

# **SIGNS WITH SMART CONNECTIVITY FOR BETTER ROAD SAFETY**

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Overview

The goal of this project is to replace the static signboards with smart connected sign boards to get the speed limitations from a web app using weather API and update it automatically based on the weather conditions, set diversions through API and warn drivers for school zones and hospital zones.

### 1.2 Purpose

- To replace the static signboards, smart connected sign boards are used.
- These smart connected sign boards get the speed limitations from a web app using weather API and update automatically.
- Based on the weather changes the speed may increase or decrease.
- Traffic diversion signs are remotely controlled using APIs.
- **"DO NOT HONK"** message displayed at School and Hospital Zones which can be reset using buttons.

## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE SURVEY

#### 2.1 Existing System

- Rain makes brakes inefficient and leads to accidents
- Fog reduces visibility and increases the probability of accidents
- Traffic diversion requires human intervention

#### 2.2 References

- Andrzej Czyżewski in his paper titled "**Development of Intelligent Road Signs with V2X Interface for Adaptive Traffic Controlling**", IEEE 2019, developed IOT based intelligent road signs capable of interacting with both the vehicles and other neighbouring sign boards using LORA. These sign boards were capable of communicating with one another and changing the speed limit based on traffic and weather.
- Muhammed O. Sayin, Chung-Wei Lin, Eunsuk Kang, Shinichi Shiraishi & Tamer Basar in their paper titled "**Reliable Smart Road Signs**", IEEE 2019, proposed a game theoretical adversarial intervention detection mechanism for reliable smartroad signs. A future trend in intelligent transportation systems is “smart road signs” that incorporate smart codes (e.g., visible at infrared) on their surface to provide more detailed information to smart vehicles.
- L.F.P. Oliveira, L.T. Manera, P.D.G. Luz in their paper titled "**Smart Traffic Light Controller System**", IEEE 2019, developed smart traffic lights capable of traffic accident detection enabling the enhancement of traffic light management systems, blocking and creating alternative routes to not only avoid the traffic jams, but also avoid new accidents.
- Dariusz Grabowski & Andrzej Czyzewski in their paper titled "**System for**

**monitoring road slippery based on CCTV cameras and convolutional neural networks"**, Springer Publications 2020, made use of Convolutional Neural Networks to identify slippery roads using CCTV cameras.

### **2.3 Problem Statement Definition**

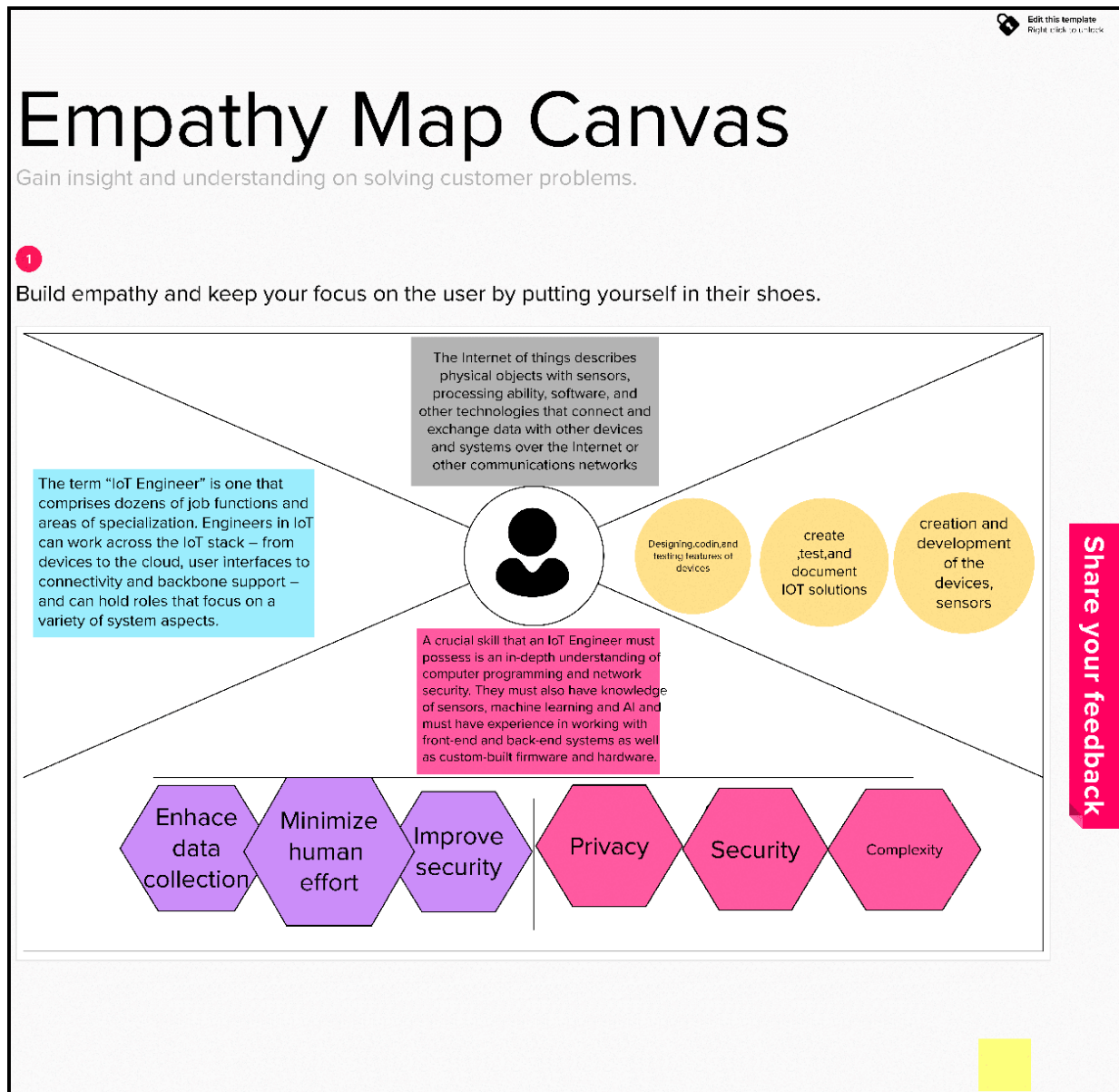
To replace the static signboards with smart connected sign boards to get the speed limitations from a web app using weather API and update it automatically based on the weather conditions, set diversions through API and warn drivers for school zones and hospital zones.



## CHAPTER 3

### IDEATION AND PROPOSED SOLUTION

#### 3.1 Empathy Map Canvas



**Fig:3.1 Empathy Map**

## 3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming

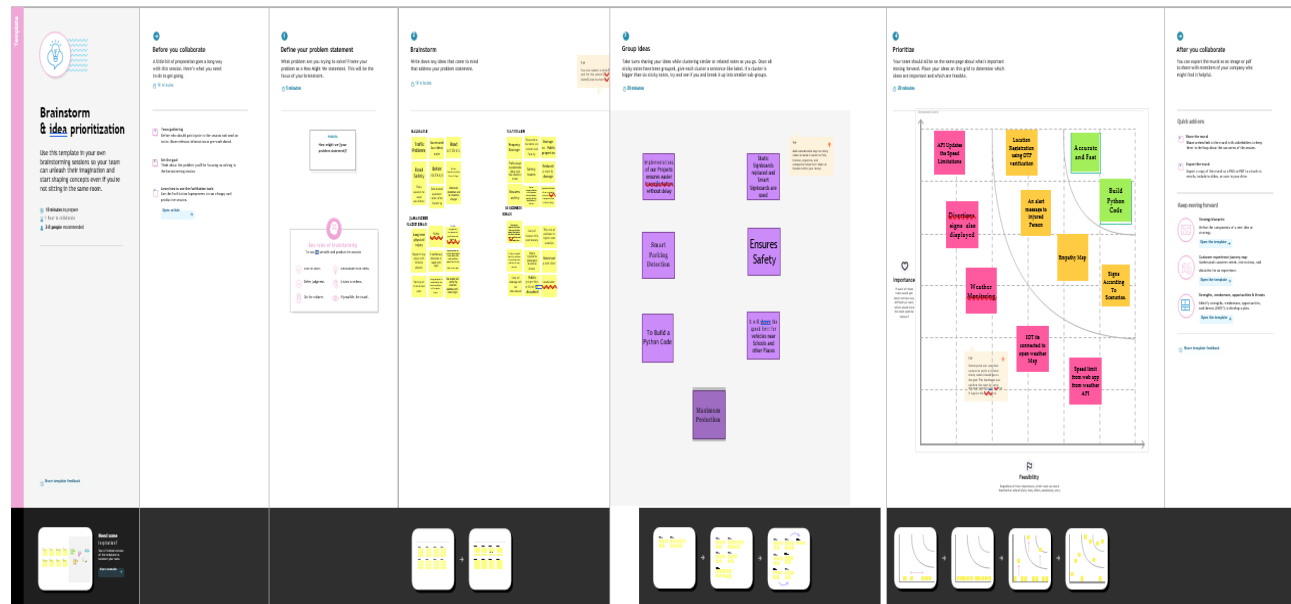


Fig:3.2 Brainstorming

## 3.3 Proposed Solution

- Use a ESP32 to drive a display as a replacement for static sign boards.
- Configure IBM cloud server such that upon making a single http request with location, unique id, usual speed limit & hospital/school zone info, it returns processes the data at cloud and returns only the message to be displayed at the sign board display.
- Another http end point is configured to set the direction to be displayed. Upon accessing this http end point, the direction is set remotely for a display using it's unique id.

## 3.4 Problem Solution Fit

The display replaces the static signs

Processing requirement of microcontroller is reduced since all the processing is done in the cloud servers.

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Direction can be remotely set by the concerned authorities without needing to personally attend the site.

## CHAPTER 4

### REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

#### 4.1 Functional Requirements

FR No.	Functional Requirement	Sub Requirement
FR-1	User Visibility	Displays must be made with bright colored LEDs just enough for User attention
FR-2	User Understanding	Display images/text for easier user understanding.
FR-3	User Convenience	Text must be big enough for users to grasp message with ease

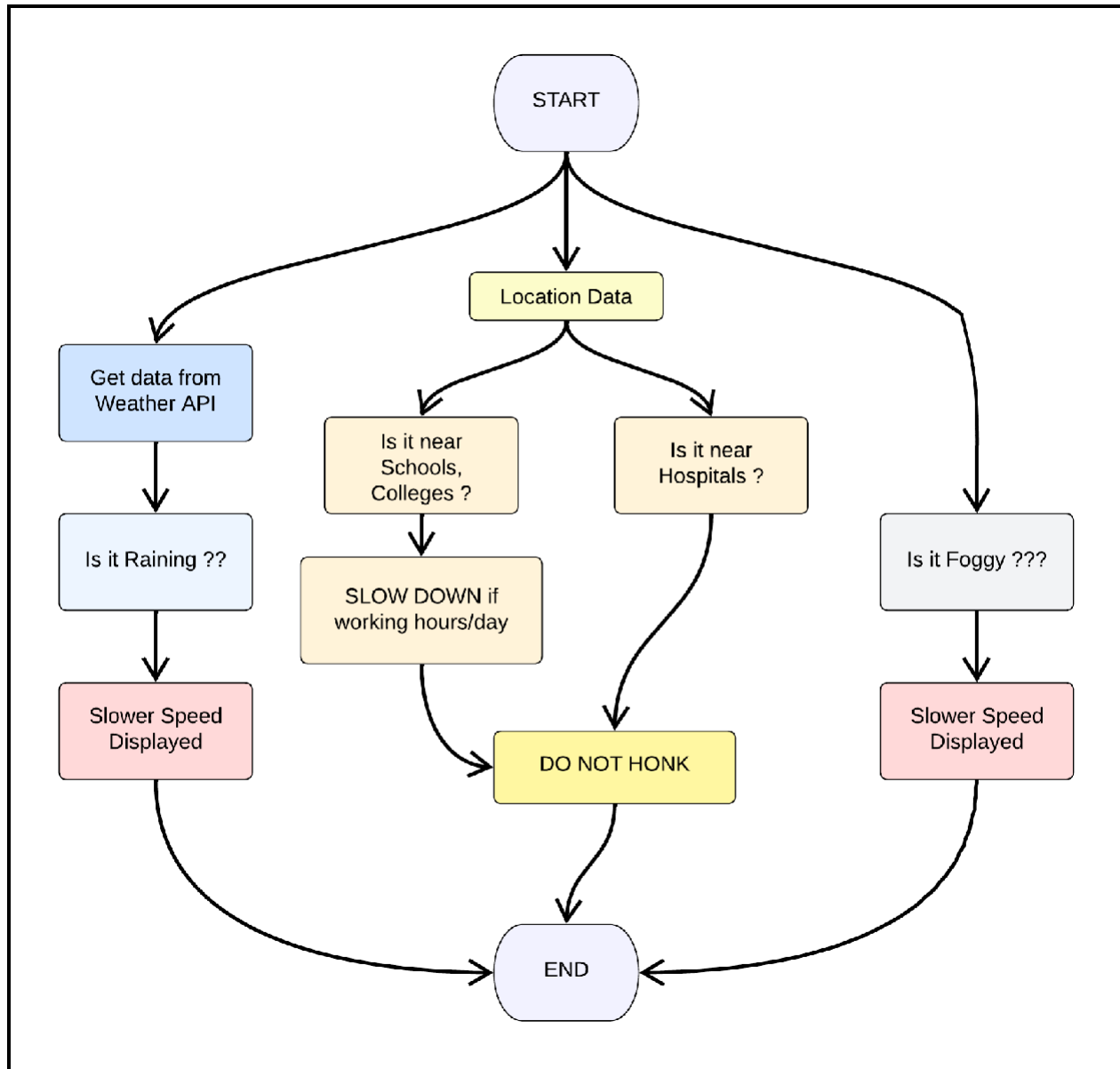
#### 4.2 Non-Functional Requirements

NFR No.	Non Functional Requirement	Description
NFR-1	Usability	Should be able to dynamically update with time and weather.
NFR-2	Security	Should be secure enough that only intended messages are displayed.
NFR-3	Reliability	Should convey the traffic sign correctly.
NFR-4	Performance	Display should be updated as soon as traffic signs are updated.
NFR-5	Availability	Should be working 24/7
NFR-6	Scalability	Should be modular and hence be able to scale horizontally on servers.

## CHAPTER 5

### PROJECT DESIGN

#### 5.1 Data Flow Diagrams



**Fig:5.1 Data Flow Diagram**

## 5.2 Solution & Technical Architecture

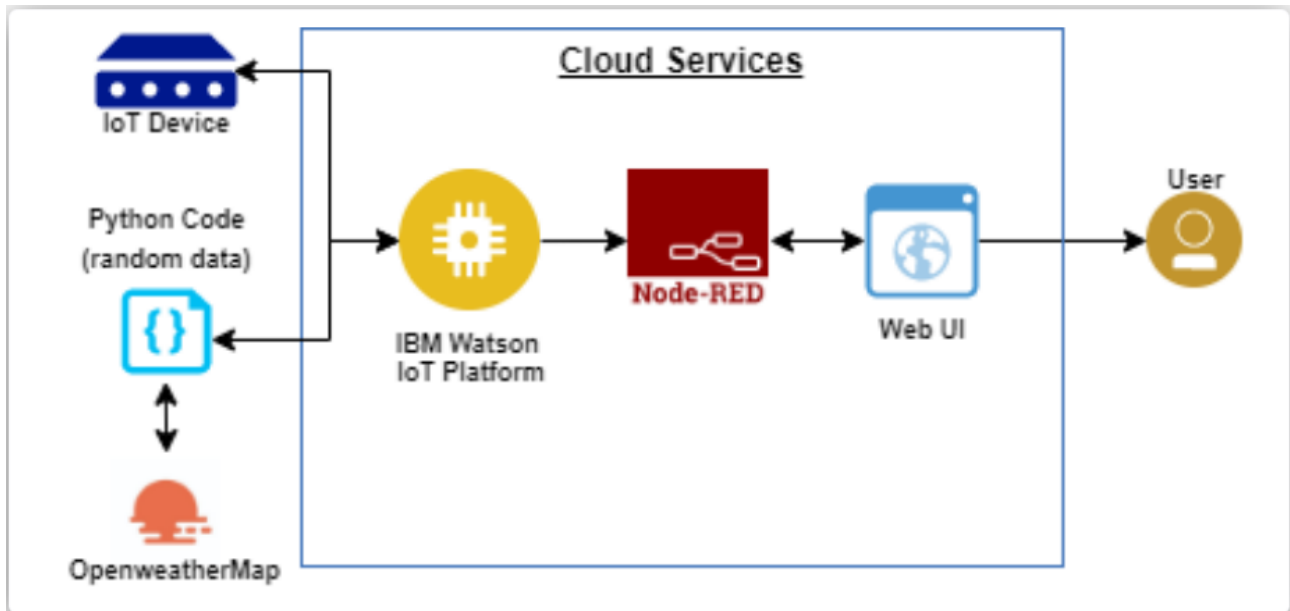


Fig:5.2 Solution & Technical Architecture

## 5.3 User Stories

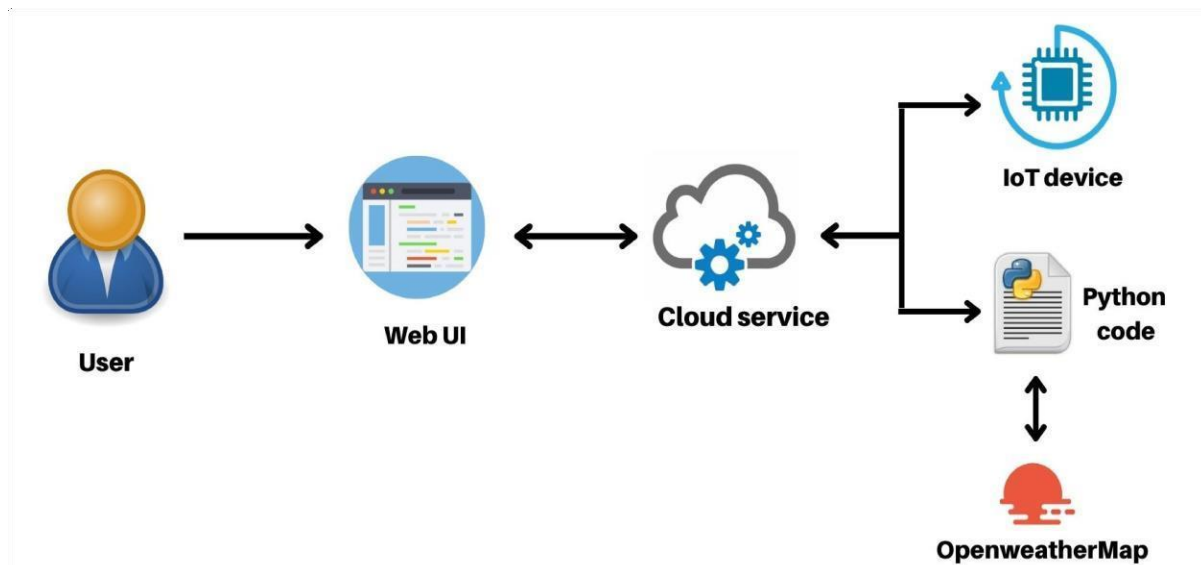


Fig:5.3 User stories

## CHAPTER 6

### PROJECT PLANNING AND SCHEDULING PHASE

#### 6.1 Sprint Planning & Estimation

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story/Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Resources Initialization	Create and initialize accounts in various public APIs like <del>OpenWeatherMap</del> API.	1	LOW	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>
Sprint-1	Local Server/Software Run	Write a Python program that outputs results given the inputs like weather and location	1	MEDIUM	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>
Sprint-2	Push the server/software to cloud	Push the code from Sprint1 to cloud so it can be accessed from anywhere	2	MEDIUM	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>
Sprint-3	Hardware initialization	Integrate the hardware to be able to access the cloud functions and provide inputs to the same	2	HIGH	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>

Sprint-4	UI/UX Optimization & Debugging	Optimize all the short comings and provide better user experience	2	LOW	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan navinash
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#### 6.2 Sprint Delivery Schedule

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	IDE	USN-1	Installing all the softwares which is required like python IDE <del>software</del>	2	High	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>
Sprint-1	Checking the simulation with conditions	USN-1	Simulating the circuits and experimenting	2	High	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>

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Sprint-2	Software	USN-2	- IBM Watson IoT <del>NodeRed</del> integration	2	High	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>
Sprint-2	Software	USN-2	Test the device and workflow.	2	High	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>
Sprint-3	Application Development	USN-3	Using MIT App Inventor create an App	2	High	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>
Sprint-3	Testing	USN-3	Testing the Application.	2	High	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>

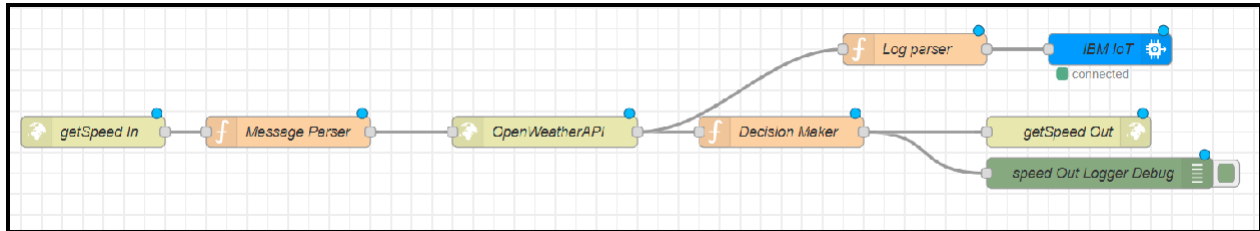
Sprint-4	WEB UI	USN-4	User interface with the Software	2	High	Salman <del>Jahaheer</del> nadir khan Mohsin khan <del>navinash</del>
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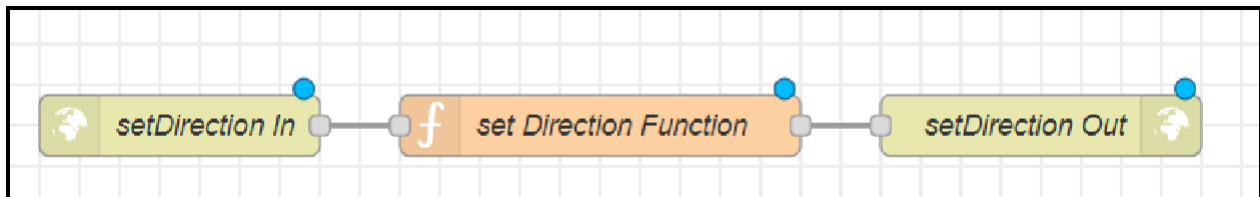
### CODING & SOLUTIONING

#### 7.1 FEATURE 1 - Get Speed For Given Location & Climate



This part of Node RED flow accepts an http GET end point at **"/getSpeed"** from which the location, uid, hospital/school zone info are passed. Message parser sets the required APIKEY for Open Weather API for the next block. This data is then passed onto Decision Maker which makes all the decisions regarding the message to be output at the display and sends it as a http response. This data is displayed at the micro- controller. Thus a lot of battery is saved due to lesser processing time.

#### 7.2 FEATURE 2 - Set Direction Remotely For A Given Sign Boar



This part of Node RED flow accepts an http GET end point at **"/setDirection"** from which the uid and direction information are passed by the respective authorities. Set Direction Function block adds the direction information to the database and returns thesame as an http response. This data is sent to the microcontroller along

with the **"/getSpeed"** path and the microcontroller displays it.

A detailed documentation of all the workflows is available at the following

## **CHAPTER 8**

### **TESTING**

#### **8.1 TEST CASES**

- **TEST CASE 1**

Clear weather - Usual Speed Limit.

Check the weather condition using DHT11 sensor

Read the data using processor and deployed in to cloud

Display the result

- **TEST CASE 2**

Foggy Weather - Reduced Speed Limit.

Check the Foggy condition using sensor

Read the data using processor and deployed in to cloud

Display the result and direction is given for user

- **TEST CASE 3**

Rainy Weather - Further Reduced Speed Limit.

Check the rainy condition using sensor

Read the data using processor and deployed in to cloud

Display the result and direction is given for user

- **TEST CASE 4**

School/Hospital Zone - Do not Honk sign is displayed.

Based on data received direct the user for easy travel

## 8.2 User Acceptance Testing

Dynamic speed & diversion variations based on the weather and traffic helps users to avoid traffic and have a safe journey home. The users would welcome this idea to be implemented everywhere.

- Business Requirements must be available
- Need to fully develop Application Code
- Ensure you complete Unit Testing, Integration Testing & System Testing
- No Show stoppers, or High or Medium defects in the System Integration Test Phase
- Only Cosmetic errors are acceptable before UAT
- Complete Regression Testing with no major defects
- Ensure you fix and test all the defects reports
- Complete traceability matrix for all testing
- UAT Environment must be ready
- Sign off mail or communication from System Testing Team that the system is ready for UAT execution

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As we were saying, [User Acceptance Testing](#), also known as UAT (or UAT testing), in a nutshell, is:

A process of verifying that a solution works for the user.

## CHAPTER 9

### RESULTS

#### 9.1 Performance Metrics

Based on the IBM pack we chose, the performance of the website varies. Built upon NodeJS, a light and high performance engine, NodeRED is capable of handling upto 10,000 requests per second. Moreover, since the system is horizontally scalable, aeven higher demand of customers can be served.

			NFT - Risk Assessment					
S.No	Project Name	Scope/feature	Functional Changes	Hardware Changes	Software Changes	Load/Volume Changes	Risk Score	Justification
1	Led ON/OFF	Existing	Low	No Changes	Moderate	>10 to 30%	ORANGE	There are some changes that occur
2	Fast2SMS	New	No changes	No Changes	Low	>5 to 10%	GREEN	Hardly any changes occur
3	Sensor values	Existing	Moderate	No Changes	Moderate	>10 to 30%	ORANGE	There are some changes that occur
			NFT - Detailed Test Plan					
			S.No	Project Overview	NFT Test approach	Approvals/SignOff	Assumptions/Dependencies/Risk	
			1	Python script	Python coding		Depends on the delivered code	
			2	Node Red	Sensor & command values		Sensor values	
			3	MIT App Inventor	Led control/Sensor control notifications		Notifications on Phone	
			End Of Test Report					
S.No	Project Overview	NFT Test approach	NFR - Met	Test Outcome	GO/NO-GO decision	Identified Defects (Detected/Closed/Open)	Recommendations	Approvals/SignOff
1	Python Code	Python coding	Met	Pass	GO	Closed	Efficient and easy code	
2	Node Red	Sensors&command values	Met	Pass	GO	Closed	It senses the values perfectly	
3	MIT App Inventor	Led control/Sensors notification	Met	Pass	GO	Closed	Notifies the users at the right time	

## CHAPTER 10

### ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

- **ADVANTAGES**

- Lower battery consumption since processing is done mostly by Node RED servers in the cloud.
- Cheaper and low requirement micro controllers can be used since processing requirements are reduced.
- Longer lasting systems.
- Dynamic Sign updation.
- School/Hospital Zone alerts

- **DISADVANTAGES**

- The size of the display determines the requirement of the micro controller
- Dependent on OpenWeatherAPI and hence the speed reduction is same for a large area in the scale of cities.

## **CHAPTER 11**

### **CONCLUSION**

Our project is capable of serving as a replacement for static signs for a comparatively lower cost and can be implemented in the very near future. This will help to reduce a lot of accidents and maintain a more peaceful traffic atmosphere in the country.

## **CHAPTER 12**

### **FUTURE SCOPE**

Introduction of intelligent road sign groups in real life scenarios could have great impact on increasing the driving safety by providing the end-user (car driver) with the most accurate information regarding the current road and traffic conditions. Even displaying the information of a suggested driving speed and road surface condition (temperature, icy, wet or dry surface) could result in smoother traffic flows and, what is more important, in increasing a driver's awareness of the road situation. In future this project can be implemented using AI



## CHAPTER 13

### Appendix

**Github And Project Demo Link:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nQ4Bs3THdvdZPk63sklj-jWKR0ineYKR/view?usp=sharing>

**Demo Video Download Link:** <https://youtu.be/uzrf8jAeHzA>

- **SOURCE CODE - ESP 32**

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```
1 #include <WiFi.h>
2 #include <HTTPClient.h>
3 #include <Adafruit_GFX.h>
4 #include <Adafruit_ILI9341.h>
5 #include <string.h>
6
7 const char* ssid = "Wokwi-GUEST";
8 const char* password = "";
9
10 #define TFT_DC 2
11 #define TFT_CS 15
12 Adafruit_ILI9341 tft = Adafruit_ILI9341(TFT_CS, TFT_DC);
13
14 String myLocation = "Chennai,IN";
```

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15String usualSpeedLimit = "70"; // kmph16
17 int schoolZone = 32;
18 int hospitalZone = 26;
19
20int uid = 2504; // ID Unique to this Micro Contoller21
22String getString(char x)23{
24     String s(1, x);
25     return s;
26}
27
28String stringSplitter1(String fullString,char delimiter='$')29{
30     String returnString = "";
31     for(int i = 0; i<fullString.length();i++) {
32         char c = fullString[i];
33         if(delimiter==c)
34             break;
35         returnString+=String(c);36}
37     return(returnString);38}
39
40String stringSplitter2(String fullString,char delimiter='$')41{
42     String returnString = "";
43     bool flag = false;

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44     for(int i = 0; i<fullString.length();i++) {
45         char c = fullString[i];
46         if(flag)
47             returnString+=String(c);
48         if(delimiter==c)
49             flag = true;50     }
51     return(returnString);52}
53
54void rightArrow()
55{
56     int refX = 50;
57     int refY = tft.setCursorY() + 40;58
59     tft.fillRect(refX,refY,100,20,ILI9341_RED);
60         tft.fillTriangle(refX+100,refY-
        30,refX+100,refY+50,refX+40+100,refY+10,ILI9341_RED);
61}
62
63void leftArrow()
64{
65     int refX = 50;
66     int refY = tft.setCursorY() + 40;67
68     tft.fillRect(refX+40,refY,100,20,ILI9341_RED);
69         tft.fillTriangle(refX+40,refY-
        30,refX+40,refY+50,refX,refY+10,ILI9341_RED);
70}

```

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71
72 void upArrow()
73 {
74     int refX = 125;
75     int refY = tft.getCursorY() + 30;
76
77     tft.fillTriangle(refX-
40,refY+40,refX+40,refY+40,refX,refY,ILI9341_RED);
78     tft.fillRect(refX-15,refY+40,30,20,ILI9341_RED);
79 }
80
81 String APICall() {
82     HTTPClient http;
83
84     String url = "https://node-red-grseb-2022-11-05-test.eu-
gb.mybluemix.net/getSpeed?";
85     url += "location="+myLocation+"&";
86     url +=
"schoolZone="+((String)digitalRead(schoolZone))+((String))+"&";
87     url +=
"hospitalZone="+((String)digitalRead(hospitalZone))+((String))+"&";
88     url +=
"usualSpeedLimit="+((String)usualSpeedLimit)+((String))+"&";
89     url += "uid="+((String))uid;
90     http.begin(url.c_str());
91     int httpResponseCode = http.GET();
92
93     if (httpResponseCode>0) {

```

```
94     String payload = http.getString();
95     http.end();
96     return(payload);97
97 }
98 else {
99     Serial.print("Error code: ");
100     Serial.println(httpResponseCode);
101 }
102 http.end();
103 }
104
105 void myPrint(String contents) {
106     tft.fillScreen(ILI9341_BLACK);
107     tft.setCursor(0, 20);
108     tft.setTextSize(4);
109     tft.setTextColor(ILI9341_RED);
110     //tft.println(contents);111
112     tft.println(stringSplitter1(contents));
113     String c2 = stringSplitter2(contents);
114     if(c2=="s") // represents Straight
115     {
116         upArrow();
117     }
118     if(c2=="l") // represents left
119     {
120         leftArrow();
```

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```
if "r" // represents right
```

```
123     {  
124         rightArrow();  
125     }  
126 }  
127  
128 void setup() {  
129     WiFi.begin(ssid, password, 6);130  
131     tft.begin();  
132     tft.setRotation(1);133  
134     tft.setTextColor(ILI9341_WHITE);  
135     tft.setTextSize(2);  
136     tft.print("Connecting to WiFi");137  
138     while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {  
139         delay(100);  
140         tft.print(".");  
141     }  
142  
143     tft.print("\nOK! IP=");  
144     tft.println(WiFi.localIP());  
145 }  
146  
147 void loop() {  
148     myPrint(APICall());  
149     delay(100);  
150 }
```