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## **ABSTRACT**

The amount of waste has been increasing due to the increase in human population and urbanization. In cities, the overflowed bin creates an unhygienic environment. Thus degrades the environment, to overcome this situation “Garbage Monitoring and Segregation of Dry and Wet Waste” is developed to reduce the work for the rag pickers. The wastes are segregated by the human beings which leads to health problems to the workers. The proposed system separates the waste into two categories namely dry and wet waste. Each of the wastes are detected by the respective sensors and gets segregated inside the bins.

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The management of waste is a crucial aspect of ensuring the sustainability of our planet. In many cities and towns around the world, waste management practices are still largely manual, leading to inefficiencies and environmental hazards. The need for a more efficient and sustainable waste management system has become more pressing, especially as the amount of waste generated continues to increase.

This developed System utilizes sensors to identify different types of waste and separate them into their respective categories. This system has numerous benefits, including reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, increasing the amount of waste that can be recycled, reducing the need for manual labor, and improving the overall efficiency of waste management processes.

The project has the potential to significantly improve waste management practices, reduce waste contamination and promote sustainable waste disposal methods. It will also contribute to the development of smart city infrastructure which leverages technology to optimize resource usage and reduce environmental impact. Additionally, garbage monitoring and controlling with smart segregation of dry and wet waste systems can help to minimize the environmental impact of waste disposal, by ensuring that recyclable materials are properly sorted and recycled, and that non-recyclable waste is disposed of in the most appropriate manner.

Moreover, it encourages people to be more conscious of their waste and to dispose it properly, which can help to create a more sustainable future for all.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To understand about various sensors and its functionality.
- To develop waste monitoring and segregation system using Arduino.
- To fabricate a less complex automatic waste monitoring and segregation system.

## CHAPTER 3

### METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Block Diagram

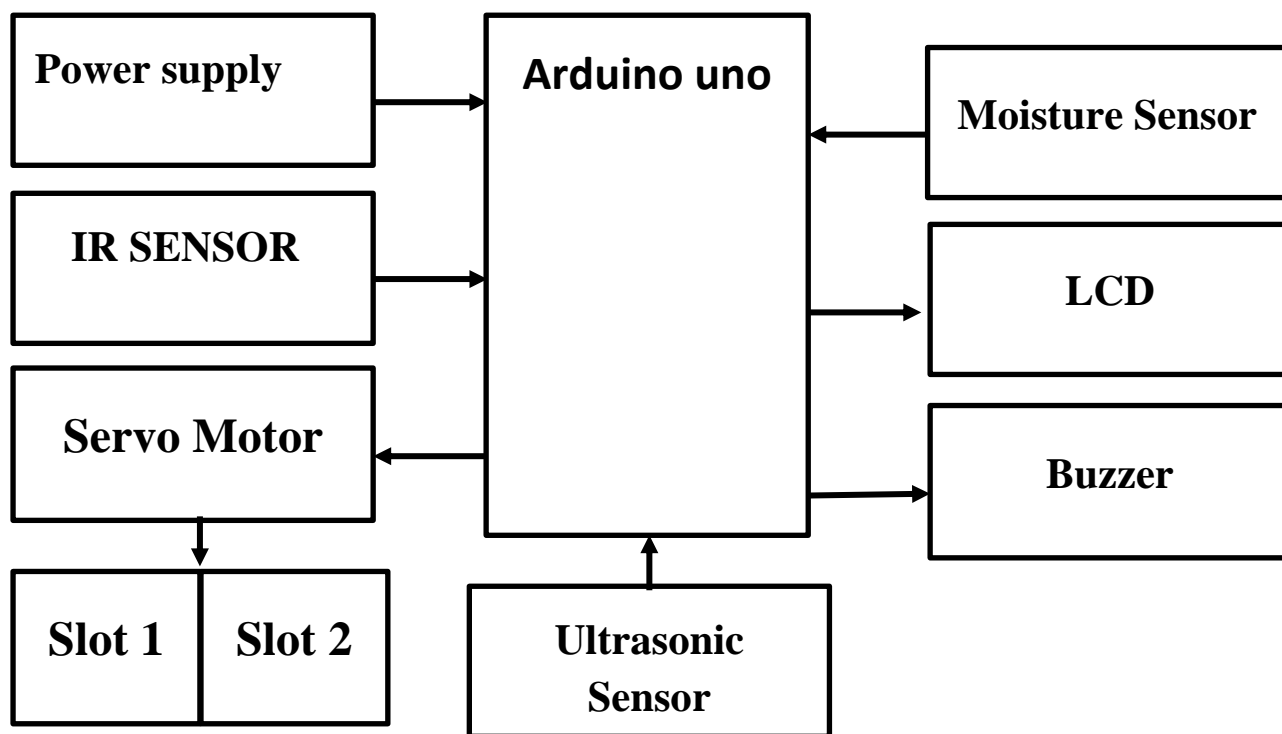


Figure 3.1.1: Block Diagram.

The system consists of power supply, Arduino UNO, moisture sensor, IR sensor, ultrasonic sensor, servo motor, 16X2 LCD display and buzzer. Garbage monitoring and segregation of dry and wet waste System is driven by the Microcontroller Arduino UNO. All the components that are connected to Arduino UNO are programmed using the Arduino IDE. The program is written in Embedded C language and it reads the input/output pins of the components. Firstly, the waste is being dumped in the bin and the IR sensor senses the presence of waste. In the presence of waste moisture sensor checks whether the waste is dry or wet. Based on the output given by moisture sensor the waste is dumped in respective slots by servo motor. Ultrasonic sensors are present in each slot which measures the level of bin. In case the bin is full ultrasonic sensor detects it and LCD displays the bin is full and the buzzer buzzes.

## Chapter 4

# HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 Arduino UNO

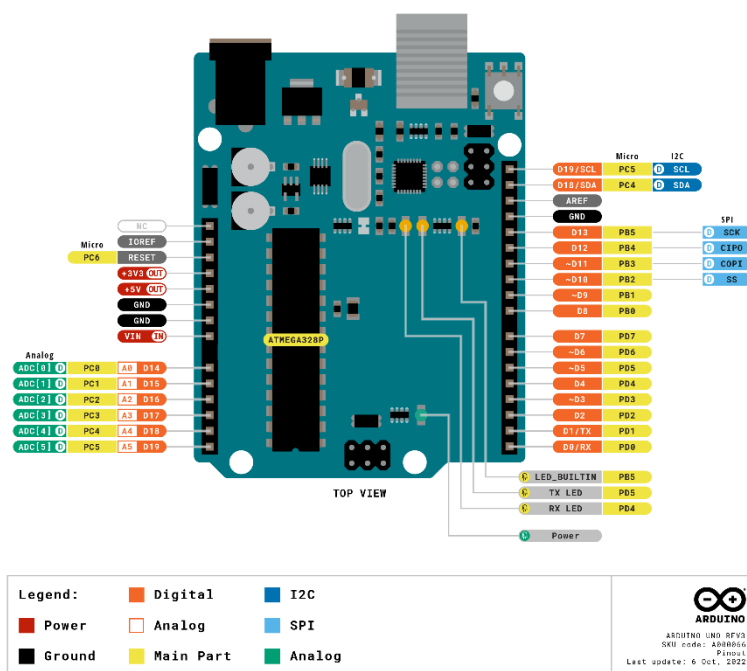


Figure 4.1.1: Arduino UNO

- The Arduino boards are equipped with 14 digital pins for input or output and 6 analog pins for input that are used to interface different circuits.
- The customization of microcontrollers is done by utilizing Embedded C and C++ programming codes.
- Current Arduino boards are programmed by means of Universal Serial Bus (USB).
- It is the main controlling unit.

## 4.2 IR Proximity Sensor

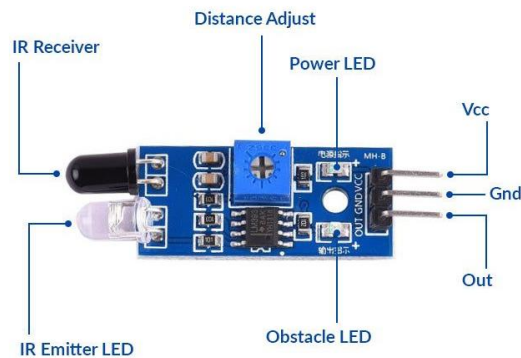


Figure 4.2.1: IR Proximity Sensor

- The presence of objects is detected without any physical contact with the help of IR proximity sensor.
- It detects objects by “emitting electromagnetic field or electromagnetic radiation and observes the changes in the field or return signal.”
- It is used to detect the presence of the waste.

## 4.3 Moisture Sensor

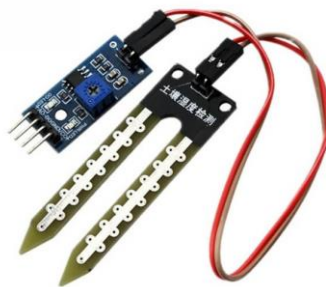


Figure 1.3.1: Moisture Sensor

- It is used to identify if the garbage is wet or dry.
- The content of moisture in the waste is tested and accordingly it is dropped in the appropriate dustbin.
- It measures the volumetric content of water inside the waste and gives us the moisture level as output.
- The module has both digital and analog outputs and a potentiometer to adjust the threshold level.

## 4.4 Ultrasonic Sensor



Figure 4.4.1: Ultrasonic Sensor

- It is used to keep check on the garbage level of the bin.
- The acoustic Ultrasonic sensor is divided into three categories:
  1. Receivers
  2. Transceivers
  3. Transmitters
- The transmitters radiate the ultrasound by converting electrical signals into ultrasound.
- It is then reflected by the obstacle and received by the receiver that converts the ultrasound into electrical signal.
- The reflected signals are used to interpret the position of the garbage in the bin.

## 4.5 Servo Motor



Figure 4.5.1: Servo Motor

- It is used to deflect the waste to the respective bins. A servomotor is defined by “a rotary actuator or linear actuator that takes into account exact control of angular or linear position, velocity and acceleration.”
- MG995 Metal Gear Servo Motor is a high-speed standard servo motor that can rotate approximately 180 degrees (60 in each direction).

## 4.6 16X2 LCD Display

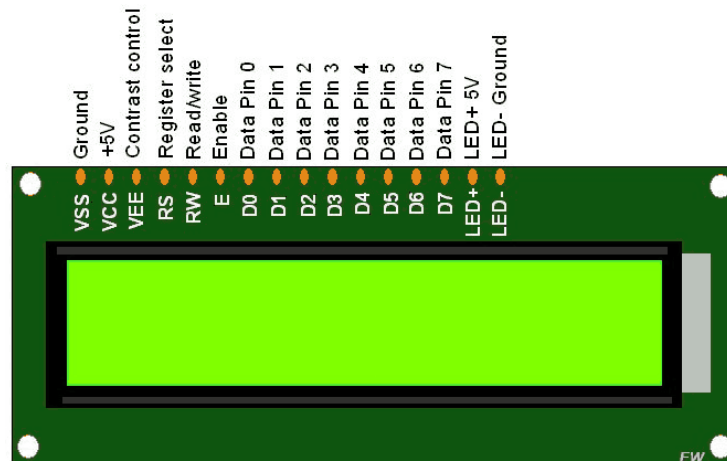


Figure 4.6.1: 16X2 LCD Display

- An LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) very basic module and is very commonly used in various devices and circuits.
- A 16x2 LCD means it can display 16 characters per line and there are 2 such lines. In this LCD each character is displayed in 5x7 pixel matrix.
- The 16 x 2 intelligent alphanumeric dot matrix display is capable of displaying 224 different characters and symbols. This LCD has two registers, namely, Command and Data.
- Used to show the level of waste in bin and indicates when bin is full.

## 4.7 Buzzer



Figure 4.7.1: Buzzer

- The passive buzzer is an electromagnetic speaker used to generate sound signals of different frequencies when bin is full. The active buzzer is the simplest module to produce a sound of about 2 kHz.

## 4.8 10K Potentiometer



Figure 4.8.1: 10K Potentiometer

- A potentiometer is a three-terminal resistor with a sliding or rotating contact that forms an adjustable voltage divider. It is often used to regulate the current flow either by adding or subtracting resistance from the circuit.
- Potentiometers consist of a resistive element, a sliding contact (wiper) that moves along the element, making good electrical contact with one part of it, electrical terminals at each end of the element, a mechanism that moves the wiper from one end to the other, and a housing containing the element and wiper
- Used to control the contrast of 16x2 LCD display.

## 4.9 4 x AA Battery Holder Case



Figure 4.9.1: 4 X AA Battery Holder Case

- A 4 x AA Battery Holder case is suitable for 4 x AA batteries with spring clip design.
- We can easily put the AA battery in it.
- It powers the unit with AA batteries in it.



## 4.10 Wiring diagram and Description

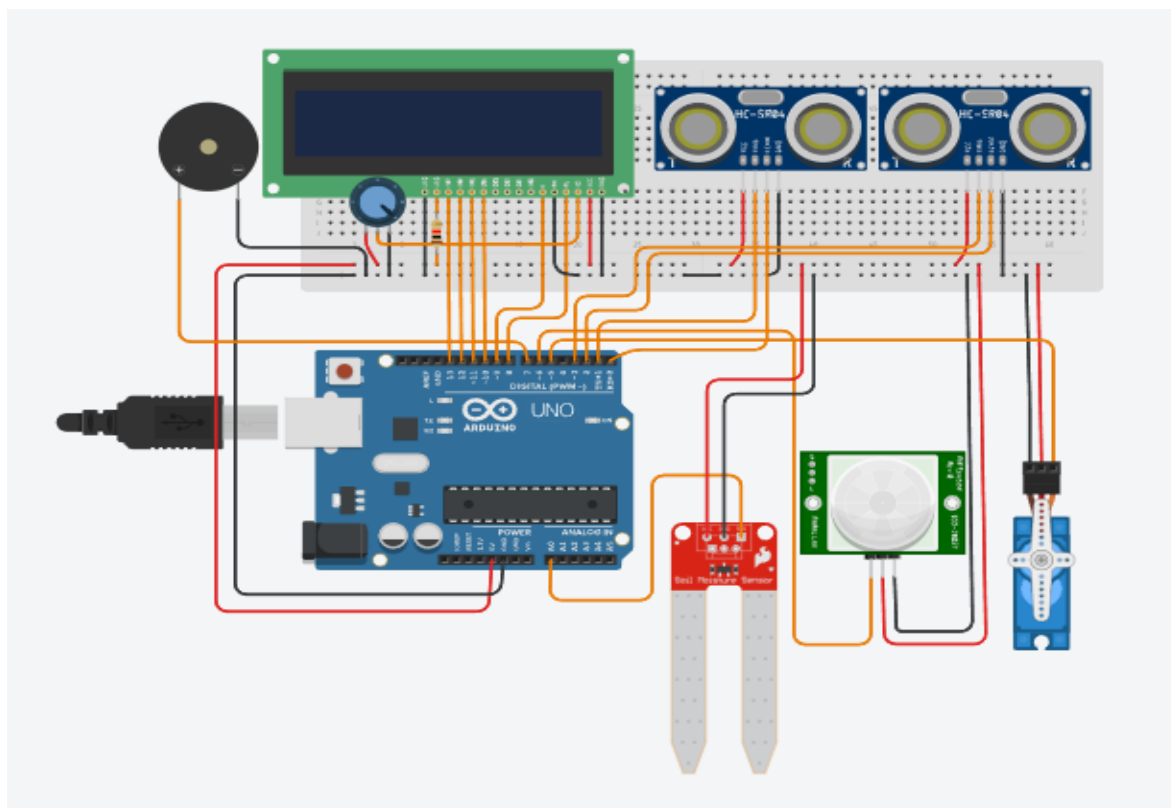


Figure 4.10.1: Wiring diagram.

A IR Proximity sensor consists of 3 pins D0, VCC and ground, the D0 pin is connected to pin 6 of Arduino Uno. The moisture sensor consists of 4 pins A0, D0, VCC and ground, the A0 is connected to analog A0 pin of Arduino Uno. Two ultrasonic sensors consist of 4 pins Tx (trigger pin), Rx (Echo pin), VCC and ground. TX (trigger pin) and RX (echo pin) of the sensor is given as input pin 0, 2 and 1, 3 of Arduino respectively. The servo motor consists of 3 pins control (PWM), VCC and ground, Control (PWM) pin is connected to PWM pin 5 of Arduino Uno. 16X2 LCD display is used to display the output from the Arduino Uno connected to pins 8(RS), 9(Enable), 10(D4), 11(D5), 12(D6), 13(D7) and contrast pin is connected to 10K Potentiometer. Buzzer is an output source, one of its terminals is connected to ground and the other terminal to digital pin 7 of Arduino Uno. When the pin 7 is high the buzzer buzzes.

## CHAPTER 5

### SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

#### 5.1 Arduino IDE



Figure 5.1.1 : Arduino IDE

- A cross platform application comprising functions that are coded in Embedded C and C++.
- In this system, the program is written in Embedded C for the working of the hardware components.
- The program code written on Arduino IDE was then fed to the Arduino for the working of the whole system.

#### 5.2 Libraries used

- **Servo.h:** Allows Arduino boards to control a variety of servo motors. This library can control a great number of servos. It makes careful use of timers: the library can control 12 servos using only 1 timer.
- **LiquidCrystal.h:** Allows communication with alphanumerical liquid crystal displays (LCDs). This library allows an Arduino/Genuino board to control LiquidCrystal displays (LCDs) based on the Hitachi HD44780 (or a compatible) chipset, which is found on most text-based LCDs. The library works with in either 4- or 8-bit mode (i.e., using 4 or 8 data lines in addition to the rs, enable, and, optionally, the rw control lines).
- **Ultrasonic.h:** Minimalist library for ultrasound module to Arduino Work with ultrasound module in a simple and light way. Compatible with the modules HC-SR04, Ping))) and Seeed Studio sensor. This library aims to resource efficiency and to simplify access to data.

### 5.3 Flowchart

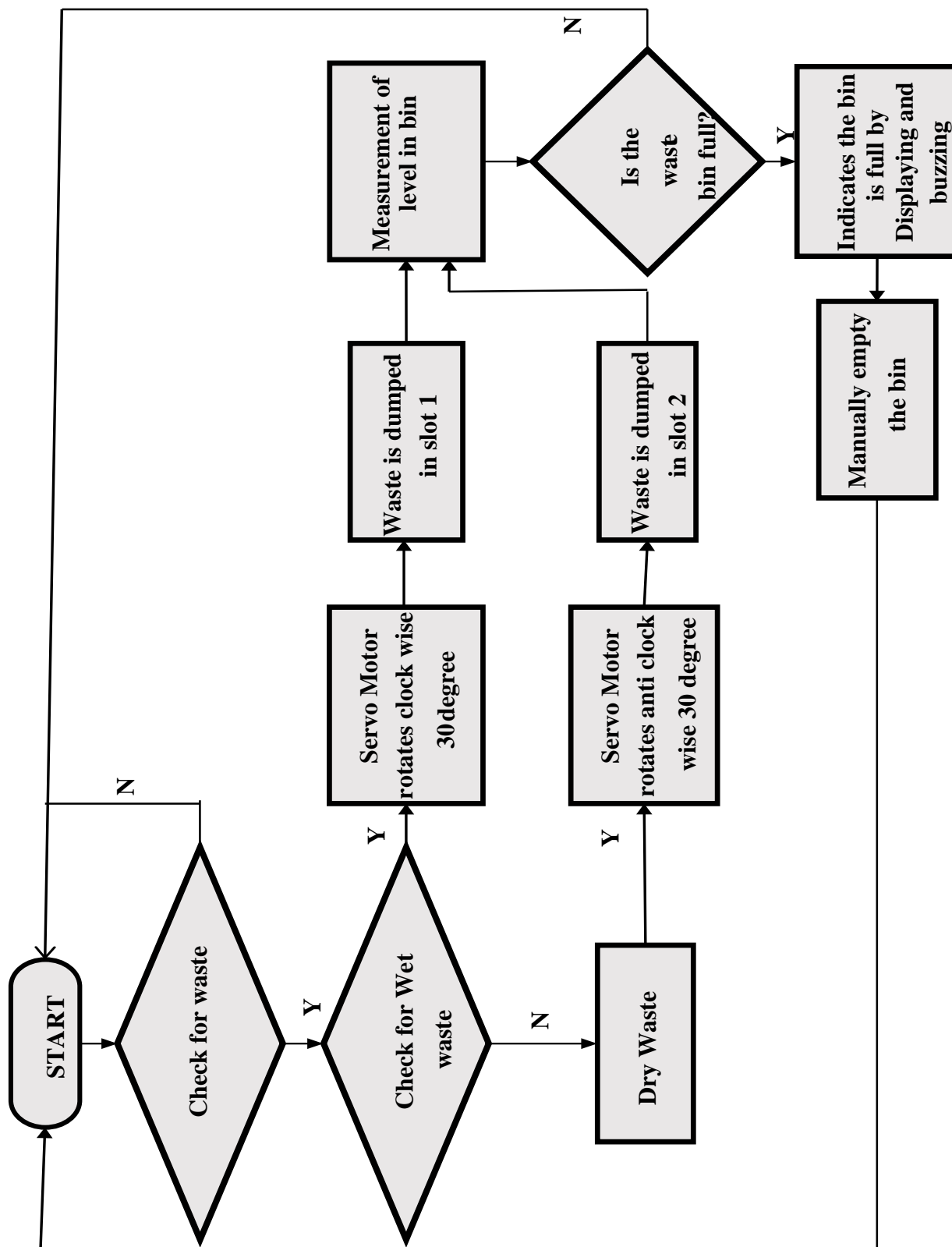


Figure 5.3.1 : Flow Chart

## CHAPTER 6

### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

#### 6.1 Final Output

##### Dry Waste Segregation



Figure 6.1.1: Dry Waste Segregation.

Dry waste segregation is the process of separating waste materials that do not decompose or decay easily from other types of waste. This type of waste includes materials such as plastics, metals, glass and paper among others. The goal of dry waste segregation is to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and promote recycling, reuse and proper disposal.

##### Wet Waste Segregation



Figure 6.1.2: Wet Waste Segregation.

Wet waste segregation is the process of separating biodegradable waste materials such as food scraps, yard waste. This segregation helps in the efficient processing of wastes as wet waste can be composted or converted into biogas.

## APPLICATIONS

- **Residential:** This systems can be used in residential areas to help residents sort their waste into different categories.
- **Commercial:** This systems can be used in commercial areas, such as restaurants, hotels and offices to help businesses sort their waste.
- **Industrial:** This systems can be used in industrial areas, such as factories and warehouses to help businesses sort their waste.
- **Municipal:** This systems can be used by municipalities to help manage waste collection and disposal.

## ADVANTAGES

- **Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills:** By segregating waste, it can be recycled or composted which reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills.
- **Reduces the amount of pollution from waste:** When waste is not properly managed, it can pollute the air, water, and soil. By segregating waste and recycling or composting it the amount of pollution from waste can be reduced.
- **Improves public health:** By reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, the risk of disease from contaminated waste can be reduced.
- **Creates jobs:** The implementation of this systems can create jobs in the waste management industry.

## LIMITATIONS

- **Sensor accuracy:** The accuracy of the sensors used to detect the type of waste can be affected by factors such as the moisture content of the waste, the size of the waste and the ambient temperature. This can lead to false positives or negatives, which can impact the efficiency of the system.
- **Cost:** The cost of the sensors, Arduino Uno board, and other components can be a barrier to widespread adoption of this technology.
- **Complexity:** The system can be complex to set up and maintain, which may require specialized skills.
- **Interference:** The system can be susceptible to interference from other electronic devices, which can lead to false alarms or malfunctions.
- **Waste type:** The system may not be able to segregate all types of waste, such as hazardous waste or medical waste.
- **User behaviour:** The system relies on users to correctly segregate their waste, which may not always happen.

## CONCLUSION

Implementation of this system at a local level like societies, educational institutes, etc. can reduce the burden on the local authorities. The waste segregator is one small step towards building an efficient and economic waste collection system with a minimum amount of human intervention and also no hazard to human life. Segregating all these wastes at a domestic level will also be time-saving. While implementing our system we came across many problems like the sensing range of inductive proximity sensor, the accuracy of the moisture sensor, adjusting the range of IR sensors and some more, but using some modifications we tried to make the system as reliable as possible but not completely perfect. The garbage monitoring and controlling with smart segregation of dry and wet waste system using Arduino Uno is a promising new technology that has the potential to make a significant impact on waste management in urban areas.

## FUTURE SCOPE

- **Improved sensor accuracy:** The accuracy of the sensors used to detect the type of waste is likely to improve as new technologies are developed. This will reduce the number of false positives and negatives, which will improve the efficiency of the system.
- **Reduced cost:** The cost of the sensors, Arduino Uno board, and other components is likely to decrease as the technology becomes more widespread. This will make the system more affordable for cities and other organizations.
- **Simplified setup and maintenance:** The system is likely to become easier to set up and maintain as the technology matures. This will make it more accessible to a wider range of users.
- **Reduced interference:** The system is likely to become less susceptible to interference from other electronic devices as the technology is improved. This will reduce the number of false alarms and malfunctions.
- **Expanded waste type:** The system is likely to be able to segregate a wider range of waste types as the technology develops. This will make it more useful for cities and other organizations that need to manage a variety of waste streams.
- **Improved user behaviour:** As people become more aware of the importance of waste segregation, they are more likely to correctly segregate their waste. This will improve the efficiency of the system and reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfills.

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **ARDUINO UNO**

<b>Pin Category</b>	<b>Pin Name</b>	<b>Details</b>
Power	Vin, 3.3V, 5V, GND	Vin: Input voltage to Arduino when using an external power source.  5V: Regulated power supply used to power microcontroller and other components on the board.  3.3V: 3.3V supply generated by on-board voltage regulator. Maximum current draw is 50mA.  GND: ground pins.
Reset	Reset	Resets the microcontroller
Analog pins	A0-A5	Used to provide analog input in the range of 0-5V
Input/output pins	Digital Pins 0-13	Can be used as input or output pins.
Serial	0(Rx), 1(Tx)	Used to receive and transmit TTL serial data
External Interrupts	2,3	To trigger an interrupt.
PWM	3,5,6,9,11	Used for SPI communication
SPI	10 (SS), 11 (MOSI), 12 (MISO) and 13. (SCK)	Used for SPI communication
Inbuilt LED	13	To turn on the inbuilt LED

TWI	A4 (SDA), A5 (SCA)	Used for TWI communication.
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**IR SENSOR**

Pin Name	Description
VCC	Power Supply +5v
GND	Power Supply Ground
OUTPUT	Active High Output

**MOISTER SENSOR**

Pin Name	Description
VCC	The Vcc pin powers the module, typically with +5V
GND	Power Supply Ground
DO	Digital Out Pin for Digital Output.
AO	Analog Out Pin for Analog Output

**ULTRASONIC SENSOR**

Pin Number	Pin Name	Description
1	Vcc	The Vcc pin powers the sensor, typically with +5V
2	Trigger	Trigger pin is an Input pin. This pin has to be kept high for 10us to initialize measurement by sending US wave.

3	Echo	Echo pin is an Output pin. This pin goes high for a period of time which will be equal to the time taken for the US wave to return back to the sensor.
4	Ground	This pin is connected to the Ground of the system.

**SERVO MOTOR**

Wire Number	Wire Color	Description
1	Brown	Ground wire connected to the ground of system
2	Red	Powers the motor typically +5V is used
3	Orange	PWM signal is given in through this wire to drive the motor

**16X2 LCD DISPLAY**

Sr. No	Pin No.	Pin Name	Pin Type	Pin Description	Pin Connection
1	Pin 1	Ground	Source Pin	This is a ground pin of LCD	Connected to the ground of the MCU/ Power source
2	Pin 2	VCC	Source Pin	This is the supply voltage pin of LCD	Connected to the supply pin of Power source
3	Pin 3	V0/VEE	Control Pin	Adjusts the contrast of the LCD.	Connected to a variable POT that can source 0-5V

4	Pin 4	Register Select	Control Pin	Toggles between Command/Data Register	Connected to a MCU pin and gets either 0 or 1. 0 -> Command Mode 1-> Data Mode
5	Pin 5	Read/Write	Control Pin	Toggles the LCD between Read/Write Operation	Connected to a MCU pin and gets either 0 or 1. 0 -> Write Operation 1-> Read Operation
6	Pin 6	Enable	Control Pin	Must be held high to perform Read/Write Operation	Connected to MCU and always held high.
7	Pin 7-14	Data Bits (0-7)	Data/Command Pin	Pins used to send Command or data to the LCD.	<u>In 4-Wire Mode</u>  Only 4 pins (0-3) is connected to MCU  <u>In 8-Wire Mode</u>  All 8 pins(0-7) are connected to MCU
8	Pin 15	LED Positive	LED Pin	Normal LED like operation to illuminate the LCD	Connected to +5V
9	Pin 16	LED Negative	LED Pin	Normal LED like operation to illuminate the LCD connected with GND.	Connected to ground

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Code of Garbage monitoring and controlling with smart segregation of dry and wet waste**

```
#include <Servo.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal.h>
#include <Ultrasonic.h>

LiquidCrystal lcd(8,9,10,11,12,13); //RS,EN,D4,D5,D6,D7
int moisturePin = A0;    // moisture sensor pin
int irSensorPin = 6;    // IR sensor pin
int servoPin = 5;       // servo motor pin
int buzzpin = 7;        // buzzer pin

Ultrasonic ultrasonic1(1, 2); //1 trigPin, 2 echoPin ultrasonic wet bin
Ultrasonic ultrasonic2(4, 3); //3 trigopin, 4 echopin ultarsoinc dry bin

Servo myServo;

void setup()
{
  Serial.begin(9600);

  myServo.attach(servoPin, 600, 2300); // (pin, min, max)
  myServo.write(90);

  pinMode(moisturePin, INPUT); //Moisture sensor Analog input
  pinMode(irSensorPin, INPUT); // IR sensor Digital input

  pinMode(buzzpin, OUTPUT); // buzzer output pin

  lcd.begin(16,2); //initializing LCD
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
```

```
lcd.print("Automatic Waste");
lcd.setCursor(0,1);
lcd.print("Segregation sys");
delay(5000);
lcd.clear();

}

void loop() {
  int moistureValue = analogRead(moisturePin); // read moisture sensor value
  int irValue = digitalRead(irSensorPin); // read IR sensor value

  if (moistureValue < 800 && irValue == LOW ) { // if the waste is wet
    delay(1000);          // wait for 1 seconds
    lcd.setCursor(0,0);
    lcd.print(" WET  GARBAGE");    //lcd indicates the garbage is wet
    Serial.println("WET  GARBAGE");
    myServo.write(150);          // rotate servo to one side for wet waste
    delay(5000);                // wait for 5 seconds
    myServo.write(90);          //Servomoto initial position
    lcd.clear();
  }

  else if (irValue == LOW) { // if the waste is dry
    delay(1000);          // wait for 1 seconds
    lcd.setCursor(0,0);
    lcd.print(" DRY  GARBAGE");    //lcd indicates the garbage is dry
    Serial.println("DRY  GARBAGE");
    myServo.write(30);          // rotate servo to the other side for dry waste
    delay(5000);                // wait for 5 seconds
    myServo.write(90);          //Servomoto initial position
    lcd.clear();
  }
}
```

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}  
else{                                // if the no waste present  
delay(1000);                          // wait for 1 seconds  
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);  
  lcd.print(" NO GARBAGE ");          //lcd indicates the no garbage  
  Serial.print("NO GARBAGE");  
  myServo.write(90);                 //Servomoto initial position  
delay(1000);  
  lcd.clear();  
}
```

// Bin level Mesurement Using ultra sonic

```
Serial.print("Sensor 01: ");  
Serial.print(ultrasonic1.read()); //serialy prints the distance  
Serial.println("cm");
```

```
int ultarsonic1 = ultrasonic1.read();  
if(ultarsonic1 <= 5){ // When the the distance below 5cm  
  delay(1000);  
  digitalWrite(buzzpin, HIGH); // buzzer beeps  
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);  
  lcd.print("WET BIN FULL");  
  Serial.print("WET BIN FULL");  
  delay(5000);  
  lcd.clear();  
}  
else{  
  digitalWrite(buzzpin, LOW);  
}
```

```
Serial.print("Sensor 02: ");  
Serial.print(ultrasonic2.read()); //serialy prints the distance  
Serial.println("cm");  
  
int ultarsonic2 = ultrasonic2.read();  
if(ultarsonic2 <= 5){ // When the the distance below 5cm  
    delay(1000);  
    digitalWrite(buzzpin, HIGH); // buzzer beeps  
    lcd.setCursor(0,0);  
    lcd.print("DRY BIN FULL");  
    Serial.print("DRY BIN FULL");  
    delay(5000);  
    lcd.clear();  
}  
else{  
    digitalWrite(buzzpin, LOW);  
}  
}
```







## **COURSE OUTCOMES**

On completion of this course, we are able to:

- Solve the identification problems.
- Analyze the available resources and their utilization.
- Present the work carried out and prepare the report.
- Work in a team to find the solution for societal and technical problems.

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