

INTRODUCTION & MOTIVATION

Urbanization Challenges

Rapid city growth is shrinking at-home green spaces and driving up water costs—making casual gardening harder than ever.

Trial-and-Error Gardening

Nearly half of first-time plant keepers kill their new houseplants by misjudging watering frequency and volume (Nat'l Gardening Assoc., 2020).

Our SmartGarden Solution

A fully offline, DIY IoT 'watering coach' that measures soil moisture and delivers precise doses —so you never over—or under—water again.



BACKGROUND & RELATED WORK



Commercial Smart-Garden Kits

- PlantLink Pro (~\$70 USD): wireless soil moisture sensor + cloud dashboard, 6-12 hr sampling, subscription for alerts
- Garduino DIY kit (\$50-\$80): Arduino-based moisture monitor; requires manual coding & no mobile UI

Enabling Open-Source Tech

- Sensors: Capacitive soil-moisture (VH400), Atlas Scientific pH probe, DHT22 temp/humidity
- Controllers: Arduino Pro Mini (3.3 V), ESP-01 (Wi-Fi), MT3608 boost regulator
- Protocols: MQTT pub/sub for telemetry, REST API for control, local-only operation

The Gap We Fill

 No end-to-end DIY kit that's offline, no cloud lock-in, live-demo ready, and mobilefriendly out of the box

HARDWARE COMPONENTS

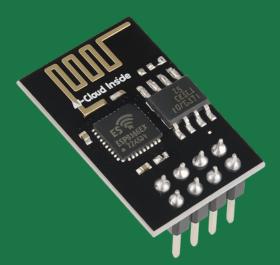
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Arduino Pro Mini (3.3 V)



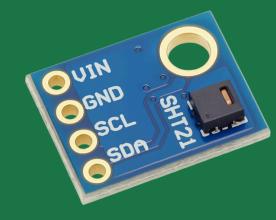
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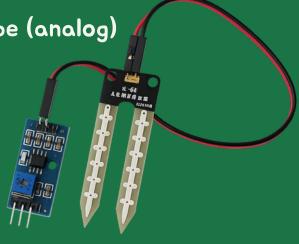
ESP-01 (ESP8266 Wi-Fi module)



Sensors

- SHT21 (temp & RH via 12C)
- Resistive soil-moisture probe (analog)





Power & Actuation

- MT3608 boost converter (to 5 V)
- IRF520 MOSFET relay + submersible pump





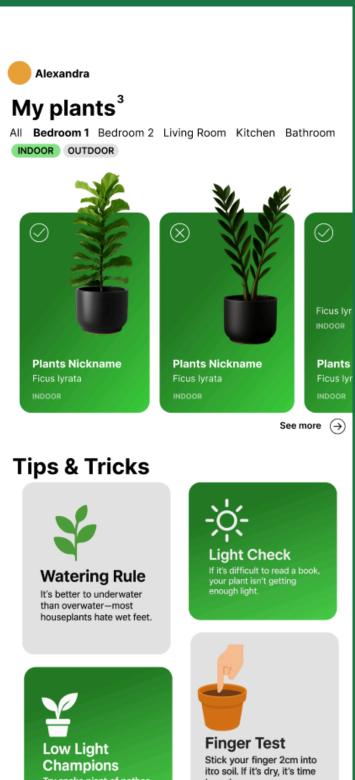


SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE & WIRING



SOFTWARE & MOBILE APP







CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE WORK

SmartGarden proves that an offline DIY IoT system can save 30 % water while maintaining ideal soil conditions. Next, we'll add reservoir and light sensors, Al-driven watering predictions, and push-alert notifications for seamless plant care.



