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Objective

The climate change has brought unpredictable weather conditions that have resulted many problems. One of the biggest problem for mankind in the 21st century's is food shortage. Global warming and other weather factors have leaded to desertification. This issue can be solved by greenhouses, that play a main role in increasing the crop yield per unit area and represent the suitable environment for off-corps yields.

Greenhouse systems have been designed for monitoring and controlling micro climatic parameters, like temperature, humidity degree, soil moisture and light ratio to provide best condition for the plants to grow inside greenhouses. We are trying to build a system which will make the proper environment like greenhouse with proper components and necessities.

Social Values

Agriculture has been one of the primary occupations of mankind since early civilization and even today, manual interventions in farming are inevitable. Greenhouses form an important part in agriculture and horticulture sectors of a country as they can be used to grow plants under controlled climatic conditions for optimum production.

All plants and vegetation require certain conditions for their proper growth. Therefore, it is necessary to bring the environmental nature under control in order to make those setting as close to the ideal ones as possible. To create an optimal environment, the main climatic and environmental parameters such as temperature, humidity, light intensity, ground water etc need to be controlled to create optimal environment. So, this project, **Greenhouse Monitoring System** being fully implemented could ensure to make the process better for an ideal environment for agricultural improvement.

Required Components

These following parts and tools are required for building this project,

- **Arduino Mega:** It is used for controlling and creating interactions with other necessary components.
- **LM032L:** This is a 20x2 Liquid Crystal Display which can display 20 characters per line and there are 2 such lines and in our project it displays the environment settings.
- **DHT11 Temperature and Humidity Sensor:** It uses a capacitive humidity sensor and a thermistor to measure the surrounding air, and spits out a digital signal on the data pin. We are showing the surrounding temperature and humidity with the help of it.
- **Motor:** We are using several motors for appearing as the fan for humidity problem and the water pump for detecting water level.
- **LDR sensor:** It is a light dependent sensor and this sensor is used for sensing the lights.
- **BC547 Transistor:** This is an NPN transistor which is basically used to switch ground on a device. We have used it for detecting the soil moisture.
- **Servo motor:** Servo motor is a rotary actuator, consists of a suitable motor coupled to a sensor for position feedback. We have used this servo motor to represent our motor for watering.
- **1K, 10K Resistor:** These resistors are required for reducing current flow, biasing active elements, dividing voltages etc.
- **LED:** Different types of LED light pins have been used for signal and representing spray by blinking LED.
- **Button:** It is required for turning the motor off/on by sensing the soil moisture.
- **Switch:** It is required for directing the level of water tank.
- **1K POT:** This is required for controlling the flow of electric current. We have used it with the BC547 transistor for acting as an adjustable voltage divider.

- Male to Male, Female to Female and Male to Female wires: These are required for connecting the components with each other as needed.

Design

The circuit diagram is given below.

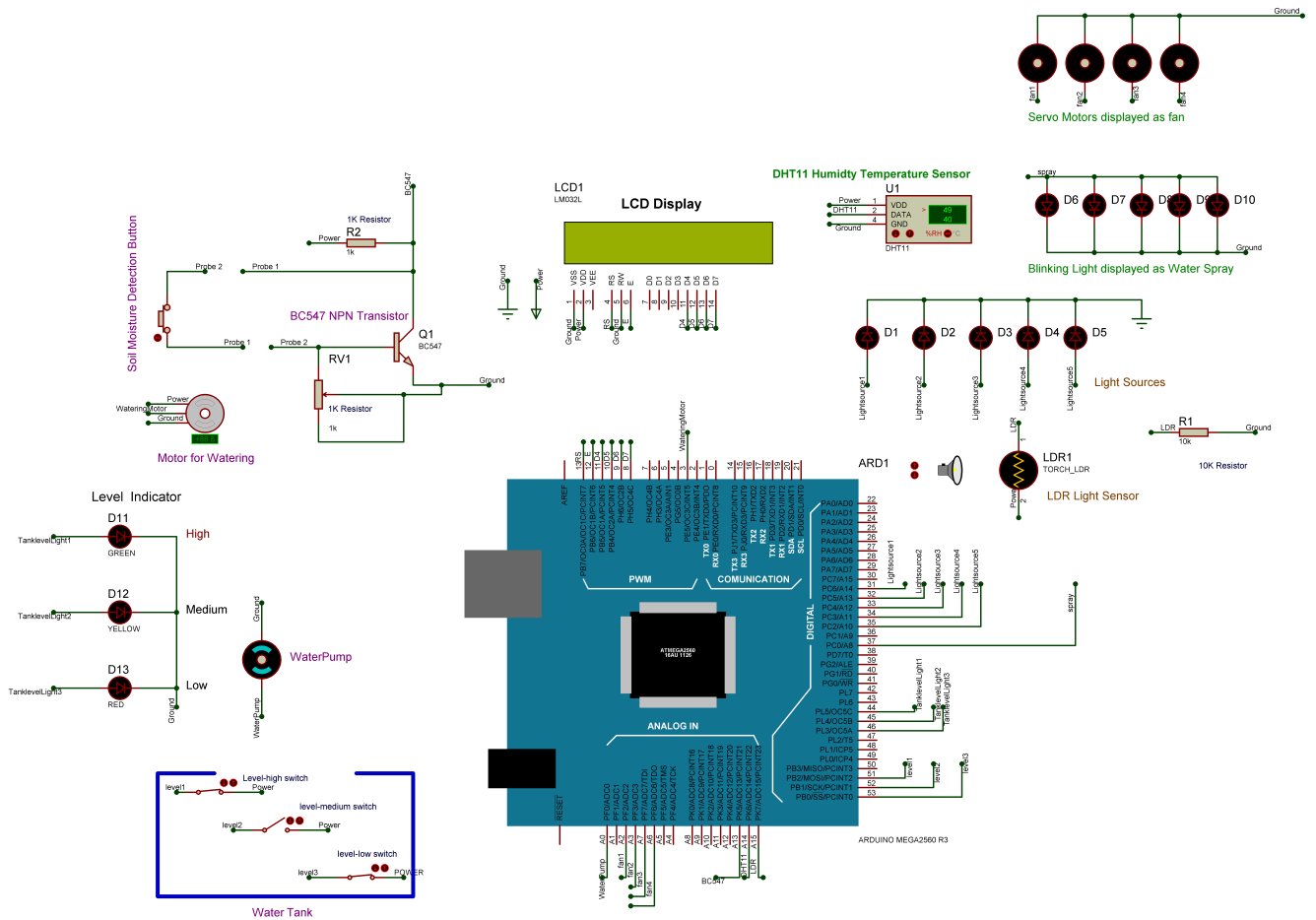


Figure 1: Diagram for Greenhouse Monitoring System

Working Procedure

For making a **Greenhouse Monitoring System**, many parameter measurements are required to monitor and control for the good quality and productivity of plants. But to get the desired results there are some very important factors which come into play like Temperature, Humidity, Light, Water etc which are necessary for a better plant growth. As our system had to be implemented in a software system and not in a practical way, we needed to make some assumptions to make the project work perfectly with the project perspectives. We have demonstrated the features of our system, but some features needed to be theoretically explained or shown into some different components to make the idea presentable in a proper way.

The working procedure of the features of our system is described below, where every details of every features are explained thoroughly,

Light Intensity:

Light intensity is very important for the growth of the plants. If the light intensity is improper, then it affects the growth of the plants in various ways. To resolve this problem, we need two systems which are light intensity detector and way of solving improper light intensity to the plants. For detecting light intensity, we have used LDR Sensor and to solve the intensity problem, we have used artificial lights.

- **LDR Sensor:** If we start the system, the environmental light will be absorbed by the material of the sensor and it will show the light intensity amount into the LCD display of our system. When the light falls on the LDR, its resistance gets decreased and it can detect the intensity of light is not low and when its dark the resistance gets increased and the sensor detects that light intensity is low. In our system we are using the movement of torch to detect the light source which can be controlled.

- **Artificial Lights:** When the LDR detects the light intensity and if the intensity is low, it means the plants need extra lights to maintain its growth. To solve this problem, we have put 5 LED lights which will be representing artificial lights and it will create a process by which the plants will be getting enough lights. We have given some conditions where we measured the intensity and set the LED to that amount of need. For example, if the light intensity is below 100, it will turn all 5 lights in and if the amount is below 400, then it will turn 2 LED lights automatically. Whole process of turning the lights is shown in the LCD display.

Temperature:

Temperature is a very important part for proper plantation. If the temperature is too high, it will create harm to the growth or the existence of the trees. To resolve the problem, we have put a sensor to measure the temperature and put some fans to maintain its temperature. To detect the temperature, we have used DHT11 sensor and for solving the temperature issue, we have represented motors as fans to prolong the temperature.

- **DHT11 sensor:** When we turn the system on, the DHT11 sensor will start to work and detect the temperature and give a signal to the pin as output and we have shown the output through the LCD display. We have measured the temperature in Celsius scale.
- **Motors represented as fans:** When the temperature exceeds from a defined level or exceeds to a critical level, the system automatically turns on the motor and LCD monitor displays how many fans have turned on. Again when the temperature comes in normal range or comes below the defined level, the motors get turned off automatically and the LCD monitor shows that all fans are off.

Humidity:

As humidity is a great issue for plantation, it needs to be in a proper condition to have the quality in control. So, for a greenhouse monitoring system, it needs to have the feature of controlling the humidity for trees. In our system, we have used DHT11 sensor to perceive the humidity level and if the humidity gets changed from its desired proper state, to control the humidity, we have represented blinking LED lights as water spray.

- **DHT11 sensor:** The DHT11 sensor is a temperature and humidity detector sensor which detects the humidity level of the surrounding environment of trees and shows the output or the measurement of humidity in the display of LCD.
- **Blinking LED represented as spray:** In our system, we have made the condition that if the humidity of the environment is below the defined levels, water sprays are automatically turned on and if the humidity level exceeds from the defined level, sprays are automatically turned off. Instead of sprays, we have shown if the humidity level is low, the LED lights will start blinking which means it will start spraying water. All these instructions will be displayed in the LCD monitor.

Soil Moisture:

Soil moisture works as a medium of supplying nutrients to growing plants. So it's necessary to keep the soil moisture in a minimal level so that the plants can grow in its proper way. In our monitoring system, we have used BC547 transistor to detect the soil moisture and if the moisture level gets low, we have instructed the water motor to transfer water to maintain the moisture level properly.

- **BC547 Transistor:** The BC547 transistor contains two probes and resistance to detect the soil moisture. If moisture is present in the soil then there is conduction between the two probes and due to this conduction, the transistor remains in on state and the Arduino Pin remains low. When Arduino reads low signal, it means the soil moisture is normal. Otherwise, the transistor gets in off state and if the Arduino reads high signal, then it indicates that the soil moisture is low.
- **Servo motor represented as water motor:** If the soil moisture gets low, it will be shown in the display of LCD and then the water motor will get indication for turning the motor on. Also, when the soil moisture is in normal state, the LCD will show that soil moisture is normal and the motor is off. We have used servo motor to represent water motor and controlled its direction to certain instructed levels.

Water level:

For watering the plants, we have showed a water tank in our design which contains 3 switches. As we cannot detect water in the design, we have improvised the switches as water level of the water tank. When the lower switch is turned on then it means the water level is low, which will be shown in the display and it will instruct the water pump to turn on. Again when the lower switch and the middle switch is turned on, it will indicate that the water level is medium and it will instruct the motor to be turned on. At last, when all of the three switches are on, it will mean that the water tank is full and the pump will get the instruction to be turned off and it will turn off. We have used motor to represent the water pump. All of these instructions will be displayed in the LCD monitor properly.

Budget

Equipment	Quantity	Budget(Tk)
Arduino Mega	1	750
20x2 LCD	1	360
DHT11 Sensor	1	150
Mini Fan	4	100
Spray	5	200
LDR Sensor	1	50
Bulb	5	500
BC547 Transistor	1	50
Battery-9V	2	80
1K POT	3	40
1K Resistor	3	15
10K Resistor	1	10
Male to Male, Female to Female and Male to Female wire	As required	200
RS-360 Mini DC 4-12V Water Pump	1	450
Switch	3	200
Card Board	3	250
Cutter	1	50
Pipe	1	40
Total		3495

This is still the estimated budget. As the real project could not be completed, the real budget remains unknown but most probably will not vary by much.

Code

```
1 // the setup function runs once when you press reset
  or power the board
2 #define LDRpin A15
3 #define light1 31
4 #define light2 32
5 #define light3 33
6 #define light4 34
7 #define light5 35
8
9 #define dhtpin A14
10 #define spray 37
11 #define blinkingtime 6
12 #define fan1 A2
13 #define fan2 A3
14 #define fan3 A7
15 #define fan4 A6
16
17 #define soilmotor 3
18 #define soil A13
19
20 #define sw1 51
21 #define sw2 52
22 #define sw3 53
23 #define led1 44
24 #define led2 45
25 #define led3 46
26
27 #include <LiquidCrystal.h>
28 #include <dht11.h>
29 #include <Servo.h>
30
31 //LCD
32 const int rs = 13, en = 12, d4 = 11, d5 = 10, d6 =
    9, d7 = 8;
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33 LiquidCrystal lcd(rs, en, d4, d5, d6, d7);
34
35 //LDR
36 int ldr = LDRpin;
37 float valueldr=0;
38
39 //WaterLevel
40 int motorPin= A0;
41 int x, y,z;
42
43 //DHT11
44 dht11 dht;
45 Servo soilservo;
46
47 int Fan1 = fan1;
48 int Fan2 = fan2;
49 int Fan3 = fan3;
50 int Fan4 = fan4;
51 int F1,F2,F3,F4 ;
52
53 void setup()
54 {
55     Serial.begin(9600);
56     //LCD
57     lcd.begin(16, 2);
58     lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
59     lcd.clear();
60
61     //LDR BULB
62     pinMode(light1, OUTPUT);
63     pinMode(light2, OUTPUT);
64     pinMode(light3, OUTPUT);
65     pinMode(light4, OUTPUT);
66     pinMode(light5, OUTPUT);
67     digitalWrite(light1, LOW);
68     digitalWrite(light2, LOW);
69     digitalWrite(light3, LOW);
70     digitalWrite(light4, LOW);
71     digitalWrite(light5, LOW);
72
73     //DHT11

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74 pinMode(spray, OUTPUT);
75 digitalWrite(spray, LOW);
76
77 pinMode(fan1, OUTPUT);
78 pinMode(fan2, OUTPUT);
79 pinMode(fan3, OUTPUT);
80 pinMode(fan4, OUTPUT);
81
82 //soil
83 soil servo.attach(soilmotor);
84
85 //Water level
86 pinMode(motorPin, OUTPUT);
87 pinMode(sw1, INPUT);
88 pinMode(sw2, INPUT);
89 pinMode(sw3, INPUT);
90 pinMode(led1, OUTPUT);
91 pinMode(led2, OUTPUT);
92 pinMode(led3, OUTPUT);
93 }
94
95 void loop() {
96     //LDR
97     lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
98     lcd.print("Light_Sensitivity:_");
99     lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
100     valueldr = analogRead(ldr);
101     lcd.print(valueldr);
102     lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
103     delay(2000);
104     lcd.clear();
105     if(valueldr < 100.00)
106     {
107         lcd.print("TURN_ON_5_LIGHTS");
108         digitalWrite(light1, HIGH);
109         digitalWrite(light2, HIGH);
110         digitalWrite(light3, HIGH);
111         digitalWrite(light4, HIGH);
112         digitalWrite(light5, HIGH);
113         delay(2000);
114     }

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115 else if(valueldr <200.00)
116 {
117     lcd.print("TURN_ON_3_LIGHTS");
118     digitalWrite(light1, HIGH);
119     digitalWrite(light2, LOW);
120     digitalWrite(light3, HIGH);
121     digitalWrite(light4, LOW);
122     digitalWrite(light5, HIGH);
123     delay(2000);
124 }
125 else if(valueldr <400.00)
126 {
127     lcd.print("TURN_ON_2_LIGHTS");
128     digitalWrite(light1, HIGH);
129     digitalWrite(light2, LOW);
130     digitalWrite(light3, LOW);
131     digitalWrite(light4, LOW);
132     digitalWrite(light5, HIGH);
133     delay(2000);
134 }
135 else if(valueldr <500.00)
136 {
137     lcd.print("TURN_ON_1_LIGHTS");
138     digitalWrite(light1, LOW);
139     digitalWrite(light2, LOW);
140     digitalWrite(light3, HIGH);
141     digitalWrite(light4, LOW);
142     digitalWrite(light5, LOW);
143     delay(2000);
144 }
145 else
146 {
147     lcd.print("LIGHTS_TURNED_OFF");
148     digitalWrite(light1, LOW);
149     digitalWrite(light2, LOW);
150     digitalWrite(light3, LOW);
151     digitalWrite(light4, LOW);
152     digitalWrite(light5, LOW);
153     delay(1000);
154 }
155     digitalWrite(light1, LOW);
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156     digitalWrite(light2, LOW);
157     digitalWrite(light3, LOW);
158     digitalWrite(light4, LOW);
159     digitalWrite(light5, LOW);
160     lcd.clear();
161
162     //DHT11 humidity
163     dht.read(dhtpin);
164     lcd.setCursor(0,0);
165     int humidity = dht.humidity;
166     int temp = dht.temperature;
167     lcd.print("Temperature_:");
168     lcd.print(temp);
169     lcd.print("C_");
170     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
171     lcd.print("Humdity_:");
172     lcd.print(humidity);
173     lcd.print("_%_");
174     delay(2000);
175     lcd.clear();
176     if (humidity<50)
177     {
178         lcd.print("Humidity_is_low");
179         lcd.setCursor(0,1);
180         lcd.print("Spray_ON");
181         int count= blinkingtime;
182
183         while(count--)
184         {
185             digitalWrite(spray, HIGH);
186             delay(100);
187             digitalWrite(spray, LOW);
188             delay(100);
189             digitalWrite(spray, HIGH);
190             delay(100);
191         }
192         delay(500);
193     }
194     else
195     {
196         lcd.print("Humidity_normal");

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197     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
198     lcd.print("Spray_OFF");
199     delay(2000);
200 }
201 digitalWrite(spray, LOW);
202 lcd.clear();
203
204 //DHT11 temp
205
206 if (temp<20)
207 {
208     lcd.print("Temp_is_");
209     lcd.print(temp);
210     lcd.print("_C.");
211     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
212     lcd.print("All_fan_OFF.");
213     digitalWrite(Fan1, LOW);
214     digitalWrite(Fan2, LOW);
215     digitalWrite(Fan3, LOW);
216     digitalWrite(Fan4, LOW);
217     delay(5000);
218 }
219 else if (temp<30)
220 {
221     //fan1
222     lcd.print("Temp_is_");
223     lcd.print(temp);
224     lcd.print("_C.");
225     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
226     lcd.print("2_FAN_ON.");
227     digitalWrite(Fan1, HIGH);
228     digitalWrite(Fan2, HIGH);
229     digitalWrite(Fan3, LOW);
230     digitalWrite(Fan4, LOW);
231     delay(5000);
232 }
233 else if (temp<40)
234 {
235     //fan1 & fan4
236     lcd.print("Temp_is_");
237     lcd.print(temp);

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```

238     lcd.print("_C.");
239     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
240     lcd.print("3_FAN_ON.");
241     digitalWrite(Fan1, HIGH);
242     digitalWrite(Fan2, HIGH);
243     digitalWrite(Fan3, HIGH);
244     digitalWrite(Fan4, LOW);
245     delay(5000);
246 }
247 else
248 {
249     //all fan on
250     lcd.print("Temp_is_");
251     lcd.print(temp);
252     lcd.print("_C.");
253     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
254     lcd.print("All_FAN_ON");
255     digitalWrite(Fan1, HIGH);
256     digitalWrite(Fan2, HIGH);
257     digitalWrite(Fan3, HIGH);
258     digitalWrite(Fan4, HIGH);
259     delay(5000);
260 }
261 lcd.clear();
262
263     digitalWrite(Fan1, LOW);
264     digitalWrite(Fan2, LOW);
265     digitalWrite(Fan3, LOW);
266     digitalWrite(Fan4, LOW);
267
268 //BC547
269
270 if (digitalRead(soil)==1)
271 {
272     lcd.clear();
273     lcd.print("Low_Soil_Moisture.");
274     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
275     lcd.print("Motor_turned_ON.");
276
277     for(int i = 0; i <= 180; ++i)
278     {

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279
280     soilservo.write(i);
281     delay(20);
282 }
283 for(int i = 180; i >0; i--)
284 {
285     soilservo.write(i);
286     delay(20);
287 }
288 delay(300);
289 }
290 if (digitalRead(soil)==0)
291 {
292     lcd.clear();
293     lcd.print("Soil_Moisture_Normal.");
294     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
295     lcd.print("Motor_turned_OFF.");
296     delay(2000);
297 }
298
299 //WaterLevel
300 x= digitalRead(sw1);
301 y= digitalRead(sw2);
302 z= digitalRead(sw3);
303
304 // if(x==HIGH && y==LOW && z== LOW)
305
306 if (z==HIGH && y==HIGH && x==HIGH)
307     digitalWrite(led1,HIGH);
308 if (z==HIGH && y==HIGH && x==LOW)
309     digitalWrite(led2,HIGH);
310 if (z==HIGH && x==LOW && y==LOW)
311     digitalWrite(led3,HIGH);
312
313 if (z==HIGH && x==LOW && y==LOW)
314 {
315     lcd.clear();
316     lcd.print("Low_Water_level.");
317     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
318     lcd.print("Motor_turned_ON.");
319

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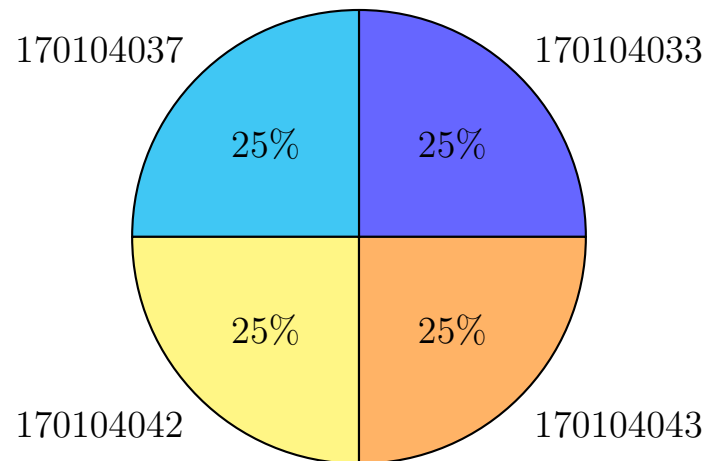


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320     digitalWrite(motorPin, HIGH);
321     delay(2000);
322 }
323 else if (z==HIGH && y==HIGH && x==LOW)
324 {
325     lcd.clear();
326     lcd.print("Medium_Water_level.");
327     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
328     lcd.print("Motor_is_ON.");
329     digitalWrite(motorPin, HIGH);
330     delay(2000);
331 }
332 else if (z==HIGH && y==HIGH && x==HIGH)
333 {
334     lcd.clear();
335     lcd.print("Water_Tank_Full.");
336     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
337     lcd.print("Motor_is_Off.");
338     digitalWrite(motorPin, LOW);
339
340     delay(2000);
341 }
342 else
343 {
344     lcd.clear();
345     lcd.print("Water_Tank_Full.");
346     lcd.setCursor(0,1);
347     lcd.print("Motor_is_Off.");
348     digitalWrite(motorPin, LOW);
349
350     delay(2000);
351 }
352 digitalWrite(led1, LOW);
353 digitalWrite(led2, LOW);
354 digitalWrite(led3, LOW);
355 digitalWrite(motorPin, LOW);
356
357 lcd.clear();
358 }

```

Members Contribution



Difficulties

- We have faced some difficulties while implementing the soil moisture sensor into the project. Then we came to another approach by using BC547 transistor for detecting soil moisture.
- We also faced some problem presenting the water tank to measure the water level. Then we used components to design the tank and used switch to show the water level.
- We could not show all required components in 16x2 LCD for which, we had to move on to 20x2 LCD in mid project.
- We had to search for libraries of different components to be used by Proteus.
- Making simulation as close to real world scenario as possible to ensure that the simulation may come handy when implementing in real life, we faced some difficulties.

Future Work

- For future, we plan to implement the circuit design into hardware level for making a complete and appropriate running hardware project.
- Also, we want to include GSM Module System to the system to make it more efficient.

Conclusion

Greenhouse Monitoring System will be very efficient for growing good quality plants and plant production. The main advantage of this project is that, all the functions to be performed by the artificial lights, motor, pump, sprays etc to control the climatic conditions like temperature, relative humidity, light intensity, soil moisture levels in the Greenhouse environment are all automated and it does not require any human intervention. Also, if the system is implemented practically, the plantation growth and production rate will improved in a very high rate which will develop our agricultural field.

Changes with Proposal

While completing the project with the project proposal ideas, we needed to change something for the betterment of the project design.

- We wanted to use water sprays but it was a failed attempt by us for the proteus, so we used blinking LED to represent spray.
- Also, in the proposal we had no plan for adding the water level detecting system, but later we have shown the process of detecting the water level.
- Lastly, we wanted to use appropriate artificial lights for maintaining the light intensity, but later we had to represent the lights with LED.

Project Link:

<https://github.com/SadiaTasnim/GreenHouseMonitoringSystem>