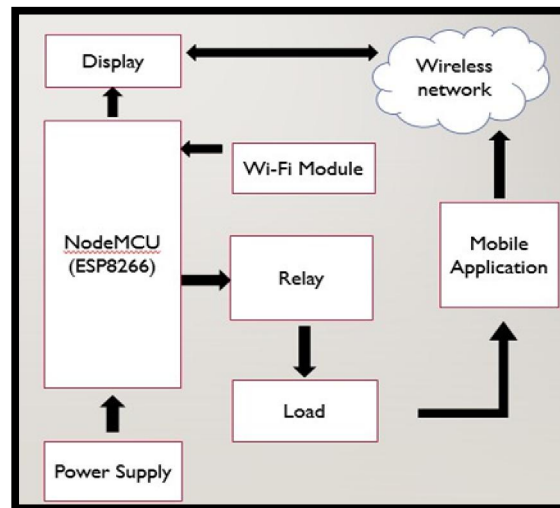


Figure. Block diagram of proposed system.

The block diagram gives the functionality of the overall project. The Node MCU unit is the microcontroller or the main controlling unit of the system. The user uses the mobile application in setting commands for functioning of the appliances. The mobile application interprets the command form in user in voice or switch mode and sends signal to the Node MCU unit, over a wireless network established by Wi-Fi communication. Hence the Wi-Fi module (actually inbuilt into Node MCU), helps the microcontroller establish Wi-Fi communication with a device and take commands from an application over wireless network. The Node MCU on further receiving the signal then turns on/off the appliance with the help of relay. The Node MCU, relay and the final appliances are physically connected. There is a power supply unit that powers the microcontroller, the relay as well as the final appliances. There is also a display unit that displays the status of the application.

3.1 Working

The android OS provides the flexibility of using the open source. The inbuilt sensors can be accessed easily. The application used to control the system has the following features. Android Phone acts as a client and data are sent via sockets programming. The application takes command from user in two different modes.

- **Switch mode:** Switch mode uses the radio buttons that are used to control the home appliances. The radio button sends the status of the switch.
- **Voice mode:** Voice Mode is used to control the home appliances using voice command. Using the inbuilt microphone of Smartphone, the application creates an intent that fetches the speech data to the Google server which responds with a string data. The string data are further analysed and then processed.

More detailed discussion about the modes of control and how they actually control the system is discussed in coming chapters.

3.2 Circuit Diagram

Hardware assembly mainly includes connecting specific digital pins of NodeMCU to the 4 relays on the relay module, including the connection of supply and ground pins. The main functional assemble in this prototype is simple. The further 4 relays are fit to be connected to any appliance desired to be controlled.

The vital part in hardware assembly is taking into account the digital pin that corresponds to which relay. This connection is done as per the setup of Blynk application. The radio buttons on Blynk application are set up to switch a particular digital pin in Node MCU. It is made sure that the relay connection are physically made according to this set up. For example, we have assigned the radio button on Blynk application corresponding to relay 1 to work with D3. Then physical connection of relay 1 is made with D3 of Node MCU.

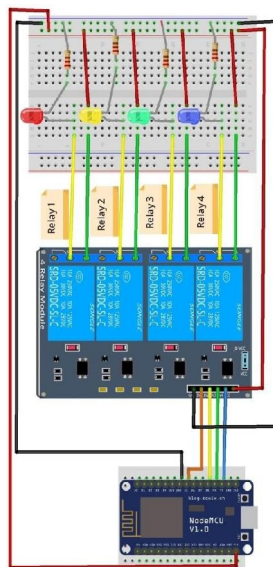


Figure: Connection diagram of Node MCU controlling 4 channel relay module.

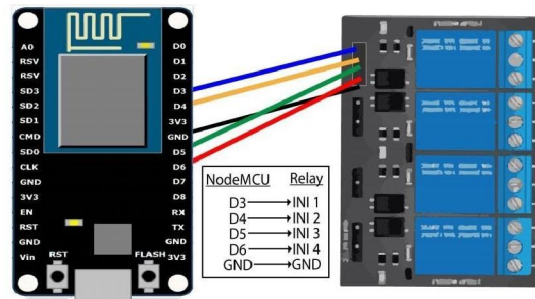


Figure: Node MCU & 4 channel relay connection.

In this prototype instead of real home appliances, we connect the relays to LEDs, (according to circuit diagram) to just ensure the functionality of the prototype. The prototype is given a supply from a 9V battery.

IV. ADVANTAGES

- **No Legal Issues:** Obtaining access to or traversing properties with hard lines is extremely difficult.
- **Reduced Wiring Issues:** Considering the increase in price of copper, thus increases the possibility of the wire to be stolen. The use of a wireless remote system to control home appliances means no wire for thieves to steal.
- **Extended Range:** As the system establishes control over Wi-Fi, it was a generally considered descent range. That is 150 feet indoors. Outdoors it can be extended to 300 feet, but since the application is of a HAS, an indoor range is considered.
- **Security:** As the connection of the control of the HAS is established over a secure network the system ensures security to the maximum extent.
- **Integrable and Extensive Nature:** The prototype designed can be integrated to a larger scale. Also it has an extensive nature being able to add or remove the appliances under control according to application.

V. DISADVANTAGES

- The operation of the circuit depends on the working internet connection. If the working internet connection is not available then it will not run.
- Node MCU also depends on the free server provided by the third party, if the free server is not working then it will not run.

VI. CONCLUSION

It is evident from this project work that an individual control home automation system can be cheaply made from lowcost locally available components and can be used to control multifarious home appliances ranging from the security lamps, the television to the air conditioning system and even the entire house lighting system. And better still, the components required are so small and few that they can be packaged into a small inconspicuous container. The designed home automation system was tested a number of times and certified to control different home appliances used in the lighting system, air conditioning system, home entertainment system and many more . Hence, this system is scalable and flexible.

VII. FUTURE SCOPE

Looking at the current situation we can build cross platform system that can be deployed on various platforms like iOS, Windows. Limitation to control only several devices can be removed by extending automation of all other home appliances. The prototype can include sensors to implement automatic control of the home appliances like; an LDR that can sense daylight and switch lamp accordingly, a PIR to detect motion and be used for security purposes making an alarm buzz, or a DHT11 sensor that's senses ambient temperature and humidity of atmosphere and switch fan/air conditioner accordingly. Scope of this project can be expanded to many areas by not restricting to only home, but to small offices

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