

Project Report - "Thermo Drone"

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SUMMARY

The "Thermo Drone" project consists of a drone fitted with an IR [Infrared] module to detect temperatures.

This module can detect the heat radiated by the human body or that of any living creature. The combination of this technology with a drone has limitless applications.

Working

Drone:

The drone runs on the ArduCopter APM 2.8 Flight Controller with an external M8N GPS Module with a compass.

- Payload Capacity ~ 200gms[approx.]
- Battery 2200 mAh
- ESC SimonK 30A; Motors 2200KV
- 450F Frame with FS-CT6B Receiver and Transmitter

Application:

• Made using MIT App Inventor. Uses bluetooth technology to receive information from the Arduino and display it on the mobile phone.

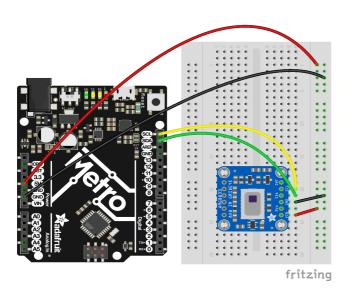
Thermal Sensor:

The Sensor uses the AMG8833 IR Module for heat detection. This is interfaced with an Arduino UNO for the logic.

- The sensors outputs a matrix of pixel data to the Arduino
- The Arduino then uses a program to check if the average value of the pixel data is within the range of normal human body temperature
- If the conditions are met, the Ultrasonic Sensor detects the distance to the human.
- A signal is sent to the Mobile Application using a HC-05 Bluetooth transceiver.
- Power Source Power Bank

• Range of detection ~ 30cm[approx.]

The Circuit Diagram is given below:





APPLICATIONS

- After natural disasters, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc, it can be used to detect people stuck under debris and save their lives. Traditionally, this would take a lot of time and manual work, but, with this technology, it is time and resource efficient
- Agriculture drones which are used for irrigation, sowing of seeds, etc — can have this feature in them to detect cattle or other animals straying onto the farm and notify the farmer
- This technology has limitless other applications, such as:
- Surveillance
- Fire detection
- Healthcare [Contactless Temperature Sensing, etc.]
- Solar panel inspection
- Search and rescue
- Power engineering and nuclear plants
- Navigation, etc

This project can be improved upon in may ways, such as:

- Using a better thermal camera [IR Sensor]
- Using a better bluetooth module for greater range of communication
- Improving the drone with a better battery, motors, ESCs, and Transmitter
- Integrating AI to differentiate between humans, animals and other objects, etc