IoT Smart Baby Room Protection System
Final Report

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Abstract

This paper explores the design and functionality of an advanced IoT system dedicated to ensuring the safety and comfort of infants in a nursery setting. Utilizing the ESP32 microcontroller, AWS IoT Core, MQTT communication protocol, and a variety of sensors and actuators, this system provides continuous monitoring, data analysis, and immediate response measures to maintain optimal conditions in the baby's environment. By examining the system's architecture, sensor integration, and cloud-based data management, we illuminate the synergy between IoT devices and cloud services in creating a secure and nurturing environment for infants.

Introduction

In an era where IoT technology significantly enhances home safety and comfort, our project introduces an innovative smart baby room protection system. Employing state-of-the-art sensors, secure connectivity protocols, and comprehensive cloud services, our system delivers instant insights into critical environmental parameters such as temperature and humidity, alongside detecting motion within the room. This project offers parents and caregivers range of control, automation, and insight, ensuring the well-being and safety of their infants through advanced technology.

Materials and Procedures

Development

The development of the smart baby room protection system embarked on a path of discovery, experimentation, and creative problem-solving. Connecting the ESP32 microcontroller, integrating sensors for environmental and motion detection, and leveraging AWS cloud services formed the pillars of this innovative project.

1. **ESP32 Microcontroller Setup:** The foundation of our system, the ESP32, facilitates data collection and communication. Initial steps involved establishing a connection to the microcontroller, programming with the Arduino IDE, and setting up Wi-Fi connectivity for remote data transmission.

2. **Sensor Integration:** Key to our system are the sensors for monitoring temperature, humidity, and motion. These sensors provide real-time data to detect any conditions that could potentially harm the baby, such as excessive heat, cold, or unauthorized movement in the room. Follow data sheets, using various of drivers and of course the physical connections.

3. **AWS Cloud Services Integration:** A significant part of our project was the integration with AWS IoT services, enabling secure data transmission over MQTT and utilizing cloud computing for data analysis and storage. Using security certificates and AWS account we managed to establish (via MQTT protocol as mentioned earlier) this data transfer. This allowed for the development of responsive actions such as alerts and data visualization for parents and caregivers.

4. **Security:** Using Ghidra Analysis and Custom Certificate in order to bolster the security of our system, we conducted a thorough analysis of the ESP32 firmware using Ghidra. This allowed us to identify potential vulnerabilities and customize security protocols to mitigate risks effectively. Additionally, we implemented a unique security certificate and configured our own Wi-Fi network, ensuring secure communication channels. By leveraging these measures, we fortified the system against potential threats, guaranteeing the confidentiality and integrity of data transmission, thus enhancing the overall security posture of our smart baby room protection solution.

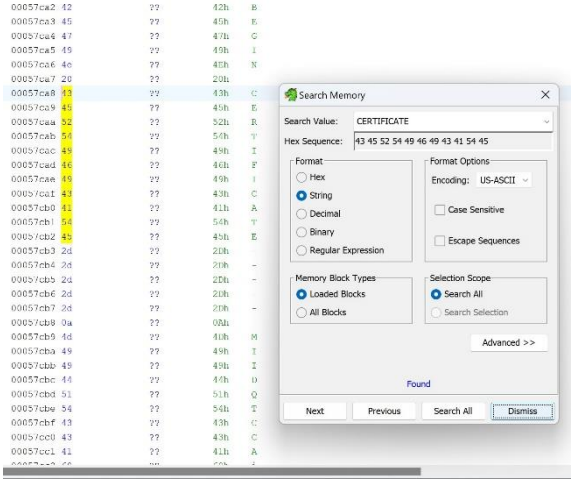

Figure - 1 - Security Certificate

IoT System Components and Features

Real-time Environmental Monitoring

The ESP32 is a versatile microcontroller that serves as the core of the system. It is specifically designed for Internet of Things (IoT) applications, providing a powerful and efficient platform for various projects.

- **Microcontroller - ESP32:** The ESP32 is a dual-core microcontroller, meaning it has two processing units, which enhances its computational capabilities. It is known for its low power consumption and wireless connectivity features, making it ideal for IoT applications where energy efficiency is crucial.

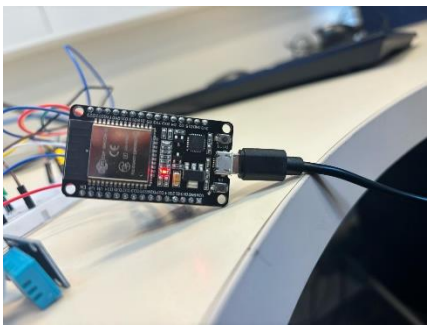

Figure - 2 – ESP32

- **Temperature and Humidity Sensing:** Utilizing sensors like the DHT11, the system constantly monitors the room's temperature and humidity. If the readings exceed predefined safe limits, it triggers visual alerts using red or orange LEDs to notify caregivers.

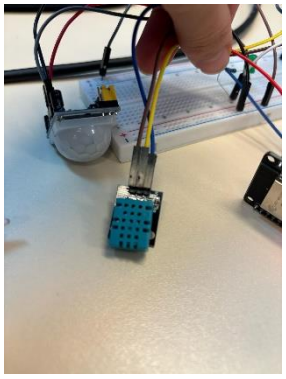

Figure - 3 – Humidity Sensor

- **Motion Detection:** An integrated motion sensor enhances the nursery's security by detecting unexpected movements. Upon detection, the system activates a red LED alert, providing an additional layer of protection for the baby.

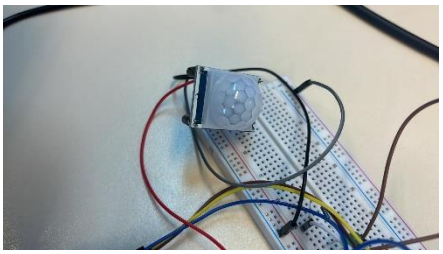

Figure - 4 – Motion Sensor

- **Connectivity:** At the heart of the system lies the ESP32 microcontroller, which equipped with various communication interfaces, including Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, allowing connectivity with other devices and networks. Moreover, alongside the MQTT protocol, it ensures reliable data transmission to the AWS cloud. This setup enables real-time data processing, analysis, and alerting through connected devices.

- **Alerting through Connected Devices:**
  The system is designed to not only collect and process data but also to provide alerts when certain conditions or events occur.
  This alerting mechanism enhances the system's ability to respond promptly to critical situations or changes in the monitored environment.

- **MQTT Protocol:** MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport) is a lightweight and efficient messaging protocol designed for communication in low-bandwidth, high-latency, or unreliable networks.
  In our system, the ESP32 utilizes the MQTT protocol (through MQTT brokers) to establish a reliable and streamlined communication channel with the AWS cloud.

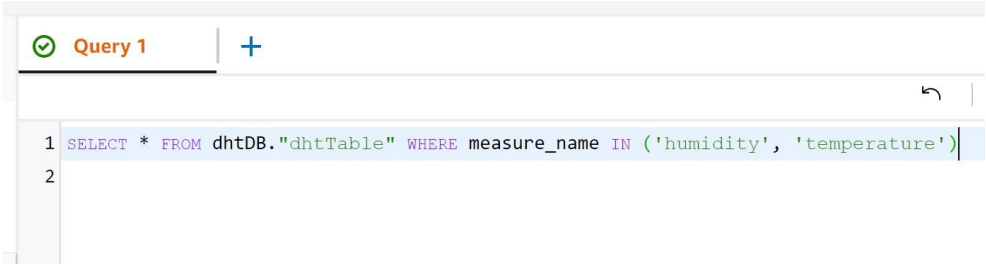

Figure - 5 – MQTT Rule

- **AWS:** The data collected by the ESP32 is transmitted to the AWS cloud, a cloud computing platform provided by Amazon Web Services.
  This integration allows for real-time data processing, analysis, and storage in the cloud environment.

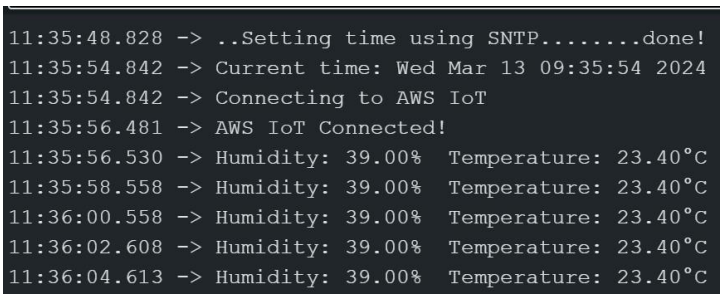

Figure - 6 – AWS Connection

Data Visualization and Control

The system provides a user-friendly interface for monitoring the baby room's conditions and receiving alerts. Data visualization tools powered by AWS QuickSight enable caregivers to observe trends, receive instant alerts, and take necessary actions to ensure the baby's comfort and safety.

Figure - 7 – Gauge

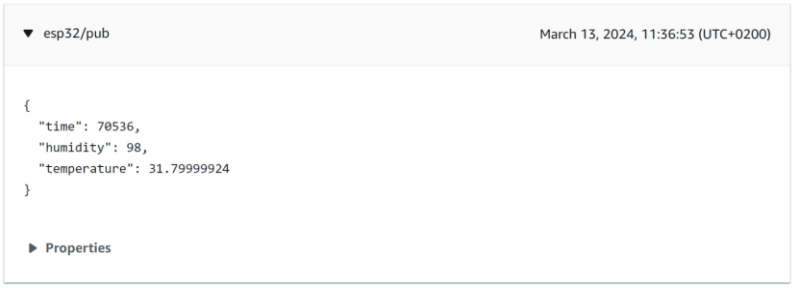

Figure - 8 – Data Represented In Cloud

Figure - 9 – Temp & Humidity

Essential IoT Components in Action

The structure of an IoT system fundamentally comprises (as we learned in class):

- Sensors
- Connectivity
- people & processes.

Let's delve into how each of these components plays a crucial role in our smart IoT system for baby room protection:

Sensors

The sensors are the frontline devices responsible for collecting real-time data about the baby room's environment. They serve as the sensory organs of the system, detecting changes in temperature, humidity, and motion within the nursery.

- Temperature and Humidity Sensors: These sensors continuously monitor the ambient conditions of the baby room. They are pivotal for ensuring the environment remains within safe thresholds for the infant's health and comfort.

- Motion Sensors: These sensors detect any movement within the room, providing an additional layer of security. This is crucial for alerting caregivers about any unexpected or unsupervised activity in the baby's room.

Connectivity

Connectivity in our IoT system refers to the methods and protocols used to transmit data from the sensors to a central processing unit (the ESP32 microcontroller) and, subsequently, over the internet to AWS IoT Core services. This element bridges the physical and digital worlds, enabling remote monitoring and data analysis.

- **Wi-Fi & MQTT Protocol:** The ESP32 microcontroller uses Wi-Fi for internet connectivity, leveraging MQTT , a lightweight messaging protocol, for efficient data transmission to the cloud. MQTT facilitates the reliable and timely delivery of sensor data and alerts between the device and AWS IoT Core, ensuring minimal bandwidth usage and real-time responsiveness.

People & Processes

This component encapsulates the human interaction with the IoT system and the processes that govern how the system operates, reacts to data, and makes decisions. It involves the configuration of the system, the response to alerts, and the overall management of the IoT solution to ensure the baby's safety and comfort.

- **Caregivers′ Interaction:** Caregivers interact with the system through mobile apps or web interfaces, where they can view real-time data, receive alerts, and adjust settings. This interaction allows for informed decision-making and immediate actions, such as adjusting the room′s environment or checking on the baby following a motion alert.

- **Automated Processes & Alerts:** The system employs automated processes based on predefined rules and machine learning algorithms to analyze sensor data and initiate actions. Those alerts ensures that even in the absence of direct monitoring, the system actively contributes to maintaining a safe environment.

- **Data-Driven Insights & Improvements:** Collecting and analyzing data over time allows for insights into the nursery′s environmental conditions and the baby′s behavior patterns.

Together, these components - sensors for real-time data collection, connectivity for data transmission and remote access and people & processes for interaction and decision-making, form the backbone of our IoT system. This integration ensures a responsive, reliable, and user-centered approach to baby room protection, leveraging technology to create a safer, more comfortable environment for infants.

Conclusion

The smart baby room protection system represents a significant step forward in infant care and safety. By integrating IoT technology with cloud computing, we provide a powerful tool for parents and caregivers to maintain optimal environmental conditions and enhance security in the nursery. This project not only showcases the potential of IoT in personal and home safety applications but also sets a new standard for innovation in child care technology.

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GitHub – Code Link

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