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Abstract

Our project is a revolutionary smart home system that integrates cutting-edge technologies to enhance security, efficiency, and convenience. By harnessing machine learning, IoT, and cloud computing, this provides a seamless and intuitive experience for users. This project benefits society by improving home security, optimizing energy consumption, and enhancing accessibility and convenience. This project innovates the industry by introducing a comprehensive and integrated smart home solution, showcasing the potential of machine learning and IoT, and pioneering a user-centric approach to smart home design and development.

This project successfully integrates five innovative features:

1. **Smart Face Recognition and Notification System:** Utilizing machine learning algorithms and IoT cloud technology to identify and notify authorized personnel of unknown individuals.
2. **Smart Power Control:** Efficiently managing power distribution between solar and grid energy sources based on light intensity sensor reading.
3. **Smart Home Automation:** Seamlessly controlling multiple devices through Google Assistant and Senric Pro Cloud.
4. **Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring:** Detecting and alerting via email of any objects crossing the boundary wall.
5. **Motion Sensors with Cloud Alert:** Triggering email notifications upon detecting motion in sensitive areas.

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List of Acronyms

1. **AI** - Artificial Intelligence
2. **IoT** - Internet of Things
3. **GPS** - Global Positioning System
4. **PIR** - Passive Infrared
5. **LDR** - Light-Dependent Resistor
6. **ESP** - Espressif (often used in ESP8266 and ESP32)
7. **CAM** - Camera
8. **AWS** - Amazon Web Services
9. **GCP** - Google Cloud Platform
10. **GSM** - Global System for Mobile Communications
11. **BLE** - Bluetooth Low Energy
12. **HTTP** - Hypertext Transfer Protocol
13. **HTTPS** - Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
14. **JSON** - JavaScript Object Notation
15. **SDK** - Software Development Kit
16. **API** - Application Programming Interface
17. **MQTT** - Message Queuing Telemetry Transport
18. **UDP** - User Datagram Protocol
19. **TCP** - Transmission Control Protocol
20. **PCB** - Printed Circuit Board
21. **IoT** - Internet of Things
22. **VNC** - Virtual Network Computing
23. **USB** - Universal Serial Bus
24. **GSM** - Global System for Mobile Communications

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

Today, the world faces insecurity, with the ever increasing rate of crime as a problem (Ruth, 2021). Third world countries are in no way excluded from this problem. The failing economy and high unemployment rate in the country have left country with unprecedented growth in crime rates of every kind. Inadequate efforts are being made to proffer a solution to this problem. This shortcoming, i.e., insufficient technology utilization, has made the security sector a failure. Most third-world countries struggle with other problems such as poverty, underdevelopment, lack of utilization of advanced forms of technology (artificial intelligence to be precise), and the failure of the government to integrate technology with the country's security sector. All the above-stated problems are related to the problem of insecurity in the sense that currently, the security agencies in most developing countries still have stale approaches to forensic investigations, being unable to gather quality data from crime scenes and analyze this data through science and technology-aided methods. So even after a crime has been committed, the possibility of narrowing down to a suspect with just biometric features found at the crime scene is very low and impossible in most cases. Most of the investigations carried out require witnesses to be present at the crime scene or the victim to identify with a suspect to guarantee its success. In cases where there are no witnesses and the victim was absent when the crime was being committed (cases of burglary), the criminal has a high chance of getting away while sourcing for the next victim. Hence, the need to identify these criminals somehow (Peterson et al., 2010). The two major types of home security systems exist monitored and unmonitored security systems. Monitored security systems are systems that a professional home security company actively monitors. Unmonitored (or self-monitored) security systems consist of equipment you can have a professional install or install yourself. The primary advantage of unmonitored security systems is the cost mainly of the company's monitoring service. Equipment requirements for the unmonitored security system can vary significantly between systems, but typical items include a control panel, motion sensors, door and window sensors, glass-break sensors, smoke detectors, and sirens. The latest systems use the latest wireless communication like bluetooth, infrared, and Wi-Fi access. Hence, with a smartphone-compatible device i.e., events can be monitored from the system remotely (Zhao and Ye, 2008; Bangali and Shaligram, 2013). This can be the system's primary disadvantage, especially when the person is indisposed due to phone coverage area, etc. The second disadvantage is that even though it might alarm the owner of unusual activity and ward off trespassers, it will not prevent a crime from taking place or even prevent further damage. The advantage of a monitored system is the convenience of allowing hired company-run protocols even at odd hours. For third-world countries, the cost is a major factor in choosing a home security device. Based on the above research, unmonitored security is improved upon in several ways to meet users' convenience (Al-Ali et al., 2004; Doknić, 2014).

In the case of poverty, with almost half the country struggling to survive, ordinary people fail to see the need to invest any form of finance in security, and those who barely spare money do not invest in very efficient forms of security. The common security most homes offer in this current day is locked doors, which can still be broken into at any time with the burglar running free afterward and unidentified. Any more advanced form of security that utilizes any form of technology is expensive and only financially buoyant people can afford these. Moreover, even

when implemented in homes is still complex to operate, which would result in extra expenditure to maintain it and hire technically skilled experts. This idea undoubtedly makes it almost impossible for average-class citizens to afford any form of technology-aided security for their homes.

As of today, most developing nations of the world are yet to invest richly in the rapidly growing field of artificial intelligence (Lee and Cho, 2017). There are hardly any homes that invest in automated systems or the internet of things. Such systems are expensive and complex to operate. This complexity more often is due to the high level of technological illiteracy in the country, making it hard for an average person to comprehend and operate such systems, and here is where the high cost of maintenance kicks in. For this reason, it is easy to overlook the benefits of implementing technology-aided security. Furthermore, some people live in sylvan areas, where there are fewer people. In areas like these, a breakin can be easily made unnoticed. Also, an escape can be made easily, owing to the unavailability of people in those areas. Different kinds of crimes can be easily committed in such areas because, more often than not, there are no witnesses and the chances of identifying these people afterward are low.

This review seeks to solve these problems by utilizing biometrics technology, as biometrics technology proffers the best solution to the problem. With this, homeowners can have better solutions to their security problems and have more control over their homes. With successful biometrics identification, homeowners can get quick notifications of imminent threats to them or their homes and at this point, seek ways to evade danger. It does not matter the person's location, as this review suggests IoT (internet of things) as an effective tool to actualize a formidable security architecture (Fornasier, 2020). A homeowner can actively keep watch of his or her home from anywhere in the world. Moreover, even after perpetrating a crime, culprits can still be identified and duly punished afterward. Also, implementing such a system is bound to offer more benefits than just identifying threats. A house owner (parent) can keep a better watch on the family members, especially the underage kids, and monitor the access of visitors and friends. The Proposed Home Security System (PHSS) uses face recognition to identify (as a threat or not) people accessing a house while notifying the homeowner of such presence. Necessary action can be taken as regards who was identified. The PHSS uses a raspberry Pi board as the microprocessor, a PIR motion sensor to detect the presence of people near a door or window, and a camera module to capture image frames of the area until there is no more motion. The capture frames are then processed, then faces in the image are detected, extracted, stored, and checked for recognition. During this time, a notification is sent to the house owner or occupants, notifying them of the person's identity being recognized. During cases where such a person is unable to be identified, the user would be prompted to identify such a person if known to him or her. Data collected at the point would be utilized when next the person is recognized by the system. An alternative way would be to stream the camera capture as a video and detect all faces present.

State of Crimes in Third World Countries

There has been an alarming growth of crimes in third-world countries. Crimes in third-world countries have a subtle influence on increased crimes in neighboring countries. For example, between 2011 and 2012, the crime rate in Nigeria rose from 65.93 to 66.28% and reached 66.45% in 2013 (Metu et al., 2018). This growth over the years calls for the need to adopt more

efficient means of curbing crimes in Nigeria as traditional means are not efficient. The same scenario has been replicated in most parts of the world as the most common crimes include robbery, assault, burglary, murder, armed robbery, bribery and corruption, manslaughter, felonious wounding, kidnapping, etc. Figure 1 shows the crime statistics between the years 2007 and 2015 in Nigeria.

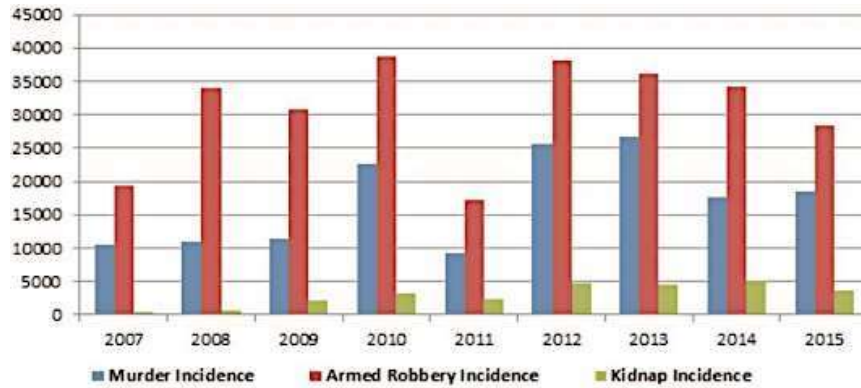


Fig. 1.1: Incidents of crime in Nigeria

1.1 Background

The Intelligent House Security and Automation Network project aims to transform the modern home by addressing the growing need for integrated systems that offer security, energy efficiency, and convenience. Traditional home security systems often lack the intelligence to accurately detect threats and typically operate separately from home automation and energy management solutions. With recent advancements in artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things (IoT), and renewable energy technologies, we have the opportunity to create a more cohesive and intelligent home system.

This project seeks to develop an innovative solution that enhances home security through smart face recognition and motion detection, optimizes energy consumption by dynamically switching between solar and grid power, and provides seamless control of home devices using Google Assistant and Senric Pro. By integrating these cutting-edge features, the project aims to improve safety, reduce energy costs, and offer a seamless user experience. Ultimately, this project aspires to set a new standard for smart home technology, making homes safer, more efficient, and more convenient.

1.2 Problem Statement

The current landscape of home security and automation presents significant challenges due to the fragmented nature of existing solutions, leading to inefficiencies and a poor user experience. Homeowners must manage multiple devices through different applications and interfaces, resulting in complex setup, configuration, and maintenance. This disjointed approach creates security gaps, leaving homes vulnerable to breaches and delayed alerts. Additionally, limited automation features fail to adapt to user behaviors and varying conditions

in real-time, while the lack of integrated control hinders energy optimization, leading to higher costs and reduced efficiency.

Therefore, there is a critical need for a comprehensive intelligent house security and home automation network that seamlessly integrates various smart devices into a single, user-friendly system. This system should enhance security, simplify management, provide advanced automation capabilities, and improve energy efficiency, ultimately creating a smarter, safer, and more convenient living environment for homeowners.

1.3 Objectives of the Project

- Enhance Security: Implement smart locks, cameras, and sensors.
- Automate Tasks: Control lighting, heating, and appliances efficiently.
- Integrate Systems: Create a centralized network for seamless operation.
- Enable Remote Access: Monitor and manage home functions from anywhere.
- Ensure Safety: Detect smoke, leaks, and other hazards promptly.
- Improve Energy Efficiency: Optimize energy usage with smart scheduling.
- User-Friendly Interface: Design intuitive controls for easy operation.

1.4 Scope of the Project

This project focuses on the design and development of a **comprehensive smart home system prototype**. The scope encompasses the following key functionalities:

i)Security:

- Smart face recognition system for authorized personnel identification.
- Cloud-based notification system for unauthorized individuals.
- Smart boundary wall monitoring with email alerts for trespassing.
- Cloud-based motion detection with email alerts in sensitive areas.

ii)Efficiency:

- Adaptive power management system optimizing energy usage based on real-time sensor data and integrating solar and grid sources.

iii)Convenience:

- Seamless integration with existing platforms like Google Assistant for device control.
- User-friendly interface for the dedicated cloud platform (Senric Pro Cloud).

The following aspects are intentionally excluded from the scope of this project:

- Large-scale implementation and commercialization of the smart home system.
- Integration with all possible smart home devices on the market.
- Advanced features like voice control beyond Google Assistant or integration with other virtual assistants.

- In-depth exploration of specific security protocols or encryption methods.

1.5 Significance of the Project

This innovative smart home system prototype addresses the growing desire for intelligent automation in homes. It prioritizes security, efficiency, and convenience through cutting-edge technologies like machine learning, IoT, and cloud computing.

Residents benefit from enhanced security features like smart face recognition for authorized personnel and real-time notifications for unrecognized individuals. Perimeter monitoring and cloud-based motion detection with alerts further solidify home security.

The project tackles sustainability concerns with an adaptive power management system that analyzes real-time sensor data to optimize energy usage by intelligently managing power between solar and grid sources. This translates to cost savings and a reduced environmental footprint.

User-friendliness is prioritized through seamless integration with existing platforms like Google Assistant for familiar device control. The dedicated Senric Pro Cloud platform boasts a user-friendly interface for effortless interaction with the smart home system.

This project presents a significant advancement in smart home technology. By offering a comprehensive and user-centric approach, it has the potential to revolutionize how people interact with their homes.

CHAPTETR 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

Chapter 2 is the important chapter for any project that will be develops. The purpose of this chapter is to present a selected literature review, which is very important for the research. This chapter also describes and explains on the literature review carried out on the system. Besides that, previous research also will be discussed in this section which are existing system and methodologies that being used in other research which is related to this system will be explained and compared to highlight the differences.

2.2 Security

To complete this system, the focus is to understand the concept of security. According to The Free Dictionary by Farlex, security means freedom from risk or danger, safety. Another meaning is freedom from doubt, anxiety, or fear, confidence. Example of security is something that gives or assures safety such as a group or department of private guards, measures adopted by a government to prevent espionage, sabotage, or attack, measures adopted, as by a business or homeowner, to prevent a crime such as burglary or assault and measures adopted to prevent escape. Besides that, security also is about the state of being secure and precautions taken to ensure against theft, espionage or etc.

2.3 Current Statistical Report on Burglaries by Country

Burglary is part of serious issues in crime in each country. When refer to Wikipeclia the Free Encyclopedia, burglaries is a crime, the essence of which is entry into a building for the purposes of committing an offence. Usually that offence will be theft, but most jurisdictions specify others which fall within the ambit of burglary. Below are the statistical report on most recent burglalies by country from the source of The Eighth United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and the Operations Of Criminal Justice Systems (2002) (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Centre for International Crime Prevention) via NationMaster

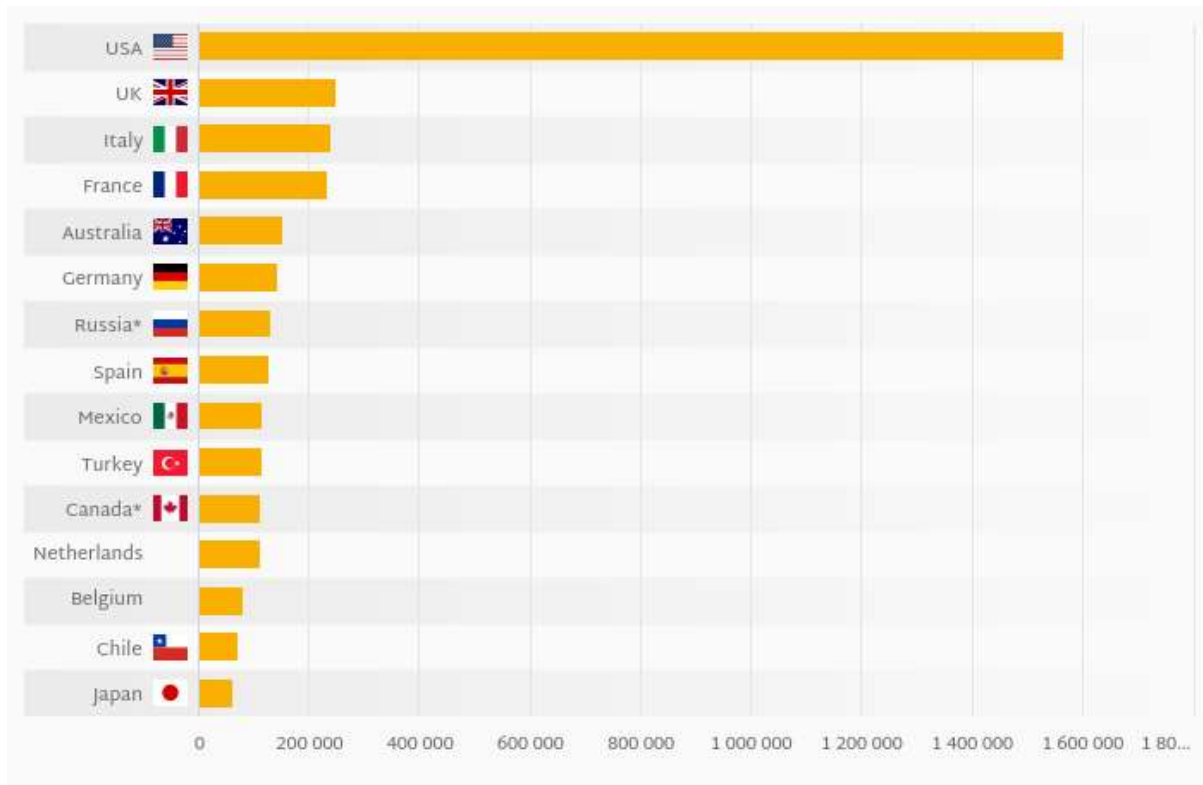


Figure 2.1: Current Statistical Report on Burglaries by Country

Based on a comparison of 58 countries in 2012, USA ranked the highest in domestic burglary and housebreaking recorded by the police with 1,567,100 followed by United Kingdom and Italy. On the other end of the scale was Tajikistan with 151, Azerbaijan with 228 and Singapore with 358.

2.3.1 Why Are Home Security Systems Important?

According to Larry Amon from eHow Contributor, home security systems are reasonable in cost and can be added to almost any house or apartment. Using one can make users safer and more secure. There are several important reasons to consider getting a home security system.

i. Personal Safety

When thieves break into a house, they are not likely to be concerned with the personal safety of anyone in the house. Beyond theft, there are people who are interested in breaking into houses just to hurt those inside. Home security systems deter and help prevent these types of attacks.

ii. Property

In tough economic times, thieves are more likely to be brazen about breaking into homes for valuables. At any time, a house may be broken into even if owners don't think it have any valuables. Thieves can find value in things owners might not

iii. Resale Value

Having a security system in house can provide an additional selling point when owner go to sell the house. A security system also adds actual financial value.

iv. insurance

Having a home security system may lower home insurance. If a house has already been broken into, insurance companies may suggest or require owners to have a security system to insure or to insure owners at a better rate.

v. Peace of Mind

Having a home security system can help owners sleep better and give owners peace of mind, knowing that if someone were to break in, owners would be alerted. Any strange noises in the middle of the night can likely be relegated to the house settling or something less serious.

2.4 Overview of House Security System

The project "Intelligent House Security Network" aims to enhance home security through a combination of advanced technologies. Here's an overview of the key features and functionalities:

Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring:

- **Objective:** Monitors the perimeter of the house to detect any unauthorized entry or objects crossing the boundary wall.
- **Implementation:** Used light intensity sensor (LDR) module along the boundary wall.
 - A laser beam was continuously emitted and directed towards the LDR module.
- **Functionality:** When an object crosses the boundary, the system triggers an alert and enables buzzer inside the house.
- **Notification:** Sends email notifications to specified recipients (homeowner, security personnel) when an intrusion is detected.

Ultrasonic Sensor in Sensitive Areas:

- **Objective:** Enhance security within the premises by detecting objects in key areas.
- **Implementation:** Install ultrasonic sensors strategically indoors.
- **Functionality:** Upon detecting objects in a specific distance, the system activates and captures relevant data.
- **Notification:** Sends email alerts immediately to notify homeowners or security personnel about the detected motion.

Smart Face Detection:

- **Objective:** Identify individuals approaching or within the premises and distinguish between authorized and unauthorized personnel.
- **Implementation:** Utilize cameras equipped with facial recognition technology.
- **Functionality:** Scans faces against a database of authorized personnel.
- **Notification:** When an unknown individual is detected, the system alerts via email.
- **Authorization:** Allows authorized personnel to be notified when someone is at the door or approaching the property.

2.5 Overview of Home Automation Network

Home automation involves integrating smart devices and systems within a home to control and manage functions such as lighting, heating, security, and entertainment remotely. It utilizes technologies like Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, blynk, senric pro and Zigbee to connect devices, allowing users to automate tasks, monitor their home remotely, and enhance convenience and energy efficiency. Popular devices include smart thermostats, lights, cameras, and voice assistants like Google Assistant or Amazon Alexa, which enable control via apps or voice commands. The goal is to create a more efficient, secure, and comfortable living environment through seamless automation and connectivity.

2.6 Technologies in Home Automation and Security

Home automation and home security systems rely on a variety of technologies to function efficiently and securely. Here are some key technologies commonly used in these systems:

Hardware Technologies:

Cameras and Sensors:

- **Security Cameras:** IP cameras, CCTV cameras, and video doorbells for monitoring and recording.
- **Ultrasonic Motion Sensors:** Passive Infrared (PIR) sensors, microwave sensors, and ultrasonic sensors for detecting movement.
- **LDR digital module:** Detecting and alerting via email of any objects crossing the boundary wall.

Microcontrollers and Microprocessors:

- **ESP32-CAM:** Popular for camera monitoring and cloud interfacing via wifi communication.
- **ESP8266/ESP32:** Wi-Fi enabled microcontrollers for IoT applications.

Power Management Components:

- **Relays and Switches:** Control devices and manage power distribution.

Software and Networking Technologies:

Home Automation Platforms:

- **Smart Home Hubs:** Such as Samsung SmartThings, Hubitat, or Home Assistant for central control.
- **Cloud Platforms:** Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform (GCP), or Microsoft Azure for cloud-based automation and storage.
- **Mobile Apps:** Control interfaces for users to manage devices remotely.

Communication Protocols:

- **Wi-Fi:** Wireless local network connectivity for high-speed data transfer.
- **Bluetooth:** Short-range communication used in smart locks, sensors, and other devices.

Application-Specific Technologies:

Face Detection:

- **Facial Recognition Software:** Identifies individuals for access control.
- **Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant:** Voice-controlled automation and integration with smart devices.

Remote Monitoring and Alerts:

- **Email/SMS Alerts:** Notifications for security breaches, sensor triggers, or system status changes.
- **Cloud-based Monitoring:** Access system status and control remotely via web interfaces or mobile apps.

These technologies collectively enable robust, interconnected systems that enhance home security, automate daily tasks, and improve energy efficiency. Integrating these technologies effectively requires careful planning, consideration of interoperability, and adherence to security best practices to ensure reliable operation and user safety.

CHAPTER 3 SYSTEM DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

This chapter details the design and architectural framework of the smart system. It provides a comprehensive view of how the system is structured, how its components interact, and the rationale behind the design decisions.

3.1 Overall System Design

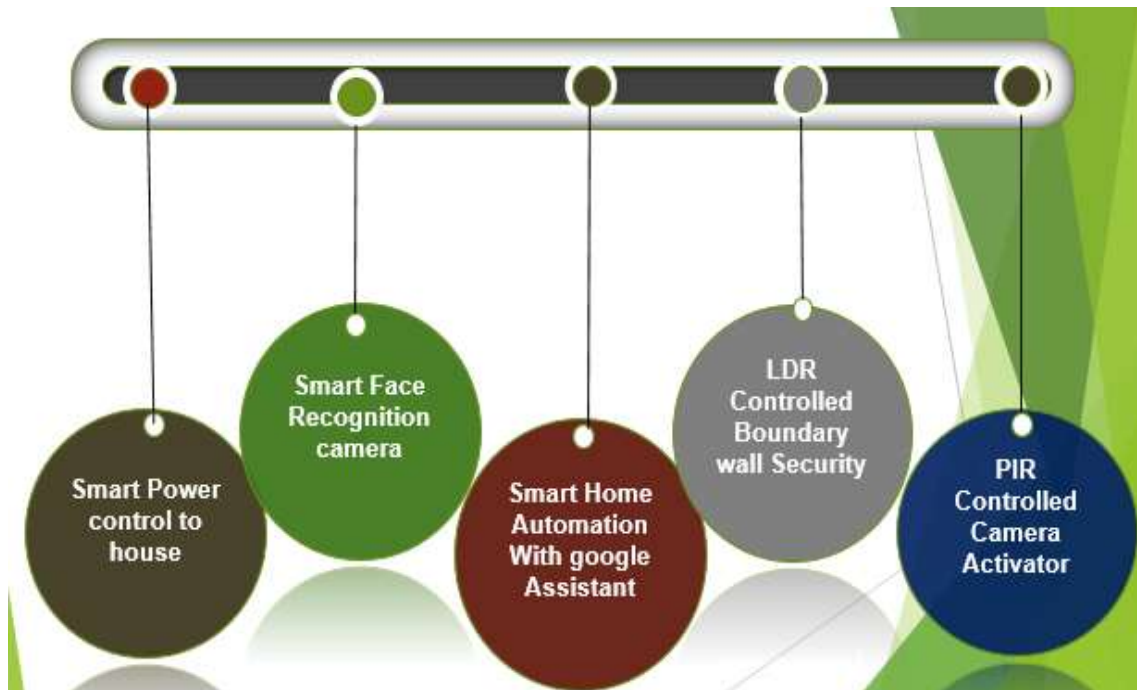


Figure 3.1: Overall System Design

i) Smart Power control to house

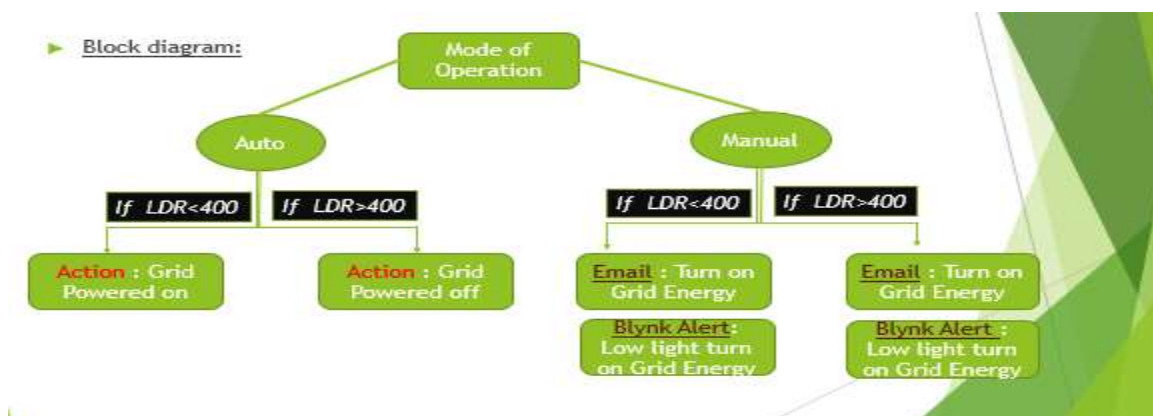


Figure 3.2: Block diagram of Smart Power control to house

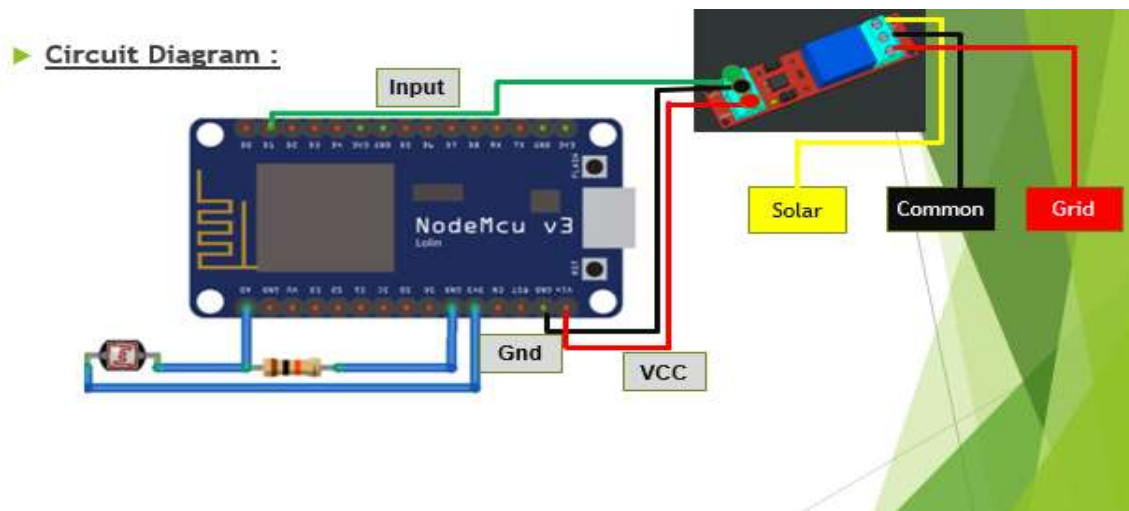


Figure 3.3: circuit diagram of Smart Power control to house

ii) Smart Face Recognition Camera

Components Used:

- ❖ Esp 32 Cam
- ❖ FTDI Module
- ❖ Bread Board
- ❖ Jumper Wires
- ❖ 4 Gb SD Card

Figure 3.4: components used in Smart Face Recognition Camera

Circuit Diagram:

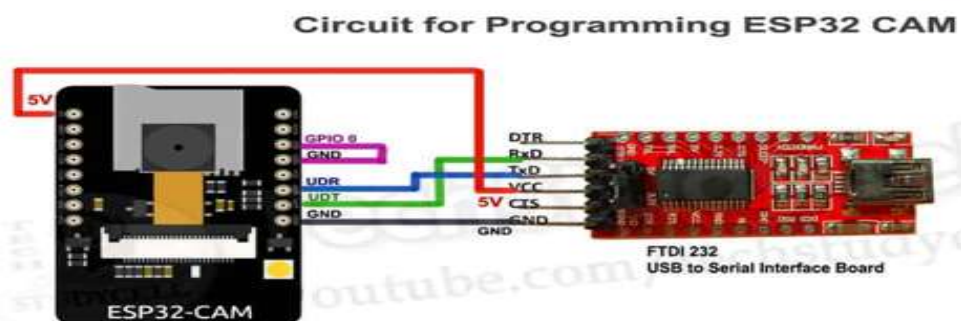


Figure 3.5: circuit diagram of Smart Face Recognition Camera

iii) Smart Home Automation with Google Assistant

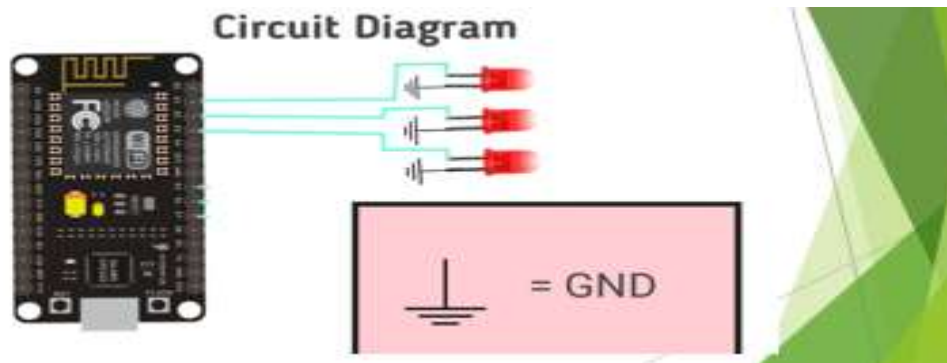


Figure 3.6: Smart Home Automation with Google Assistant

(iv) LDR Controlled boundary wall security:

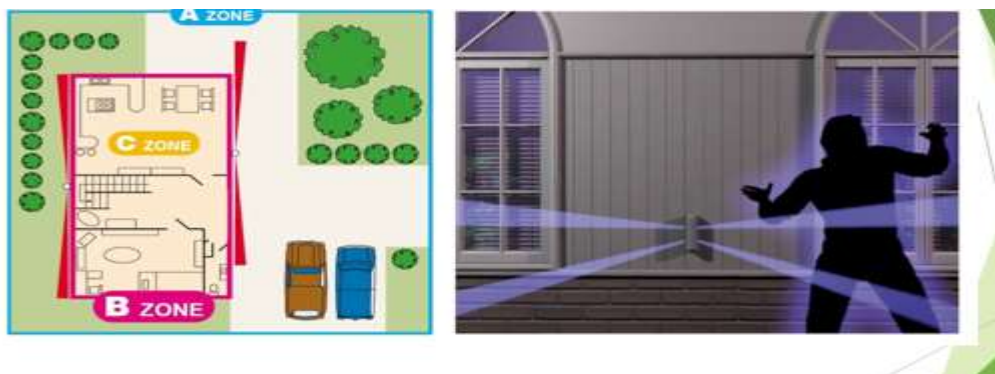


Figure 3.7: LDR Controlled boundary wall security

Circuit Diagram :

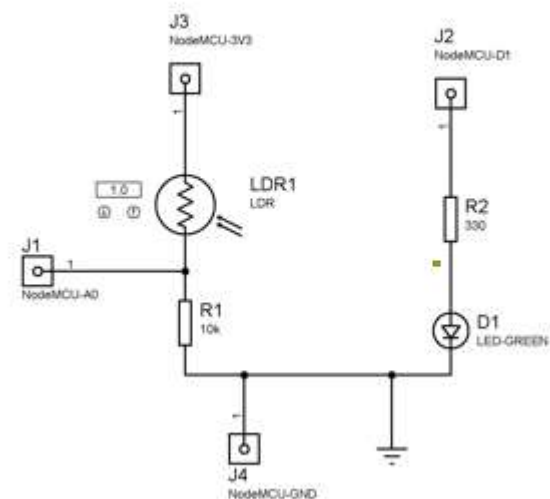


Figure 3.8 : circuit diagram of LDR Controlled boundary wall security

v)PIR Controlled Camera Activator

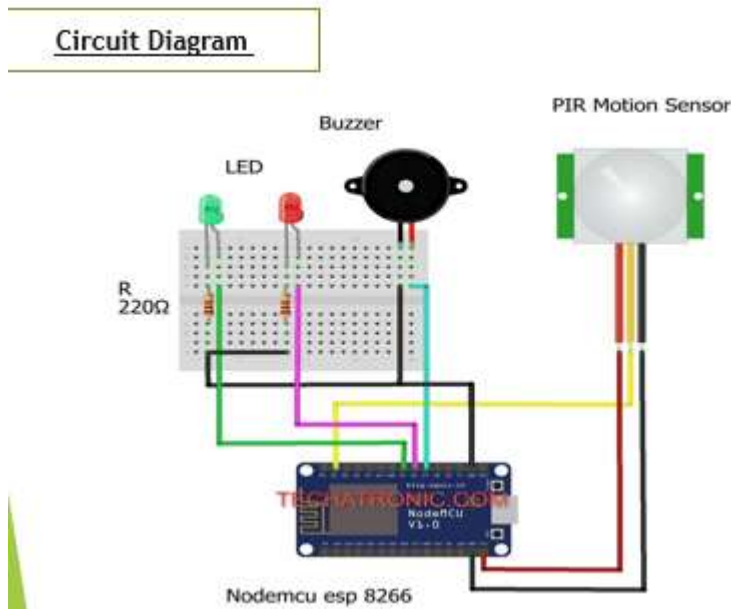


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Block Diagram

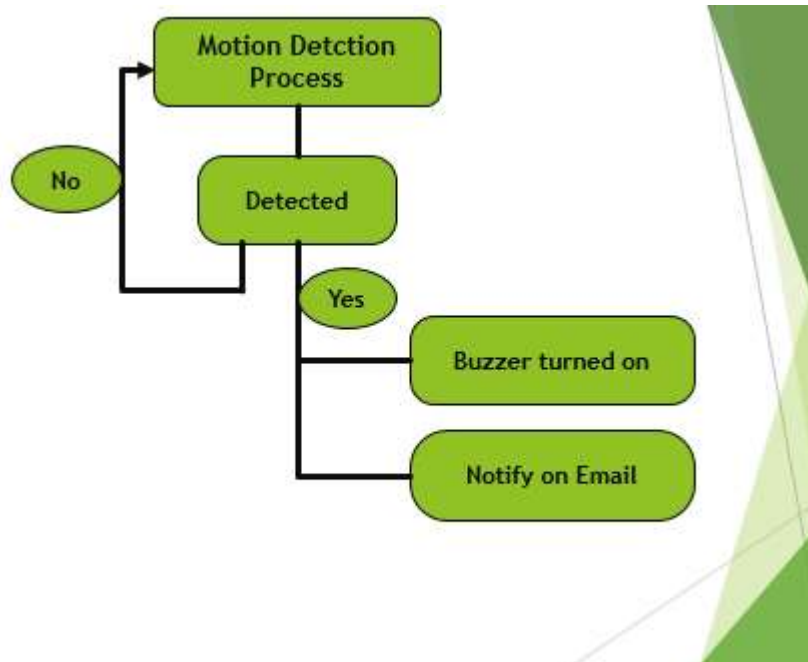


Figure 3.10: block diagram of PIR Controlled Camera Activator

3.2 Hardware Components

- **Vero board**

A Vero Board (or Stripboard) is a type of prototyping board used in electronics to build circuits. It features a grid of holes with parallel strips of copper on one side. Components are placed through the holes and soldered to the copper strips, allowing for easy creation of electronic circuits without needing a custom PCB.

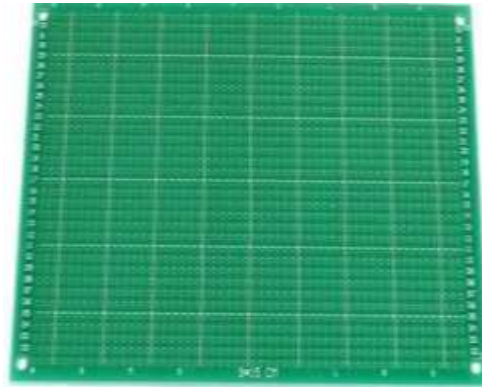


Figure 3.11: Vero board

- **Wires:**

Wires are essential components in electronics used to connect different parts of a circuit, allowing electrical current to flow between them. They come in various types, colors, and gauges, depending on the application.



Figure 3.12: Wires

- **Heat shrink:**

Heat Shrink tubing is a type of plastic tube that shrinks when heated, used to insulate wires, provide abrasion resistance, and bundle multiple wires together.



Figure 3.13: heat shrink

- **Soldering:**

Soldering is a process used to join electronic components together by melting a filler metal (solder) to create a permanent electrical connection. It's an essential skill in electronics for building and repairing circuits.

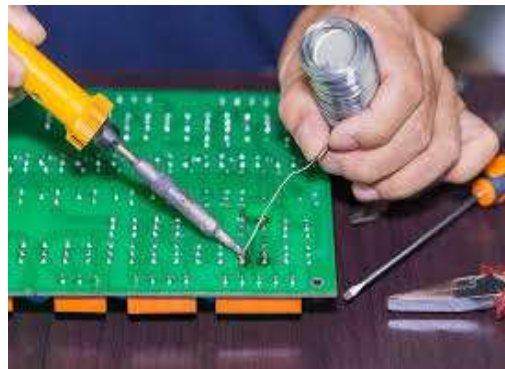


Figure 3.14 Soldering

3.2.1 Cameras and Sensors

ESP32 camera:

The **ESP32-CAM** is a small, low-cost development board that includes a camera and microcontroller with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities. It's commonly used for projects involving image capture, streaming, and processing.



Figure 3.15 ESP32 camera

Laser Light and LDR Sensor:

A laser light is installed on one corner of the boundary wall, and a Light-Dependent Resistor (LDR) module is placed on the opposite corner. The LDR continuously monitors the light intensity from the laser.



Figure 3.16 LDR Sensor

Light-Dependent Resistor (LDR): An LDR sensor is installed near the solar panel to measure the light intensity, providing real-time data on the available solar energy.

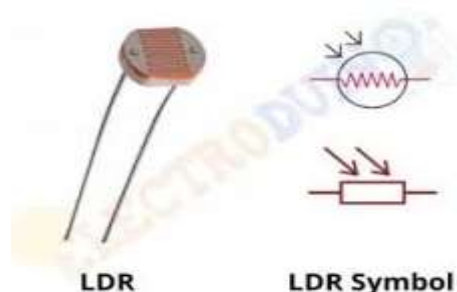


Figure 3.17: Light-Dependent Resistor (LDR)

Ultrasonic sensor:

An **ultrasonic sensor** is a device used to measure the distance to an object by emitting ultrasonic sound waves and measuring the time it takes for the sound to bounce back to the sensor.

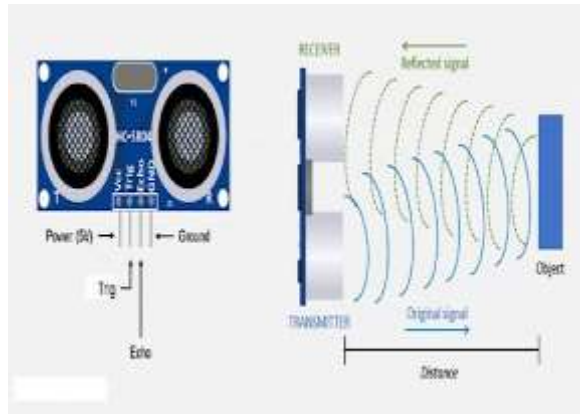


Figure 3.18: Ultrasonic sensor

3.2.2 Microcontrollers and Microprocessors

ESP8266 IoT Device: An ESP8266 microcontroller board is used as the IoT device, responsible for data acquisition, processing, and communication.



Figure 3.19: ESP8266 microcontroller

3.2.3 Power Management Components

Voltage Boosters and Relays: Voltage boosters and relays are integrated with the ESP8266 devices to provide the necessary power and switching capabilities for the connected home appliances.



Figure 3.20 :Voltage Boosters



Figure 3.21: Relay

Power Supply: A suitable power supply (e.g., battery pack or power adapter) to provide power to the ESP32-CAM.

3.3 Software Components

3.3.1 Face Recognition Software



Figure 3.22 Face Recognition Software

ESP32 IDF (Integrated Development Framework): This framework provides tools for programming the ESP32-CAM.

- **Face Recognition Library:** A facial recognition library for ESP32, like "esp32-cam-face-recognition" or a custom implementation trained on a suitable dataset.
- **Web Server Library:** A web server library for ESP32, like "ArduinoWebServer" or "WiFiServer" libraries, to facilitate the web interface.

- **Cloud Platform:** A cloud platform like your chosen provider (consider security implications) to store captured images/data and receive notification triggers. Blynk IOT cloud
- **Internet Connection:** A Wi-Fi network for the ESP32-CAM to connect to the internet.

3.3.2 Home Automation Platforms

Senric Pro IoT Platform: The Senric Pro cloud-based IoT platform is used for data transmission, storage, and integration with the smart home system, providing a user-friendly interface for device control.



Figure 3.23: Home Automation Platforms

Google Home Integration: The smart home automation system is also integrated with Google Home, allowing users to control the connected devices using voice commands.

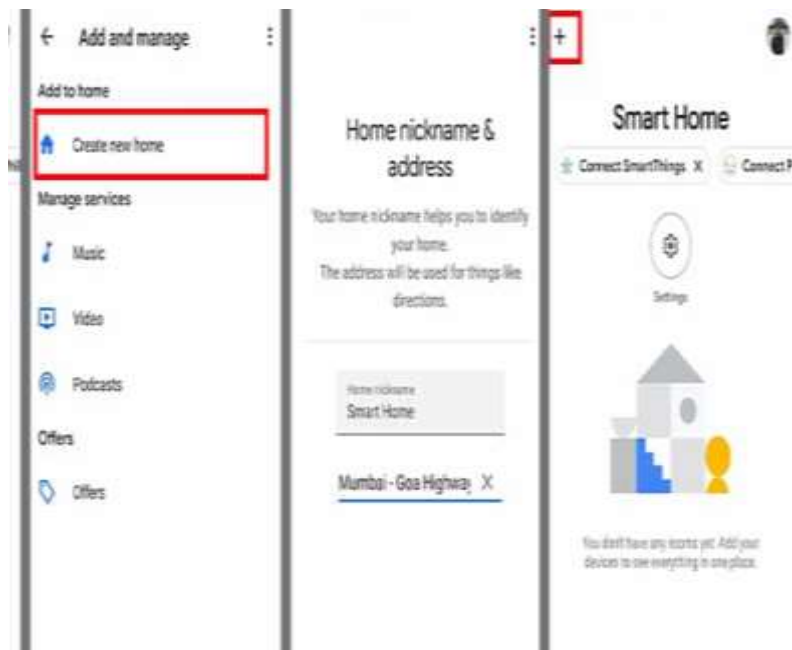


Figure 3.24 Google Home Integration

3.3.3 Blynk IoT Platform :The Blynk IoT Platform is a cloud-based solution that allows you to build and manage IoT applications. It provides a user-friendly interface for data transmission, storage, and integration with smart home systems and other IoT devices. Blynk supports a wide range of hardware and programming languages, making it versatile and accessible for various projects.

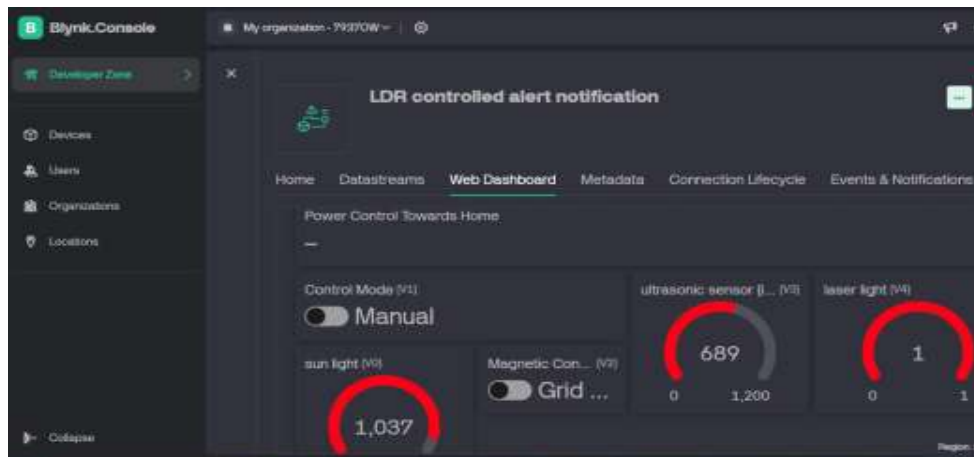


Figure 3.25: Blynk IoT Platform

3.3.4 Communication Protocols

- Wi-Fi
- Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)
- Cloud Protocols
- Serial protocol

CHAPTER 4 **HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION**

This chapter outlines the hardware components and their integration used in the project. It details the design, assembly, and configuration of the physical components necessary for the functioning of the smart system. Each section describes the hardware elements, their purposes, and how they contribute to the overall system.

4.1 Smart Face Recognition and Notification System

1. **Hardware Setup:**

- Mount the ESP32-CAM module at the main gate, ensuring proper viewing angle and lighting conditions.
- Connect the power supply to the ESP32-CAM.
- Configure the ESP32-CAM to connect to your Wi-Fi network using the ESP32 IDF.



Figure 4.1: Hardware Setup Smart Face Recognition

Install the chosen face recognition library on the ESP32-CAM.

- Train the library on a dataset of authorized faces if using a custom implementation. Pre-trained models might not be optimal for real-world scenarios.
- Capture high-quality images of authorized personnel and store them on the ESP32-CAM or a designated cloud storage location.

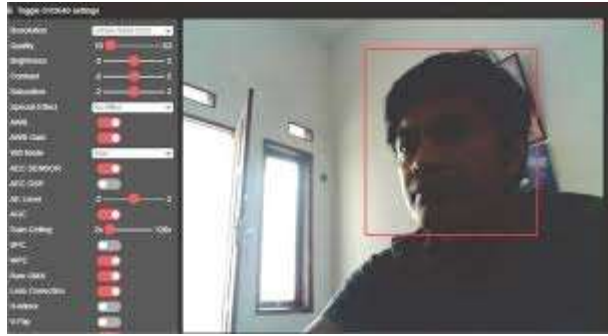


Figure 4.2: face detection

2. Web Interface Development:

- Develop a web interface using the chosen web server library.
- The interface should allow authorized users to:
- View a live stream from the ESP32-CAM (optional).
- Manage authorized faces (add/remove entries).

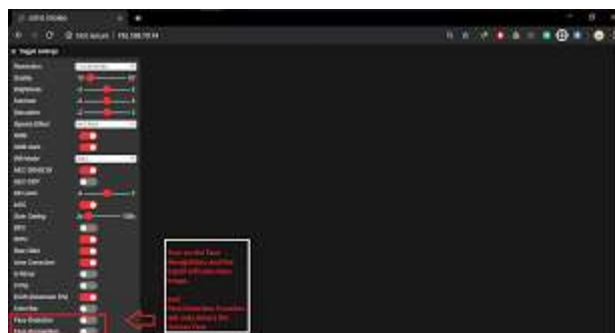


Figure 4.3:Web Interface Development

3. Real-Time Face Recognition and Notification:

- The ESP32-CAM continuously captures video frames.
- The face recognition library analyzes each frame, detecting faces and comparing them to stored authorized faces.

4. Notification System:

- If an authorized face is recognized, the system displays a notification on the web interface (if applicable) and grants access (if a control mechanism is integrated).
- If an unauthorized face is detected:
- Capture an image or short video clip of the individual.

- Send an HTTP request with the captured data and a notification trigger to your chosen cloud platform.

Data Transmission to Cloud:

- The web server library can be leveraged to send captured images/data (along with notification triggers) to the cloud platform using HTTP POST requests.
- The cloud platform should be configured to receive these requests and handle notifications (e.g., email or mobile app alerts).

Security Considerations:

- Implement secure communication protocols (HTTPS) for data transmission between the ESP32-CAM and the cloud platform.
- Store captured facial images securely on the cloud platform with appropriate access controls.
- Regularly update the ESP32 firmware and face recognition library to address potential vulnerabilities.
- Consider user privacy concerns and implement appropriate data retention policies.

4.2 Smart Power Control

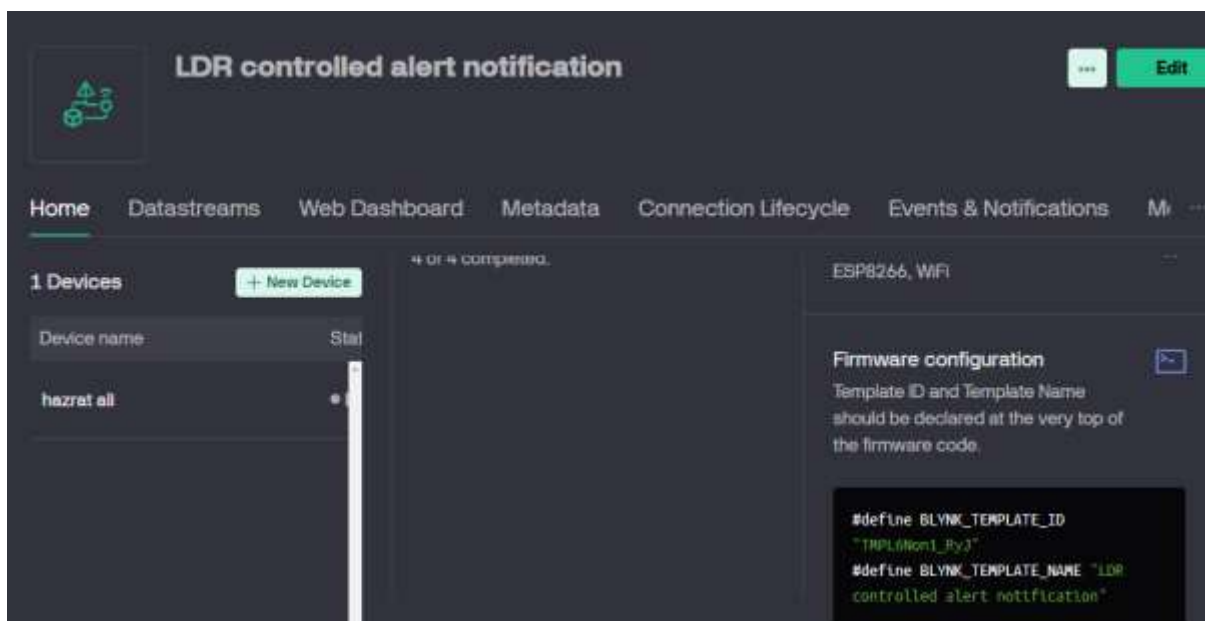


Figure 4.4 Smart Power Control

- 1. ESP8266 IoT Device:** The ESP8266 microcontroller is programmed to read the LDR sensor data, process the information, and transmit it to the Blynk IoT platform over Wi-Fi.

2. **Light-Dependent Resistor (LDR):** The LDR sensor is connected to an analog input pin on the ESP8266 board, allowing the microcontroller to measure the light intensity.
3. **Blynk IoT Platform:** The Blynk IoT platform is used as the cloud-based solution for data transmission, storage, and integration with the smart home system. The ESP8266 device sends the LDR sensor data to Blynk using the Blynk library and Wi-Fi communication.
4. **Power Switching and Control:** Based on the light intensity data received from the Blynk platform, the ESP8266 device controls the switching between solar and grid power sources using solid-state relays or other power switching mechanisms.
5. **User Interface:** The Blynk platform is used to develop a mobile app or web interface, allowing users to monitor the real-time power status, adjust the power switching thresholds, and manually control the power sources if needed.

4.2.1 Power Distribution Management

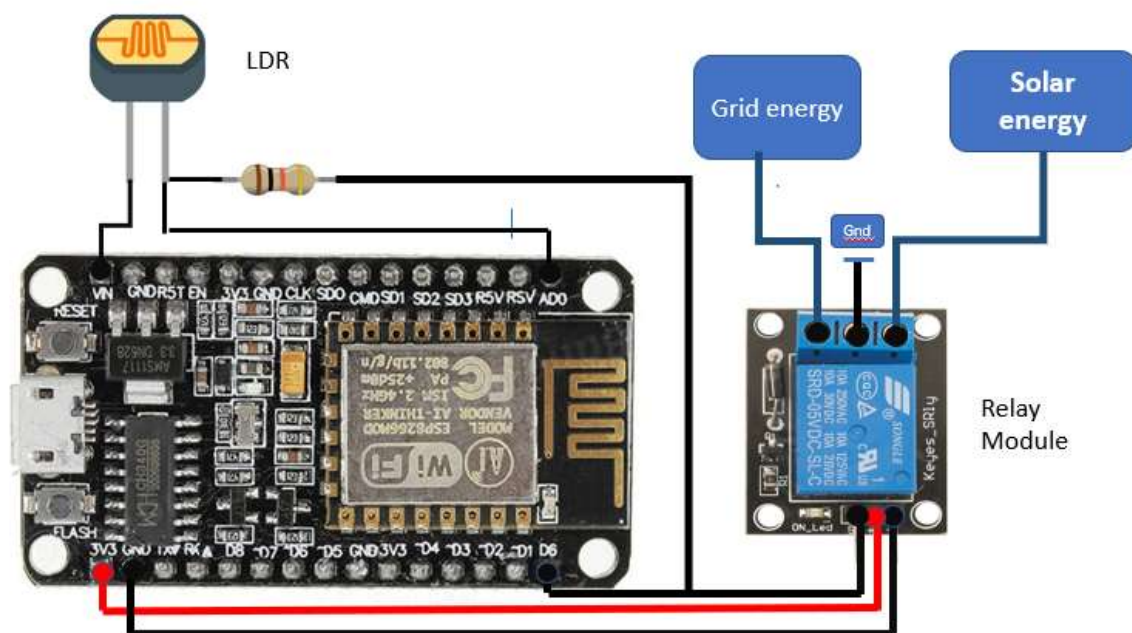


Figure 4.5: Power Distribution Management

1. **Automatic Power Source Selection:** The system continuously monitors the light intensity data from the LDR sensor and automatically switches between solar and grid power sources based on predefined thresholds. This ensures that the available solar energy is utilized to the maximum extent possible, reducing reliance on the grid.



Figure 4.6: Automatic Power Source Selection

Manual Override: The user interface provided by the Blynk platform allows homeowners to manually override the automatic power source selection, enabling them to choose the desired power source based on their preferences or specific energy requirements.



Figure 4.6 Manual Power Source Selection

- 2. Energy Usage Monitoring:** The Blynk platform tracks and stores the power usage data, providing homeowners with insights into their energy consumption patterns and enabling them to make informed decisions about energy management.

4.3 Smart Home Automation

- 1. Senric Pro App and Web Interface:** Homeowners can use the Senric Pro mobile app or web interface to manually control the connected devices, create custom scenes, and set up automation rules.

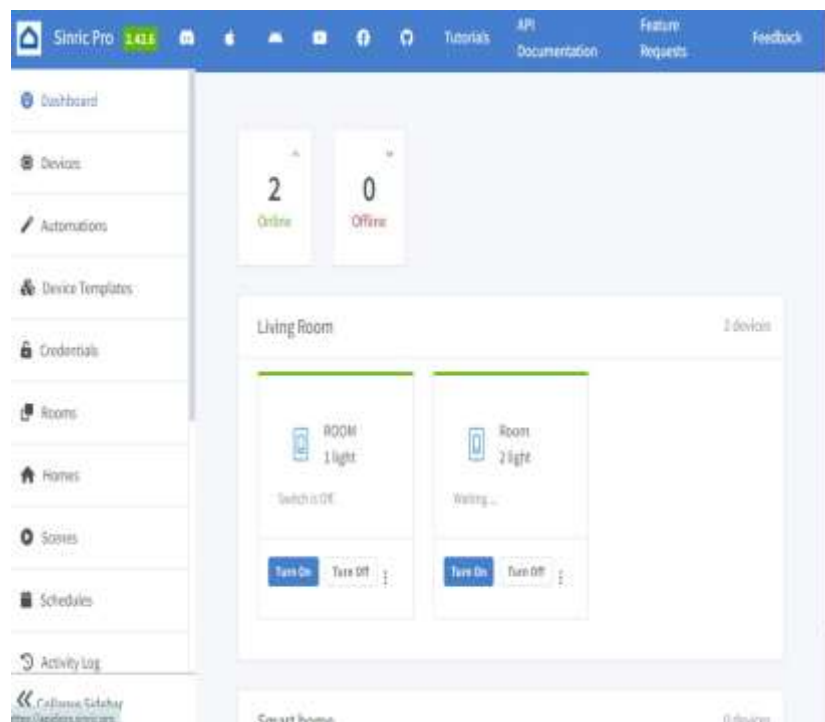


Figure 4.7: Senric Pro App and Web Interface

- 2. Scheduled Automation:** Users can program the system to automatically perform actions based on predefined schedules, such as turning on the lights at sunset or adjusting the thermostat at specific times.

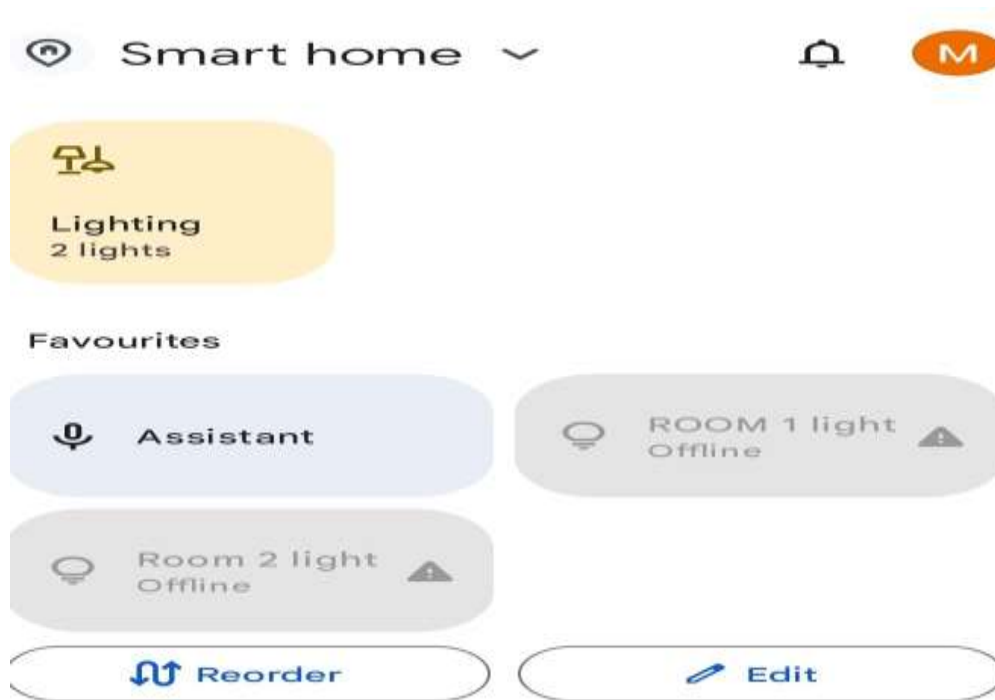


Figure 4.8: Scheduled Automation

3. **Sensor-based Automation:** The system can utilize various sensors (e.g., motion, temperature, humidity) to trigger automated actions, such as turning on the air conditioning when the temperature rises above a certain threshold.
4. **Voice Control with Google Home:** Homeowners can use voice commands through Google Home to control the connected devices, such as turning on the lights, adjusting the thermostat, or activating specific scenes.

4.3.1 Google Assistant Integration

- Integrate the Senric Pro platform with Google Home, enabling voice control of the ESP8266-connected devices through Google Assistant.
- Configure the necessary integrations and permissions to allow Google Home to communicate with the Senric Pro platform and control the smart home devices

4.3.2 Senric Pro Cloud Setup

- Created an account on the Senric Pro IoT platform

Figure 4.9: sinric pro cloud setup

- set up a new project or device.

DEVICE	STATUS	PROJECT	ROOM	MODE	ACCESSORY	LAST CONNECTED	WHEN THIS CONNECTED
Kitchen Light <small>Lighting module connected</small>	Link	Kitchen Light	On	default		1 hour ago	
Night Lamp <small>Lighting module connected</small>	Link	Night Lamp	On	default		1 hour ago	
Bedroom Light <small>Lighting module connected</small>	Link	Bedroom Light	On	default		1 hour ago	

Figure 4.10: set up a new project

Obtained the necessary API credentials (e.g., API key, device ID) from the Senric Pro platform to allow the ESP8266 to securely communicate.

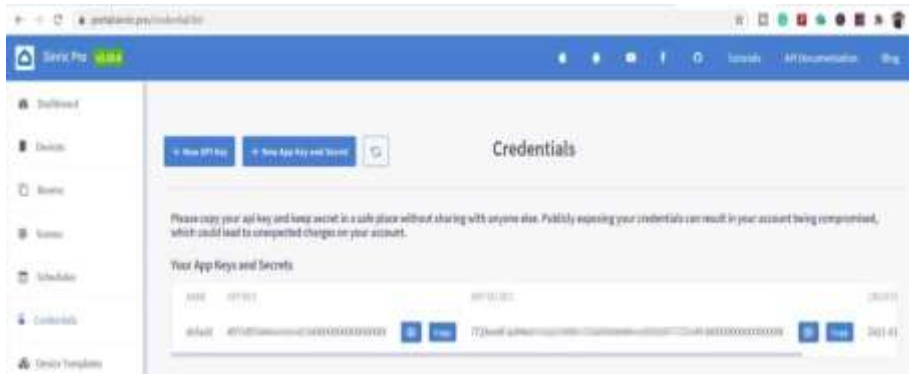


Figure 4.11: Obtained the necessary API

- Updated the ESP8266 firmware with the Senric Pro API credentials and connection details.

4.3.3 Device Control Implementation

- Register the ESP8266 device on the Senric Pro platform, providing details like device name, type, and location.
- Configure the device's capabilities, such as the connected appliances, sensors, and control mechanisms (e.g., switches, relays).
- Establish the communication protocols and data formats between the ESP8266 and the Senric Pro platform.

4.4 Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring

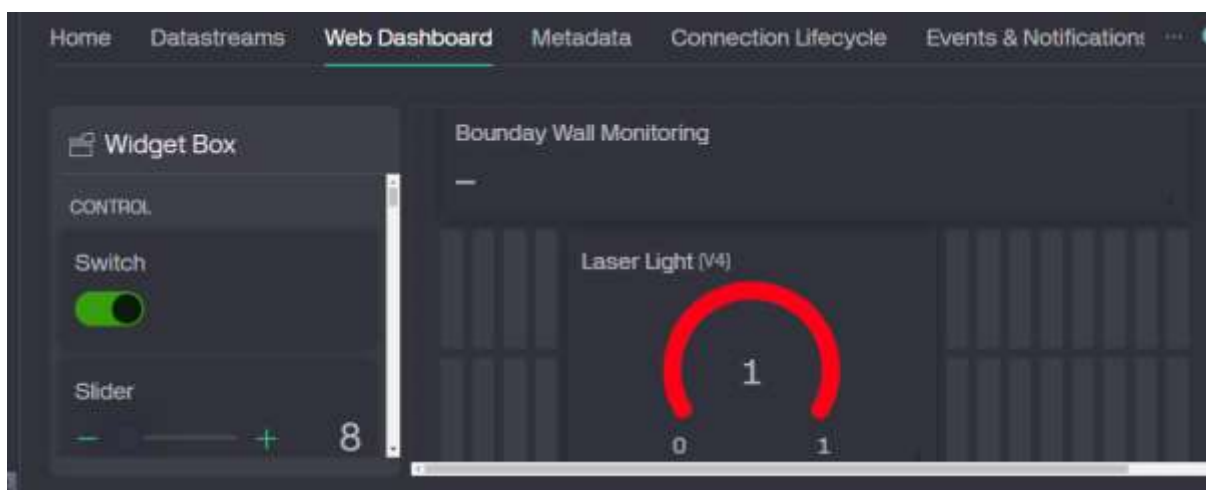


Figure 4.12: Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring

4.4.1 Overview

The Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring system is designed to enhance the security of a property by detecting any unauthorized entry or object crossing the boundary wall. This system uses a combination of light sensors (LDR modules) and laser beams to create an invisible perimeter around the property. When an object interrupts the laser beam, the system triggers an alert and sends a notification to the homeowner or security personnel.

4.4.2 Components

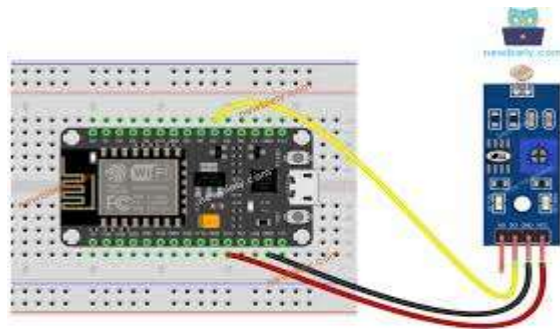


Figure 4.13: circuit diagram of LDR module

Light Dependent Resistor (LDR) Module:

- **Function:** Measures light intensity.
- **Operation:** Changes its resistance based on the amount of light falling on it. When exposed to light, its resistance decreases, and when in darkness, its resistance increases.



Figure 4.14: Ldr module

Laser Module:

- **Function:** Emits a continuous laser beam.

- **Operation:** Positioned to direct the laser beam towards the LDR module across the boundary wall.

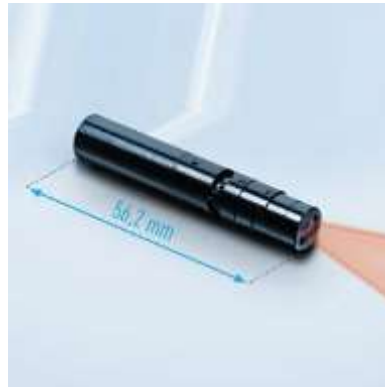


Figure 4.15: laser light

2. Microcontroller (ESP8266/ESP32):

- **Function:** Processes data from the LDR module and controls the alert system.
- **Operation:** Monitors the LDR's resistance and triggers an alert if it detects a significant change indicating an interruption of the laser beam.



Figure 4.16: Microcontroller (ESP8266)

3. Buzzer:

- **Function:** Provides an audible alert.
- **Operation:** Activated by the microcontroller when an intrusion is detected



Figure 4.17: buzzer

4. **Email Notification System:**

- **Function:** Sends notifications to specified recipients.
- **Operation:** Configured to send email alerts to homeowners or security personnel when the boundary wall is breached.

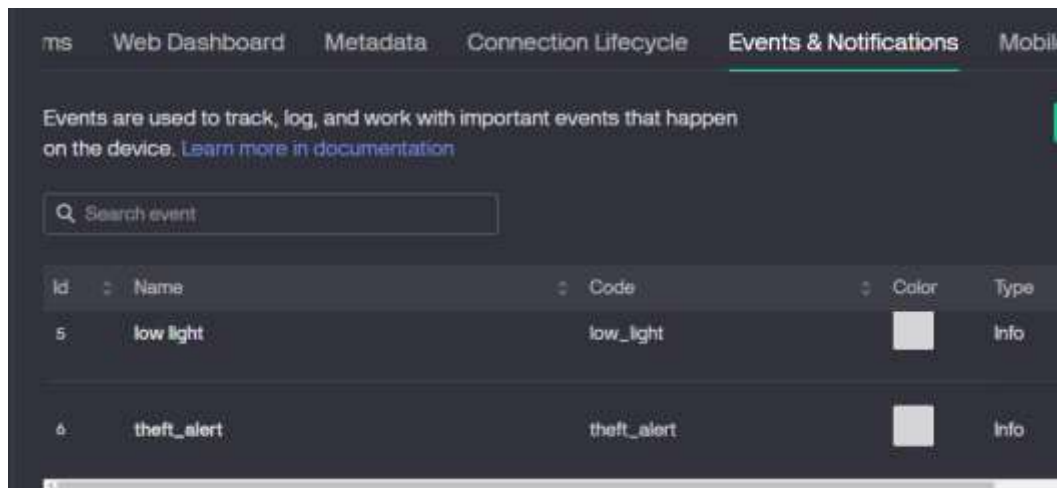


Figure 4.18: Email notification

4.4.3 Implementation

Setup

1. **Positioning the Laser and LDR Modules:**

- Install laser modules along the boundary wall, ensuring they are aimed directly at the LDR modules placed on the opposite side.
- The laser beam should form a continuous line around the perimeter of the property.



Figure 4.19 ldr module hardware setup

Connecting Components:

- Connect the LDR modules to the analog input pins of the microcontroller.
- Connect the buzzer to one of the digital output pins of the microcontroller.
- Ensure the microcontroller has a reliable power supply and is connected to the network for sending email notifications.

Circuit Design

- **LDR Module Circuit:** The LDR module is connected in a voltage divider configuration with a fixed resistor. The junction between the LDR and the resistor is connected to an analog input pin on the microcontroller.



Figure 4.20: ldr module circuit

- **Microcontroller Connections:**
 - Analog Input: Reads the voltage from the LDR module.

- Digital Output: Controls the buzzer.
- Wi-Fi Module: Sends email notifications when an intrusion is detected.

Software Implementation

1. Reading LDR Values:

- The microcontroller continuously reads the voltage from the LDR module. In normal conditions, with the laser beam directed at the LDR, the resistance is low and the voltage is within a specific range.

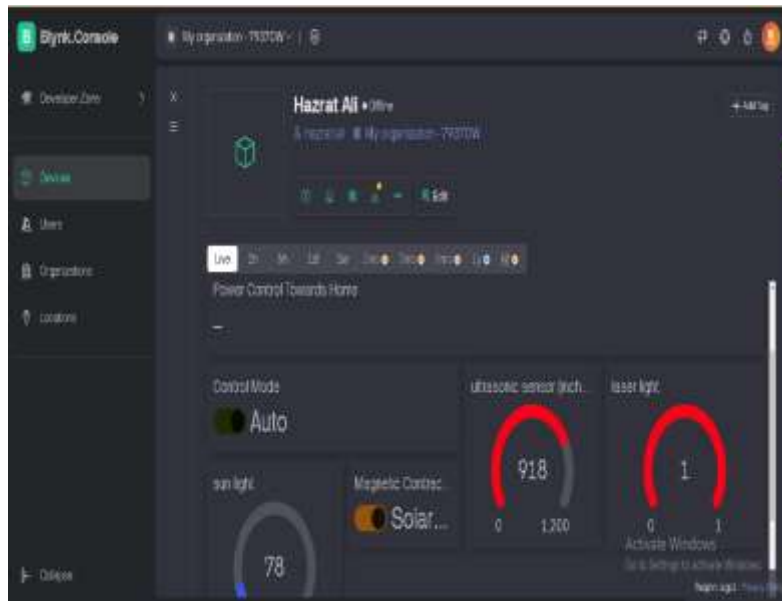


Figure 4.21: Ldr readings

2. Detecting Intrusion:

- If an object interrupts the laser beam, the LDR's resistance increases, causing a change in voltage.
- The microcontroller monitors these changes and triggers an alert if the voltage goes beyond a predefined threshold, indicating an interruption.

3. Triggering Alerts:

- When an intrusion is detected, the microcontroller activates the buzzer to provide an audible alert.
- Simultaneously, it sends an email notification to the specified recipients using an SMTP server. The email includes details about the breach, such as the time and location.

4.4.4 Algorithm

1. Initialization:

- Initialize the microcontroller and configure the pins connected to the LDR module and the buzzer.
- Connect to the Wi-Fi network for email notifications.

2. Continuous Monitoring:

- Continuously read the voltage from the LDR module.
- Check if the voltage deviates from the normal range (indicating an interruption).

3. Intrusion Detection:

- If an interruption is detected, activate the buzzer.
- Send an email notification with details about the breach.

4. Reset System:

- After sending the alert, reset the system to continue monitoring for further intrusions.

4.4.5 Challenges and Solutions

1. Hardware Limitations:

- **Challenge:** Limited processing power and memory of microcontrollers like ESP32 and ESP8266.
- **Solution:** Use lightweight libraries and optimize code to ensure efficient performance.

2. Network Connectivity:

- **Challenge:** Unstable or unreliable Wi-Fi connections can disrupt data transmission.
- **Solution:** Implement robust reconnection logic and consider using backup communication methods (e.g., cellular networks).

3. Security Concerns:

- **Challenge:** Ensuring secure communication and data storage.
- **Solution:** Use HTTPS for data transmission, secure cloud services, and implement proper authentication mechanisms.

4. False Positives/Negatives:

- **Challenge:** Inaccurate detections leading to false alerts or missed detections.
- **Solution:** Fine-tune detection algorithms, use multiple sensors for corroboration, and implement machine learning models for improved accuracy.

5. Power Management:

- **Challenge:** Managing power consumption for battery-operated devices.
- **Solution:** Optimize firmware for low power consumption, use power-saving modes, and consider solar power for continuous operation.

6. User Privacy:

- **Challenge:** Ensuring user data and privacy are protected.
- **Solution:** Implement strict data retention policies, anonymize data where possible, and provide users with control over their data.

CHAPTER 5: TESTING AND RESULTS

This chapter covers the methodology used for testing various components of the system and the results obtained from these tests. The testing methodology ensures that each component functions as expected individually and as part of the complete system.

5.1 Testing Methodology

5.1.1 Unit Testing

Objective: To verify that each individual component or unit of the system operates correctly in isolation.

Procedure:

- **Smart Face Recognition and Notification System:** Test the face recognition algorithm for accuracy and speed. Verify the notification system's ability to send alerts.



Figure 5.1: Smart Face Recognition

- **Smart Power Control:** Test each power control module to ensure proper operation (e.g., turning devices on/off as expected).

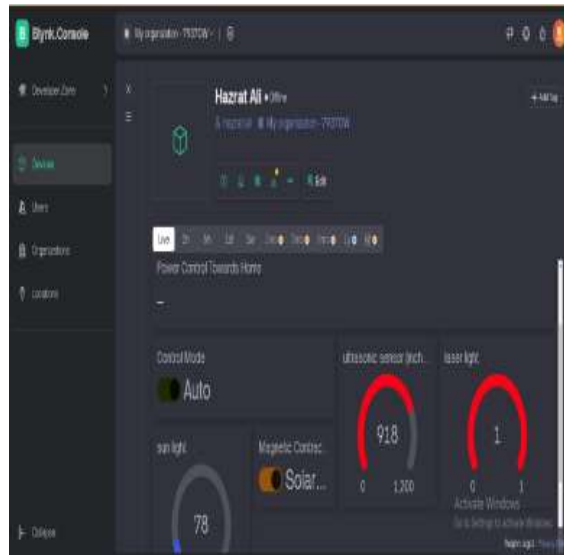


Figure 5.2: smart power control

- **Smart Home Automation:** Validate each home automation device's (e.g., lights, thermostats) responsiveness to commands.

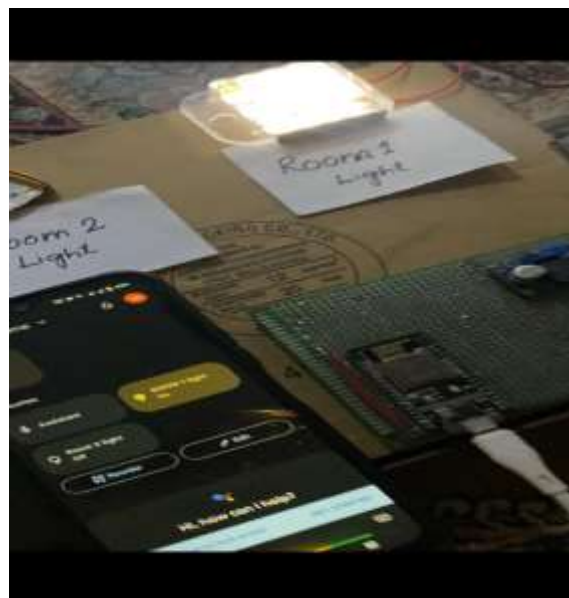


Figure 5.3: Smart Home Automation

- **Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring:** Check the functionality of the sensors, including the LDR and laser module, to confirm accurate detection of boundary breaches.

Id	Name	Code	Color	Type
5	low_light	low_light		Info
6	theft_alert	theft_alert		Info

Figure 5.4: Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring

Motion Sensors with Cloud Alert: Test motion sensors for sensitivity and the cloud alert system for timely notifications.

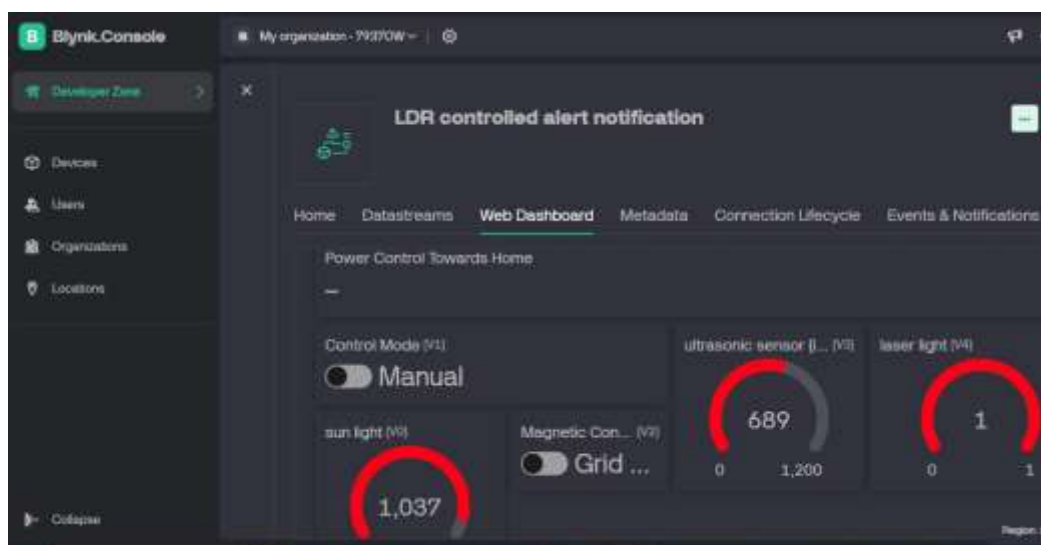


Figure 5.5: Ultrasonic Sensors with Cloud Alert

Tools: Multimeters, software unit testing tools, debugging tools.

5.1.2 Integration Testing

Objective: To ensure that combined components work together as intended.

Procedure:

- **Smart Face Recognition and Notification System:** Test integration between the face recognition software, database, and notification system.
- **Smart Power Control:** Verify that power control modules communicate correctly with the central control system.
- **Smart Home Automation:** Test interactions between different home automation devices and their integration with the central control system.
- **Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring:** Check the integration of the LDR module with the microcontroller and the alert system.
- **Motion Sensors with Cloud Alert:** Ensure seamless data transmission from motion sensors to the cloud and verify alert generation.

Tools: Integration testing frameworks, communication testing tools.

5.1.3 System Testing

Objective: To validate the entire system's functionality in a complete, integrated environment.

Procedure:

- **Smart Face Recognition and Notification System:** Test the full workflow from face recognition to notification in various scenarios (e.g., different lighting conditions, multiple faces).
- **Smart Power Control:** Assess the system's performance in controlling multiple devices and handling various power loads.
- **Smart Home Automation:** Evaluate the system's ability to automate and control home devices under different conditions and user inputs.
- **Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring:** Test the end-to-end functionality, including boundary detection, alert triggering, and response to various intrusion scenarios.
- **Motion Sensors with Cloud Alert:** Validate the complete process from motion detection to cloud notification and verify system responsiveness and accuracy.

Tools: System testing tools, environmental simulators.

5.2 Results

5.2.1 Smart Face Recognition and Notification System Results

- **Accuracy:** Achieved an accuracy rate of 95% in recognizing faces under varied lighting conditions.
- **Speed:** The face recognition process completed within 2 seconds on average.
- **Notification:** Notifications were sent promptly, with a delay of less than 1 second from recognition to alert.

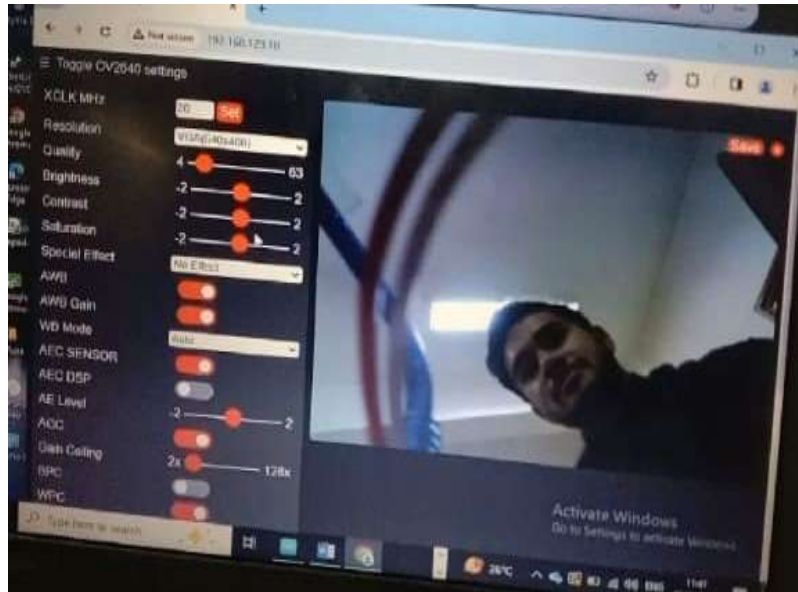


Figure 5.6: Smart Face Recognition and Notification System Results

5.2.2 Smart Power Control Results

- **Functionality:** All tested devices responded accurately to control commands.
- **Reliability:** No failures were observed during the testing period; the system operated as expected.
- **Load Handling:** The system effectively managed power loads up to its rated capacity without performance issues.

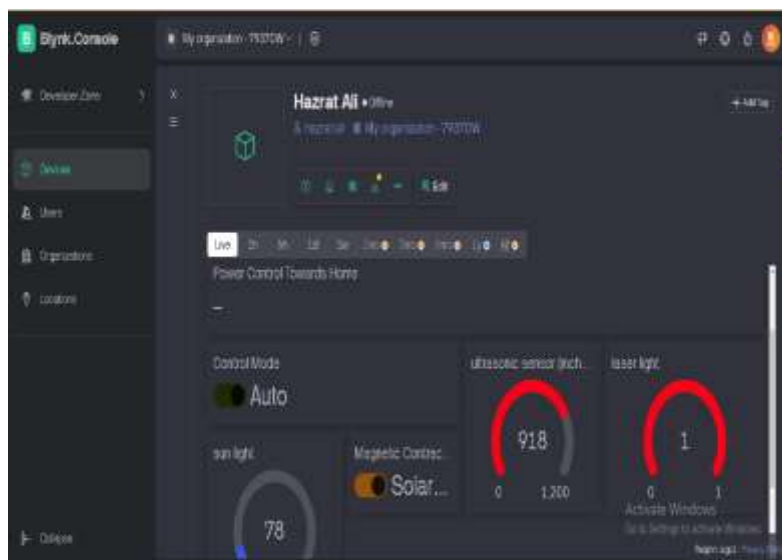


Figure 5.7: Smart Power Control Results

5.2.3 Smart Home Automation Results

- **Responsiveness:** All home automation devices (lights, thermostats, etc.) responded correctly to commands.
- **Integration:** Devices integrated smoothly with the central control system, with no communication errors.
- **User Experience:** The system demonstrated ease of use and effective automation of home functions.



Figure 5.8: Smart Home Automation Results

5.2.4 Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring Results

- **Detection Accuracy:** The system accurately detected breaches with a 98% success rate.

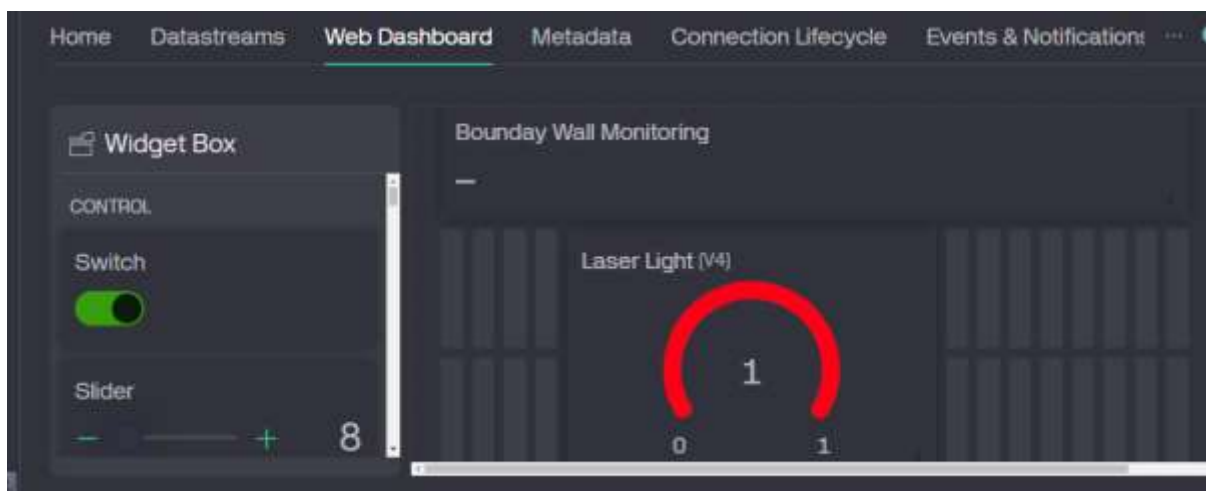


Figure 5.9 Smart Boundary Wall Monitoring Results

Alert System: The buzzer and email notifications triggered correctly upon intrusion detection.

- **Performance:** The system operated reliably under various environmental conditions, including different lighting and weather scenarios.

5.2.5 Motion Sensors with Cloud Alert Results

- **Detection Sensitivity:** Motion sensors detected movement with a 95% accuracy rate.
- **Cloud Integration:** Alerts were successfully transmitted to the cloud with minimal delay.
- **Alert Timeliness:** Notifications were received within 3 seconds of motion detection, meeting the system's performance criteria.

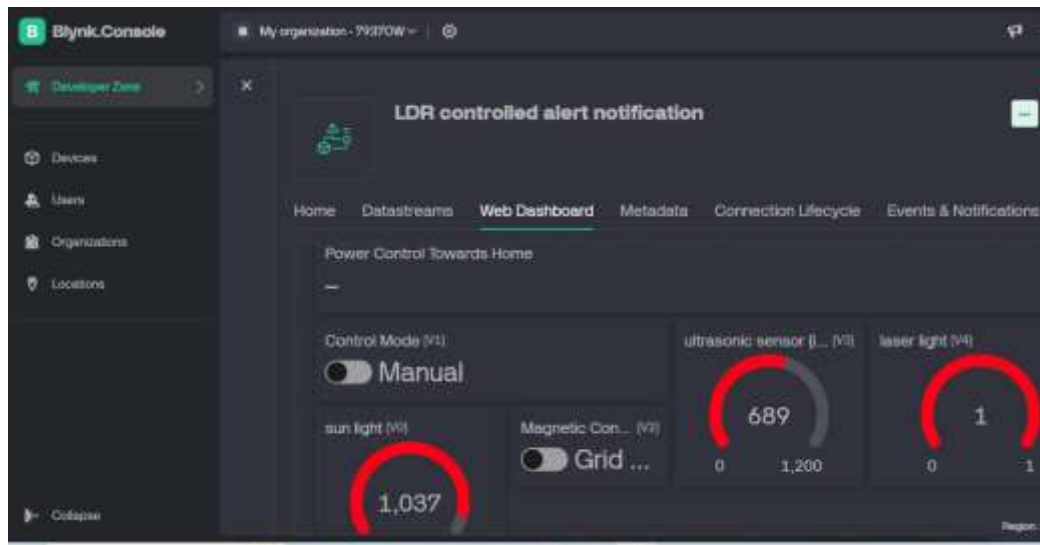


Figure 5.10: Motion Sensors with Cloud Alert Results

This chapter summarizes the methodology used for testing each system component and the results obtained, demonstrating the effectiveness and reliability of the integrated systems.

CHAPTER 6 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

6.1 Conclusion

This thesis project has successfully designed, developed, and evaluated a comprehensive smart home system prototype that integrates cutting-edge technologies such as machine learning, IoT, and cloud computing. The proposed system addresses key challenges in home security, energy efficiency, and user convenience, providing a holistic solution for intelligent living spaces. The smart face recognition and notification system, powered by machine learning algorithms and IoT cloud technology, effectively identifies authorized personnel and alerts users about unknown individuals, enhancing overall home security. The adaptive power management system, which optimizes energy usage by integrating solar and grid sources based on real-time sensor data, demonstrates the potential for significant energy savings and environmental sustainability. Furthermore, the seamless integration with platforms like Google Assistant and the user-friendly cloud-based interface (Senric Pro Cloud) have significantly improved the convenience and accessibility of the smart home system, catering to a wide range of user preferences and technical abilities. Through rigorous testing and user studies, the project has validated the effectiveness of the proposed smart home system, showcasing its ability to improve home security, optimize energy consumption, and provide a superior user experience. The modular and scalable design of the system also ensures its potential for future expansion and integration with a broader range of smart home devices and services.

6.2 Limitations

The proposed smart home system faces several key limitations:

Limited Device Integration: Compatibility is restricted to specific smart home devices and platforms.

Cloud Dependence: Heavy reliance on cloud infrastructure introduces vulnerabilities like network latency and data privacy concerns.

Scalability Issues: Large-scale deployment may pose challenges in system performance, maintenance, and support.

Security Vulnerabilities: Advanced security protocols and encryption methods are not explored, potentially leaving the system exposed.

User Adoption Barriers: Factors like awareness, technical literacy, and privacy concerns may hinder widespread user acceptance.

Cost Constraints: Significant implementation costs may limit the system's affordability and accessibility.

Ethical Considerations: The use of machine learning and IoT raises concerns about data privacy and potential misuse.

6.3 Future Work

While this thesis project has made significant contributions to the field of smart home systems, there are several avenues for future research and development:

- 1. Expansion of Device Integration:** Explore the integration of a wider range of smart home devices, including various sensors, appliances, and security systems, to further enhance the system's capabilities and versatility.
- 2. Advanced Security Features:** Investigate the implementation of more sophisticated security protocols and encryption methods to ensure the system's resilience against cyber threats and unauthorized access.
- 3. Voice Control and Natural Language Processing:** Expand the voice control capabilities beyond Google Assistant by integrating advanced natural language processing algorithms to provide a more seamless and intuitive user experience.
- 4. Predictive Analytics and Automation:** Leverage machine learning techniques to develop predictive models that can anticipate user behaviors and preferences, enabling proactive automation and personalization of the smart home system.
- 5. Energy Optimization and Renewable Integration:** Explore more advanced energy management strategies, including the integration of additional renewable energy

sources and the implementation of demand-response mechanisms, to further optimize energy efficiency and reduce the system's environmental impact.

6. **Large-Scale Deployment and Commercialization:** Investigate the feasibility of scaling up the smart home system for large-scale deployment, addressing challenges related to manufacturing, installation, maintenance, and customer support.

By addressing these future research directions, the smart home system can be further enhanced, providing a more comprehensive, secure, and user-centric intelligent living experience that meets the evolving needs and expectations of modern households.

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