

Smart Agriculture system based on IoT

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Introduction:

1.1 overview:

In this project I have developed a mobile application using which a farmer can monitor the temperature, humidity, pressure and soil moisture parameters along with weather forecasting details. Based on these details he can water the crops by controlling the motors through the app.

1.2 Purpose:

Agriculture plays a crucial role in the life of an economy. It is the backbone of our economic system, so improving the quality and way of production is crucial. Here comes the Smart Agriculture system. Smart agriculture helps in automated farming, collection of data from the field and then analyses it so that the farmer can make accurate decision in order to grow high quality crop.

IoT based Smart Farming improves the entire Agriculture system by monitoring the field in real-time. With the help of sensors and interconnectivity, the Internet of Things in Agriculture has not only saved the time of the farmers but has also reduced the extravagant use of resources such as Water. and Electricity.

Literature Survey:

2.1 Existing problem

Agriculture is extremely dependent on the climate. Temperature increases and carbon dioxide can boost some crop yields depending on the location; but other conditions must also exist, such as humidity, pressure, and water availability. Although slight warming and more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could benefit some plants to grow faster, severe warming, floods, and drought would reduce yields. Farmer need to spend a lot of time to maintain these.

Heat is not the only extreme weather. Extreme cold can benefit farmers by freezing the soil deep beneath the ground. In parts of the upper Midwest, frost depths exceed 40 inches. A

deep frost depth can aid farmers in diverse ways. The cold helps nitrogen that is applied in the fall from vaporizing during the winter. The cycle of freezing and thawing of water helps soften the soil after the thaw. Extreme cold and frozen soils also reduce the survival rate of some insects.

Severe weather other than heat and cold can cause loss and devastation to a farm. Most farmers can't avoid the results of extreme weather. Diverse extreme weather can affect farms in different ways. Because of this, it's important that farmers have a proper system and need a mobile application to monitor the weather changes and to control the motor.

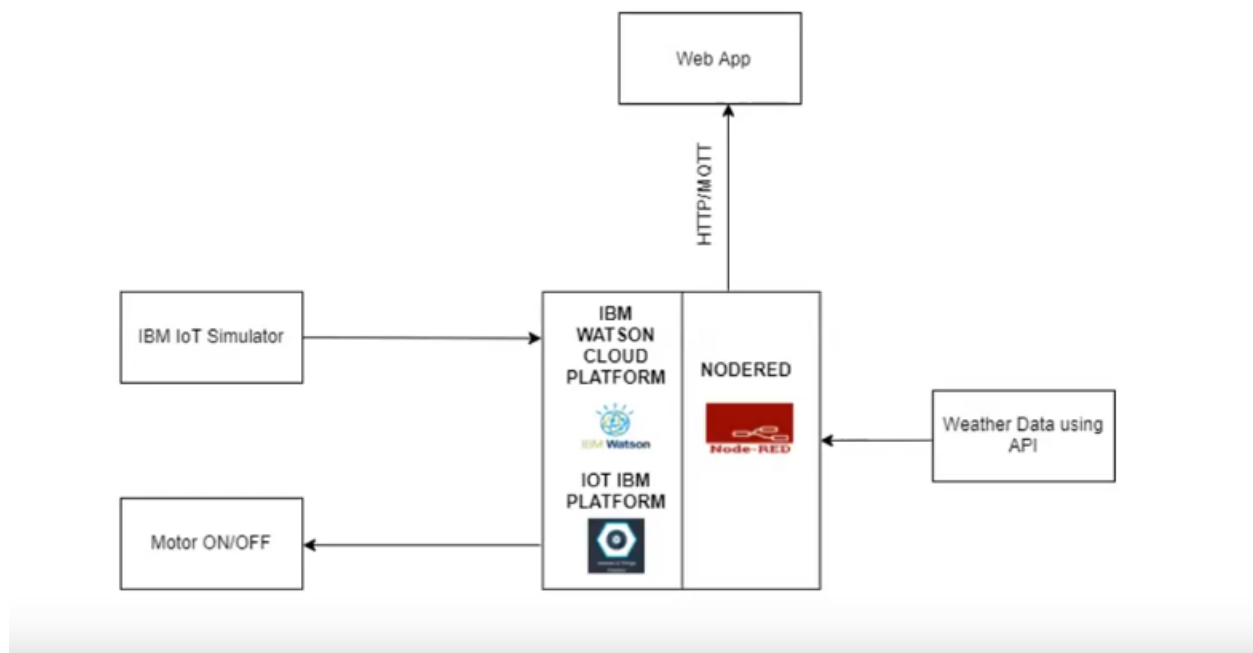
2.2 Proposed solution

As the climates are changing rapidly and weather is unpredictable, so farmers are facing difficulties so they need a system to tackle this, here we use "open weather API" to get weather information such as temperature, pressure, humidity and weather description at their current location.

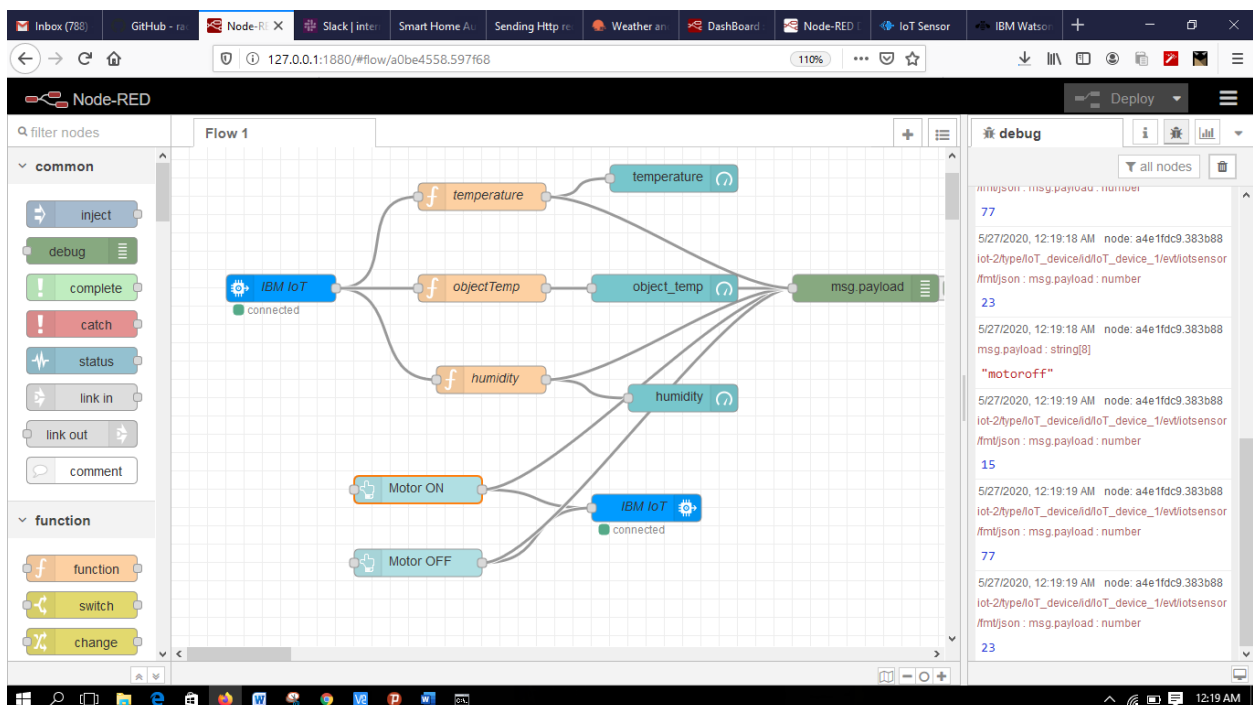
Based on which they can decide whether to turn on the motors or turn off the motor if needed temperature and moisture sensors from IBM simulator is displayed on UI for monitoring the weather. An algorithm developed with threshold values of temperature, pressure, humidity is programmed to intimate the farmer if weather conditions go bad. He can control motors remotely from any place through IoT. Internet interface that allow data inspection and irrigation scheduling to be programmed through mobile application or Node-RED UI. The technological development in software and hardware make it easy to develop this which can make better monitoring and wireless network made it possible to use in monitoring and control of greenhouse parameter in precision agriculture.

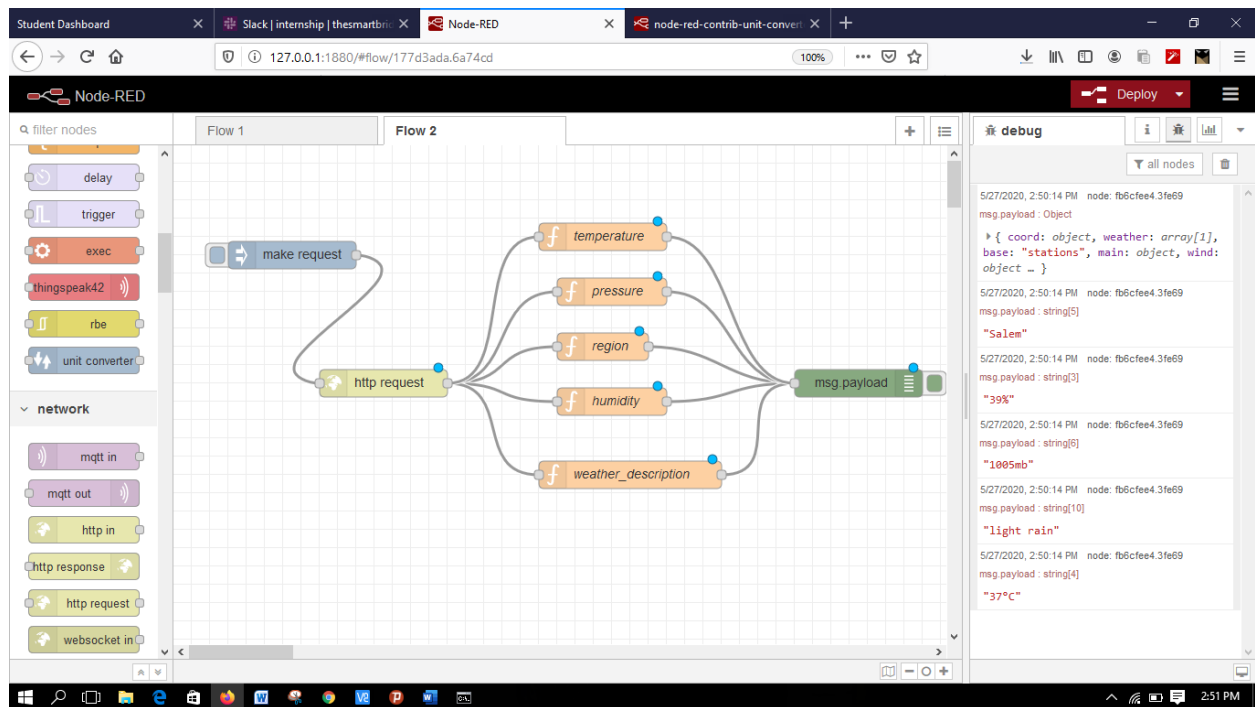
Theoretical Analysis:

3.1 Block diagram



3.2 Software designing

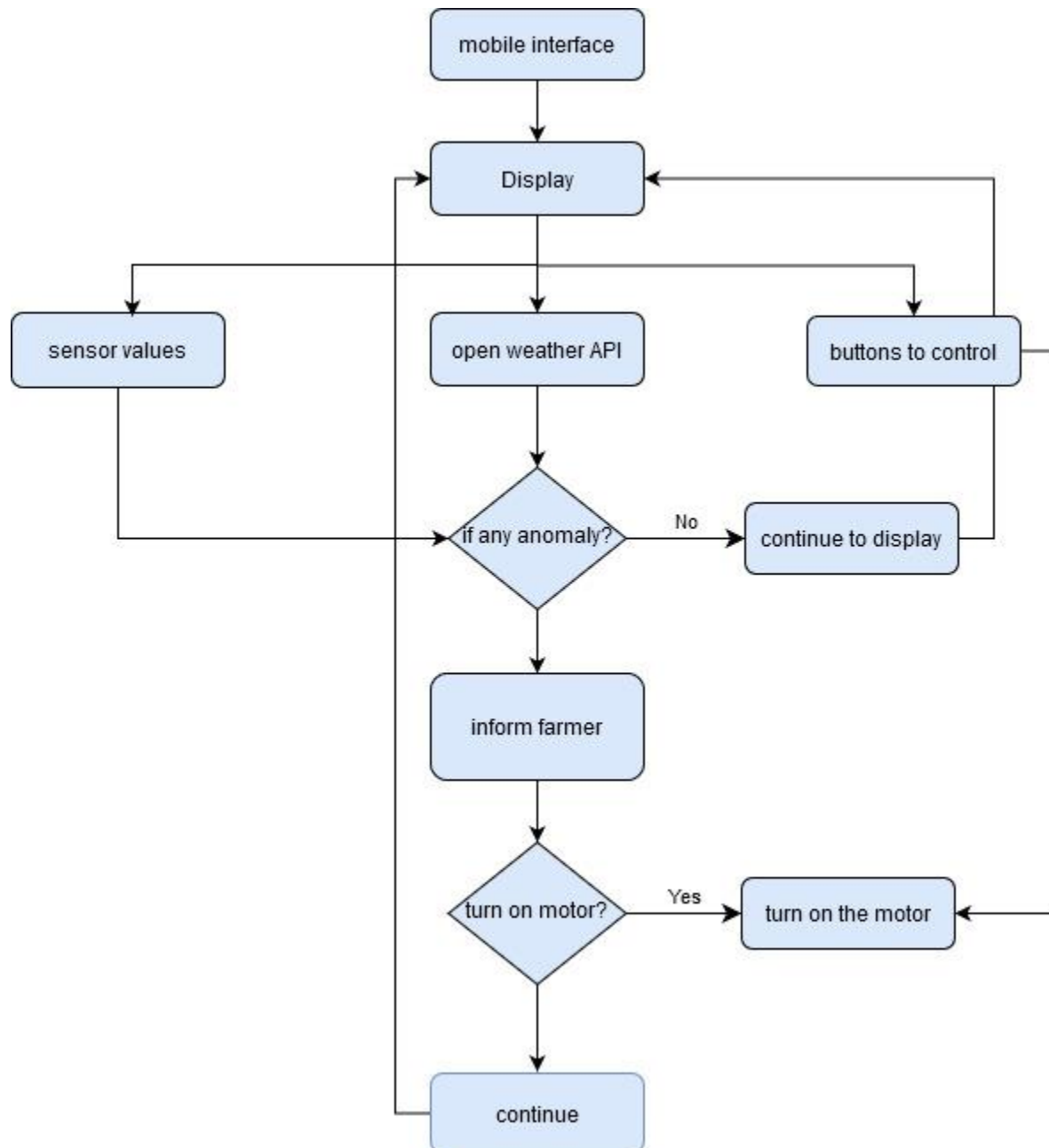




Experimental Investigations:

The weather forecast is obtained from the Open weather API and is displayed in the node-red UI to the farmer and a threshold is set, if temperature, pressure, humidity and soil moisture goes beyond certain value the farmer get intimated and he can turn on/off the motor accordingly.

Flowchart:



Result:

Hence a helpful and useful system is built for farmers to assist them in farming and also prevent them from natural calamities. It also saves farmers time to maintain all these things as this is working on cloud he can turn on/off motor from anywhere so basically it helps farmers and make them relived thus helping our economy to grow.

Advantages & Disadvantages:

Advantage:

- monitoring weather parameters such as temperature, pressure, humidity, soil moisture remotely
- controlling motors easily through buttons
- alert farmers in case of any calamities
- threshold values are set any anomalies will be reported to the farmer
- user friendly and efficient
- low cost

Disadvantage:

- sensors may sometime malfunction
- maybe inaccurate sometimes
- farmer needs internet connectivity
- farmer must have a phone and have basic knowledge to operate it

Applications:

Monitoring of Climate Conditions

Probably the most popular smart agriculture gadgets are weather stations, combining various smart farming sensors. Located across the field, they collect various data from the environment and send it to the cloud. The provided measurements can be used to map the climate conditions, choose the appropriate crops, and take the required measures to improve their capacity (i.e. precision farming).

Greenhouse Automation

In addition to sourcing environmental data, weather stations can automatically adjust the conditions to match the given parameters. Specifically, greenhouse automation systems use a similar principle.

Crop Management

One more type of IoT product in agriculture and another element of precision farming is crop management devices. Just like weather stations, they should be placed in the field to collect data specific to crop farming; from temperature and precipitation to leaf water potential and overall crop health, these can all be used to readily collect data and information for improved farming practices.

Cattle Monitoring and Management

Just like crop monitoring, there are IoT agriculture sensors that can be attached to the animals on a farm to monitor their health and log performance. This works similarly to IoT devices for pet care.

End-to-End Farm Management Systems

A more complex approach to IoT products in agriculture can be represented by the so-called farm productivity management systems. They usually include a number of agriculture IoT devices and sensors, installed on the premises as well as a powerful dashboard with analytical capabilities and in-built accounting/reporting features.

Conclusion:

Smart Farming and IoT-driven agriculture are paving the way for what can be called a Third Green Revolution.

The Third Green Revolution is taking over agriculture. That revolution draws upon the combined application of data-driven analytics technologies, such as precision farming equipment, IoT, “big data” analytics, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs or drones), robotics, *etc.*

In the future this smart farming revolution depicts, pesticide and fertilizer use will drop while overall efficiency will rise. IoT technologies will enable better food traceability, which in turn will lead to increased food safety. It will also be beneficial for the environment, for example, more efficient use of water, or optimization of treatments and inputs.

Therefore, smart farming has a real potential to deliver a more productive and sustainable form of agricultural production, based on a more precise and resource-efficient approach. New farms will finally realize the eternal dream of mankind.

Future Scope:

With the exponential growth of world population, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the world will need to produce 70% more food in 2050, shrinking agricultural lands, and depletion of finite natural resources, the need to enhance farm yield has become critical. Limited availability of natural resources such as fresh water and arable land along with slowing yield trends in several staple crops, have further aggravated the problem. Another impeding concern over the farming industry is the shifting structure of agricultural workforce. Moreover, agricultural labor in most of the countries has declined. As a result of the declining agricultural workforce, adoption of internet connectivity solutions in farming practices has been triggered, to reduce the need for manual labor.

IoT solutions are focused on helping farmers close the supply demand gap, by ensuring high yields, profitability, and protection of the environment. The approach of using IoT technology to ensure optimum application of resources to achieve high crop yields and reduce operational costs is called precision agriculture. IoT in agriculture technologies comprise specialized equipment, wireless connectivity, software and IT services.

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Appendix:

Python code for the motor is:

<https://github.com/rachuriharish23/ibmsubscribe>

FOR UI:

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