

ADVANCE PYTHON PROGRAMMING

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IOT- SMART CHAIRS

ENERGY SOURCE

Rechargeable Batteries (e.g., Lithium-Ion):

Internal battery packs, similar to those used in laptops or power tools. Essential for mobility (like a smart wheelchair) or for chairs designed to be cord-free for a period (e.g., smart lounge chairs).

Wall Power / AC Adapter (for stationary chairs):

Plugging the chair directly into a standard wall socket. Ideal for office chairs or home-use chairs that remain in one location. This is necessary for features that require significant, continuous power, such as automatic adjustments (motors), heating/cooling elements, or built-in charging pads.

Piezoelectric Crystals:

Sensors placed beneath the seat or springs that convert mechanical pressure (a person sitting down, shifting weight) or vibration into a small electrical charge. Primarily for low-power consumption sensors and microcontrollers (like in a monitoring-only chair). It can serve as a supplemental charging source for the main battery.

DEVICE SETUP

1. The Sensing Layer (The 'Ears' and 'Fingers')

Pressure Sensor Array (FSRs or Textile Sensors)

Ultrasonic / Infrared Sensors

Temperature/Humidity Sensor

Occupancy Sensor

2. The Processing Layer

Microcontroller Unit (MCU)

Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)

Motor Driver

Power Management Circuit

3. The Communication Layer

Wireless Module-Wi-Fi

IoT Cloud Platform-AWS IoT, Google Cloud IoT

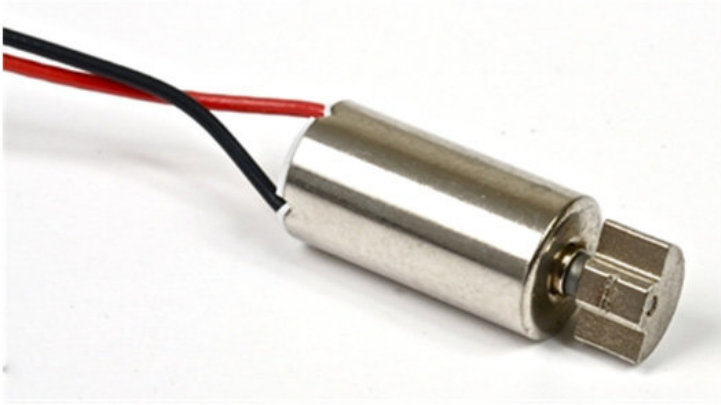
4. The Actuation & Feedback Layer

Vibration Motors (Haptic Feedback)

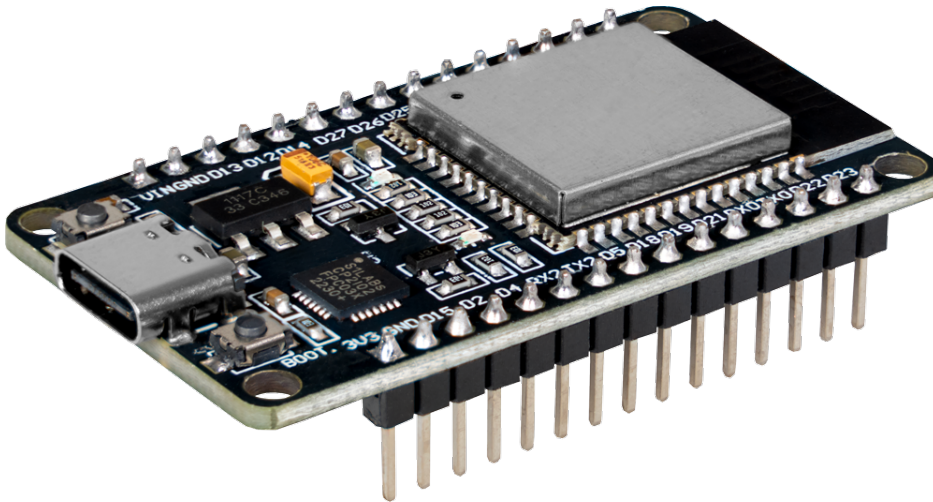
LED Indicators

Actuator Motors

eccentric rotating mass (erm) motors



ESP32 sensors



CONNECTION LAYER

The smart chair's connection layer leverages a dual wireless strategy, primarily utilizing Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) and Wi-Fi to manage both local and cloud communication effectively. BLE serves as the low-power, short-range link, ideal for the initial pairing process, transmitting small packets of data for immediate alerts, and enabling direct control of the chair's basic functions from a nearby smartphone application. This protocol is crucial for energy efficiency, as it consumes minimal power while allowing the user's phone to receive instant haptic feedback alerts or posture reminders directly from the chair's Microcontroller Unit (MCU).

Wi-Fi forms the backbone of the chair's long-range connectivity, providing the high-bandwidth necessary to upload the continuous, large volume of detailed sensor data (such as posture maps and session logs) to a remote IoT Cloud Platform. This connection, often using the MQTT protocol, is vital for long-term data storage, complex trend analysis, and facilitating essential tasks like Over-the-Air (OTA) firmware updates, ensuring the smart chair remains secure and up-to-date throughout its lifecycle, independent of the user's immediate proximity.

DATA STORAGE LAYER

Time-Series Database

InfluxDB, TimescaleDB, Amazon Timestream.

These databases are optimized for handling data that arrives with a timestamp. They allow for very fast insertion and querying of metrics over a period (e.g. To show pressure data for every minute of the last 7 days), making trend analysis efficient.

NoSQL Document Database

MongoDB, Amazon DynamoDB, Google Cloud Firestore.

Excellent for storing flexible user profiles, settings, and aggregated summaries (like daily posture scores). NoSQL is highly scalable and fast for application-centric data retrieval (e.g., Get the summary report for any user).

APPLICATION LAYER

1. Mobile Application (End-User Interface)

The mobile app (iOS and Android) is the user's primary interaction point with the smart chair. It serves as a personal coach and configuration tool.

Real-time Dashboard: Displays the current sitting status, including the user's posture score, current sitting time, and real-time pressure map visualization.

Historical Reports: Provides detailed analytics on sitting habits over days, weeks, and months. This includes trends in poor posture duration, average break times, and comparison against goals.

Alerts and Notifications: Manages and delivers personalized alerts based on the data: Provides **Activity Reminders** like "Time to stand up and stretch!" (After 60 minutes of continuous sitting). And the **Postural Feedback** like "Shift your weight back to align your spine." (Immediate correction).

Configuration and Control: Allows the user to:
Set personalized goals (e.g., maximum daily sitting time).
Adjust the sensitivity of the haptic (vibration) feedback
Manually control motorized chair adjustments (if applicable).
Manage the chair's Wi-Fi and Bluetooth pairings.

2. Cloud Analytics Platform (Backend Intelligence)

This backend component, hosted on the IoT cloud (e.g., AWS, Azure, Google Cloud), performs the heavy lifting and provides advanced features.

Data Aggregation and Processing: Takes the raw, time-series data from the chair and applies complex algorithms to calculate meaningful metrics like an overall daily **Posture Quality Score** or identifying specific times of day when posture degrades most.

Machine Learning (ML) Models: Uses trained ML models to:

Personalize Feedback: Determine which type of alert (vibration, app notification) is most effective for a specific user.

Predictive Analysis: Identify early signs of developing poor sitting habits or potential strain areas.

External Integration (APIs): Provides interfaces (APIs) to integrate the sitting data with other services:

Health and Wellness Apps: Sending data to Apple Health, Google Fit, or corporate wellness programs.

Smart Home Systems: Triggering ambient changes when the user stands up (e.g., turning off the desk lamp).