

**CSE7101- Capstone Project
Review-5**

AUTOMATIC PUBLIC LIGHTNING SYSTEM

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Abstract

An energy-efficient automated public lighting system is proposed using ESP-NOW — a low-power, low-latency, peer-to-peer wireless protocol supported by ESP32 microcontrollers. The system uses distributed sensor nodes (Ambient light) mounted on street poles to detect time and ambient luminance. Nodes communicate locally using ESP-NOW to coordinate switching and dimming of lights, while a gateway node aggregates status and relays logs to a cloud server over Wi-Fi for monitoring and analytics. The design reduces energy consumption by dimming lights during low-activity periods and turning them to full brightness on demand, improves response time compared to cloud-dependent systems, and keeps costs low by using off-the-shelf ESP32 hardware.



Objectives

- Design a low-cost, low-latency public lighting control system using ESP32 devices and ESP-NOW.
- Implement local, autonomous decision-making at each pole (ambient light based).
- Achieve at least 50% energy savings relative to always-on lighting through dimming and on-demand brightening.
- Enable a gateway for remote monitoring, logging, and OTA updates.
- Ensure reliability and safety (fail-safe: lights default to safe brightness on communication failure).
- Demonstrate scalability across multiple poles with robust inter-node coordination.

Challenges

- Accurate synchronization of RTC with the microcontroller
- Relay circuit integration with high-voltage streetlight wiring
- Handling power fluctuations during operation
- Ensuring weatherproofing and protection from dust/moisture
- Maintaining long-term reliability in outdoor conditions
- Multiple trials needed for correct time calibration and scheduling

Architecture Diagram



Hardware & Software Requirements

Software Requirements

- IDE: Arduino IDE
- Libraries: ESP8266WiFi, ESP-NOW.
- Protocol: ESP-NOW (for peer-to-peer communication)

Hardware Requirements

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Specification</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Microcontrollers | ESP8266 (D1mini) ×6 units |
| Sensors | Ambient Light Sensor ×1 |
| Actuators | 5V Single-Channel Relay Modules ×6 |
| Lights | LEDs (for simulation) |
| Power | 5V Power Supply |

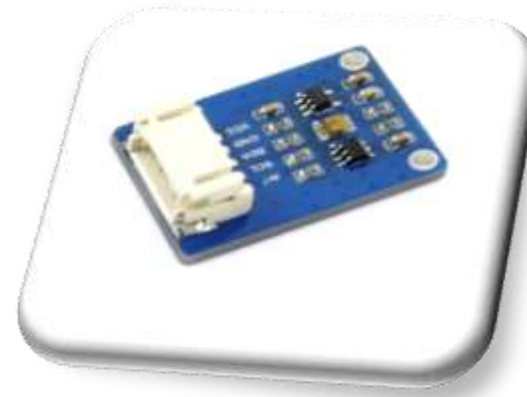
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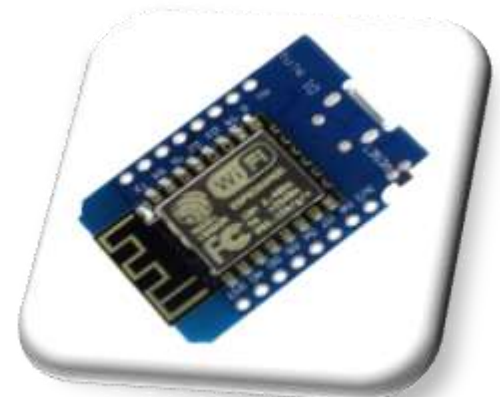
5V Active Low Relay



I2C [Inter-Integrated circuit]



Ambient Light Sensor

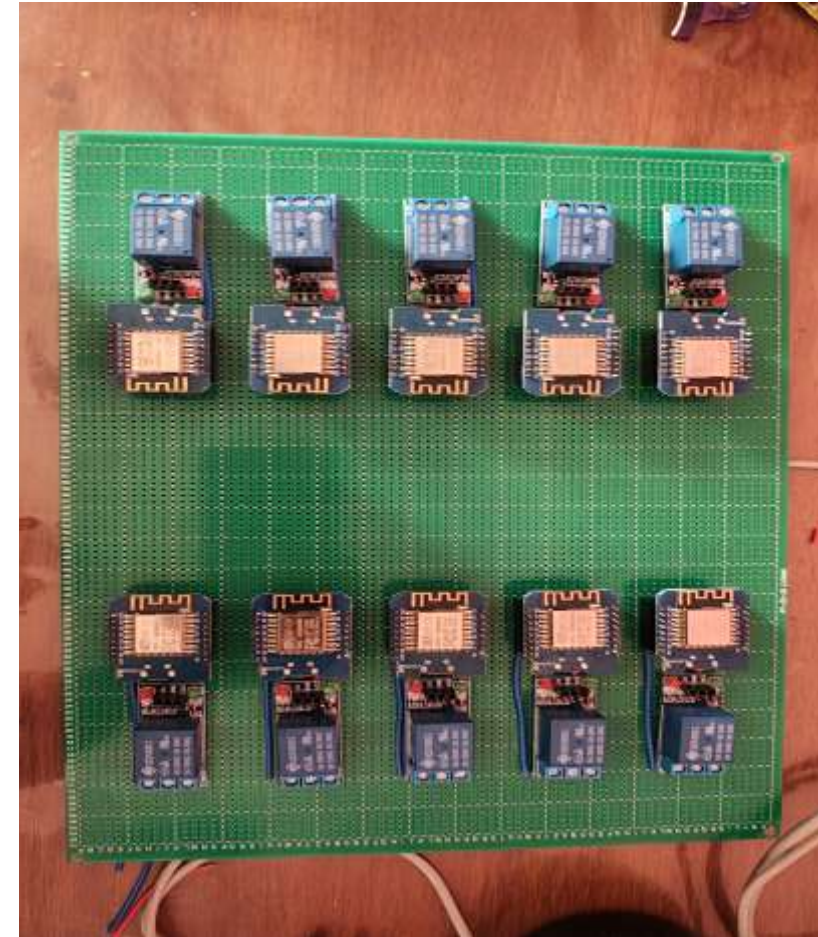


D1mini NodeMcu

Project Progression



Project Prototype



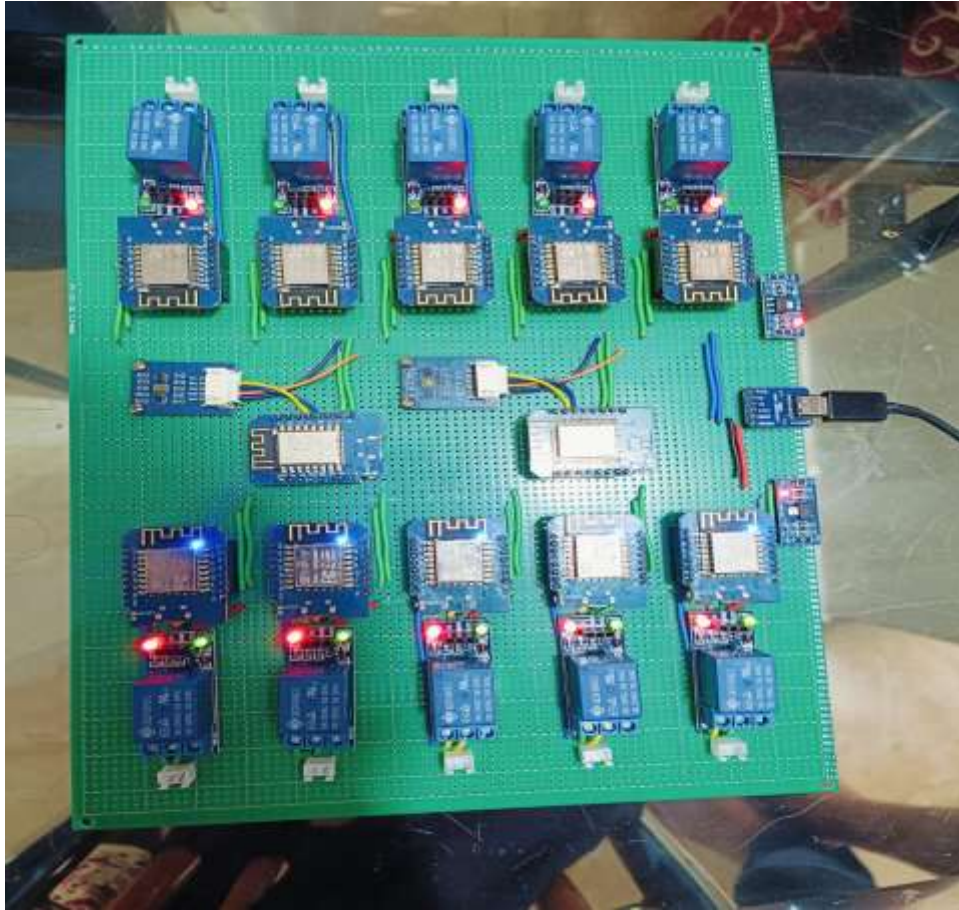
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Project Progression

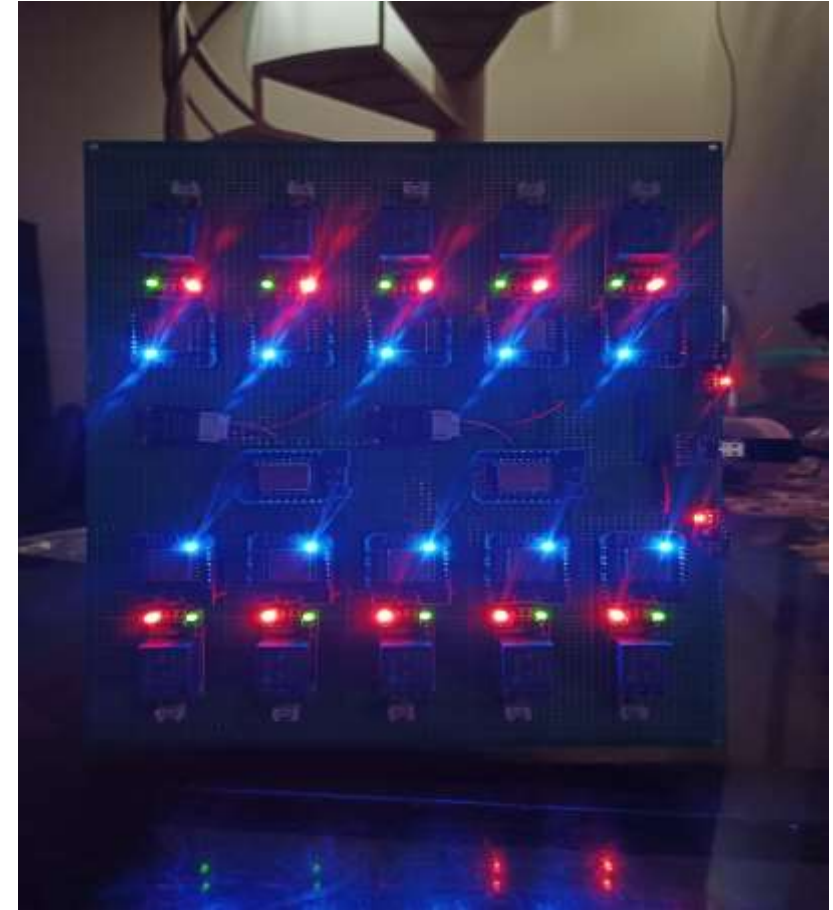


Printing Lights

Project Progression

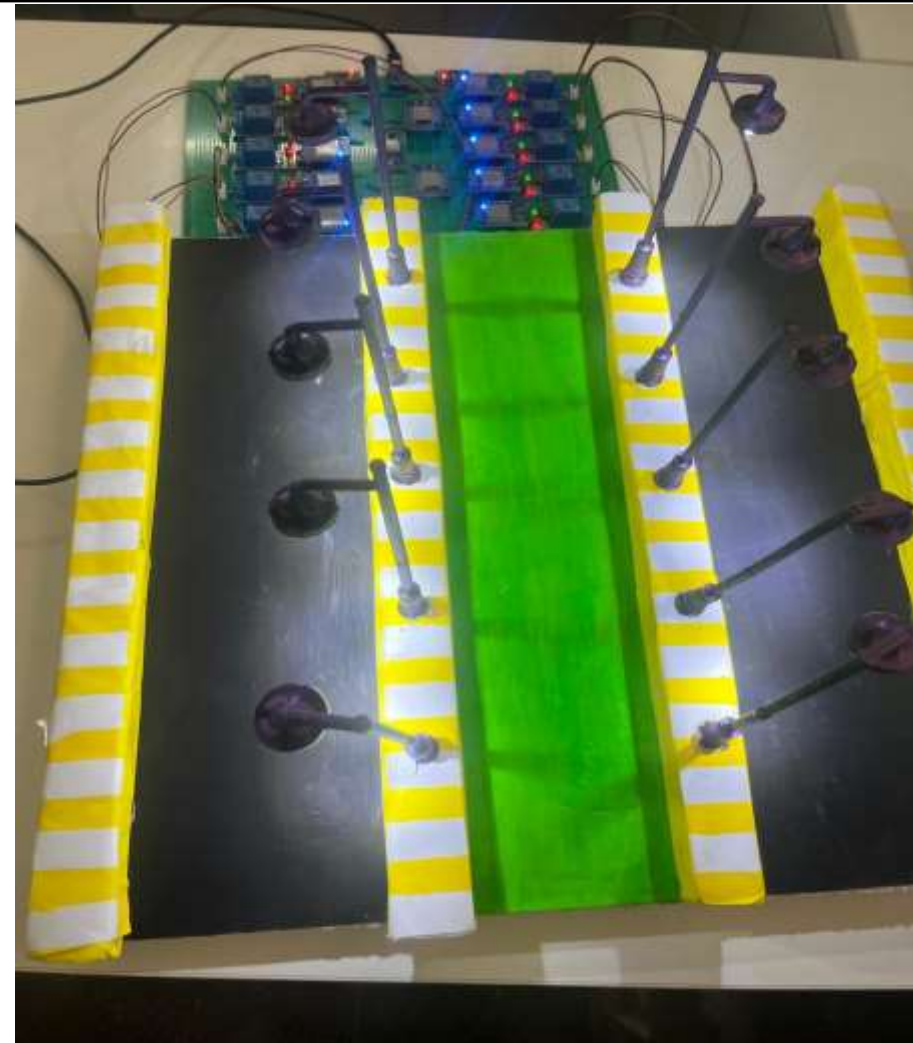


Prototype Under Daylight



Prototype Under Nighttime

Final Project Presentation



Programming Video

- Programming Perfboard



GitHub Link

<https://github.com/Amreen-552/Automated-Public-Lighting-System-Capstone-2025->

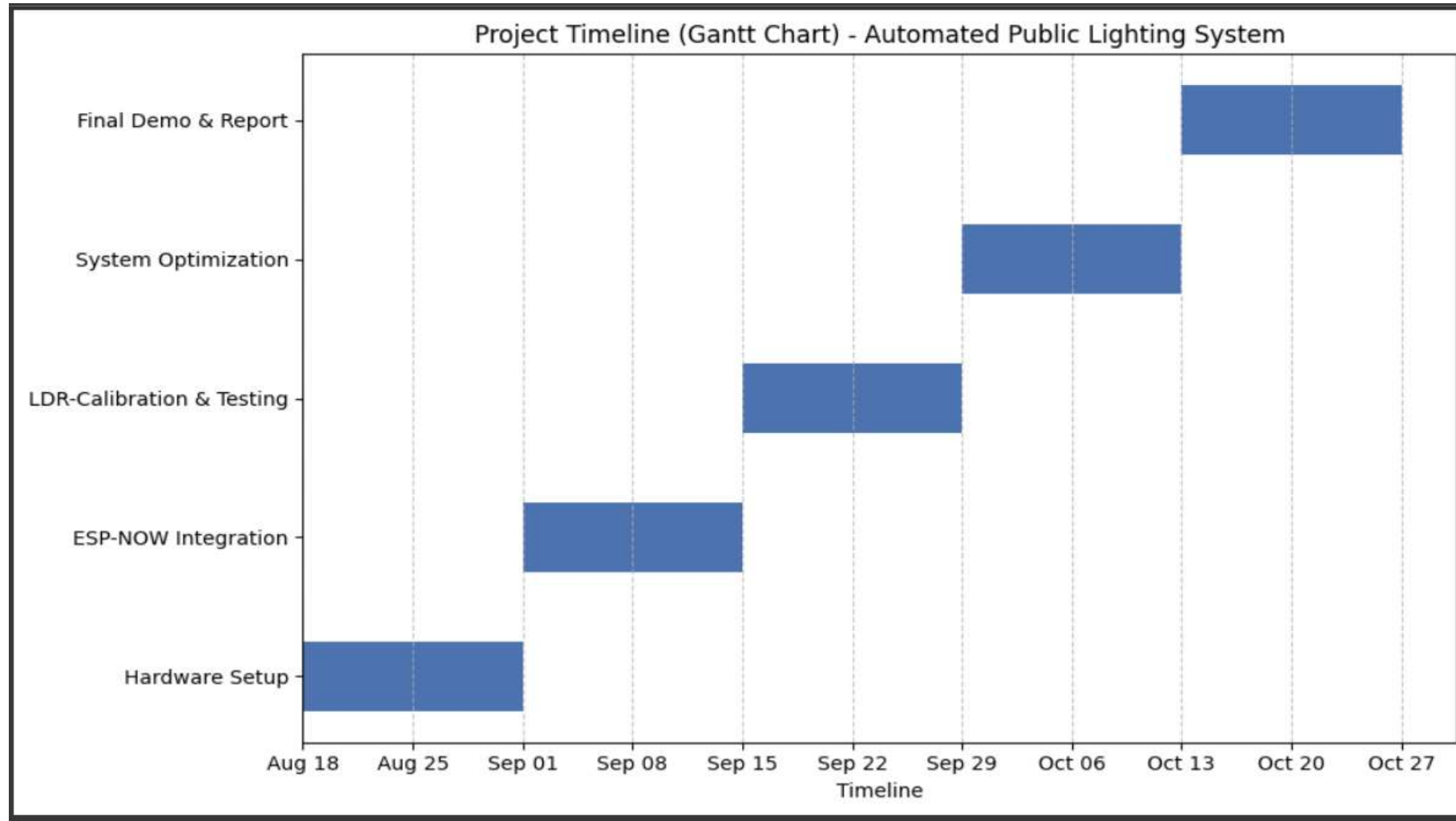


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Timeline (Gantt Chart)



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