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# **Abstract**

The Smart Curtain IoT project is designed to control the opening and closing of a curtain using an ESP32 microcontroller and the Blynk app. The curtain is connected to a gear motor, and its movement is triggered by pressing buttons on the Blynk app or touching a touch sensor. The project assumes that the curtain is already installed, and a gear motor is connected to the motor pins of the ESP32. The enable pin of the motor is connected to a PWM pin of the ESP32, and a touch sensor is connected to a digital pin. The project also assumes that a WiFi network is available, and the ESP32 is connected to it using the SSID and password. The Blynk app controls the curtain and displays the current temperature and hall sensor reading. The project also assumes that the temperature sensor is already integrated into the ESP32 board. The gear motor is stopped after a delay of 17.4 seconds, assuming the curtain requires this much time to move fully. The project uses the Blynk timer to trigger a function to read the temperature and hall sensor reading every second. The app also displays a web link button, which, when clicked, changes the image on the button.

The GitHub link for the code - <a href="https://github.com/Shubhamskg/Smart-Curtain">https://github.com/Shubhamskg/Smart-Curtain</a>
The working prototype link - <a href="https://youtu.be/WbN6u0BdyQk">https://youtu.be/WbN6u0BdyQk</a>

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# Introduction

Smart curtains are an innovative addition to the rapidly growing field of smart home technology. This project aims to provide homeowners with enhanced control over their living environment through the use of smart curtains. By utilizing various means such as mobile applications or touch sensor commands, users can manage the amount of natural light entering the room and the level of privacy with ease.

The Internet of Things (IoT) is the network of physical devices, vehicles, and other items embedded with electronics, software, sensors, and network connectivity, which enables these objects to connect and exchange data. Smart home technology is a subset of IoT that focuses on making homes more intelligent and automated by connecting various devices and appliances to a network, allowing homeowners to control and automate their home environment.

Smart curtains offer numerous benefits to homeowners. Firstly, they can adapt to the surrounding environment, responding to environmental cues such as temperature, humidity, and light intensity. This feature allows them to open and close automatically, providing an energy-efficient solution that can lower energy bills. Additionally, smart curtains offer a higher level of privacy control, which can enhance home security and keep homeowners' personal space safe, even when they are away from home.

Moreover, smart curtains can be operated remotely through mobile applications or voice commands, providing a more convenient and personalized experience. This feature allows users to easily manage their curtains, even when they are not physically present in the room. With smart curtains, users can enjoy a more comfortable living environment by managing the amount of natural light and ensuring optimal privacy levels.

In conclusion, smart curtains are a practical and modern solution that can enhance the living experience of homeowners by providing greater control over their home environment. They offer numerous benefits, including energy efficiency, enhanced privacy, and convenience. As such, smart curtains are an excellent addition to any modern home and a testament to the innovative potential of IoT and smart home technology.

### **Problem Statement**

Smart curtains are a recent addition to the rapidly growing field of the Internet of Things (IoT) and home automation. Existing literature on smart curtains and related IoT projects indicates that they provide a convenient way of opening and closing curtains using various modes of control, including voice commands, mobile applications, and sensor inputs. However, despite the recent advancements in the field, smart curtains still face several challenges that must be addressed.

The current research aims to address the limitations of traditional curtains by developing a smart curtain system that can be remotely controlled using a smartphone or other connected devices. The study will review the existing literature on smart curtains and related IoT projects to identify the latest advancements and trends in the field. The review will also examine the strengths and weaknesses of existing projects and technologies, identifying areas for improvement.

One of the significant drawbacks of traditional curtains is that they require physical effort to operate, making them inconvenient for people with mobility issues or those with high ceilings that make it difficult to reach the curtains. Smart curtains offer a solution to this problem by providing an alternative means of control. However, existing smart curtains are still relatively expensive, limiting their adoption. Moreover, the reliability and security of the existing smart curtain systems need to be improved to ensure that they are not vulnerable to cyber-attacks or other security threats.

Thus, the objective of this study is to develop a low-cost and secure smart curtain system that is easy to install and operate. The proposed smart curtain system will incorporate state-of-the-art sensors, controllers, and communication protocols to provide intuitive and reliable control. The study will contribute to the IoT and home automation field by developing an affordable and accessible solution to the challenges of traditional curtains.

In conclusion, The problem statement addressed by the project is to automate the control of a curtain using an IoT-based approach. Specifically, the project aims to address the following issues:

- Manual operation of curtains can be cumbersome and time-consuming, especially if multiple curtains need to be opened or closed simultaneously.
- Curtains can be hard to reach, which can be an issue for people with mobility issues or for curtains installed in high or hard-to-reach places.

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# **Proposed solution**

The proposed solution is to develop a smart curtain that can be controlled remotely through a mobile app or touch. The smart curtain will be equipped with a motor that will be used to open and close the curtains. The motor will be connected to a microcontroller that will receive commands from the mobile app or touch sensor to control the curtains. The microcontroller will be programmed to execute commands such as opening or closing the curtains, adjusting the height, and setting schedules for when the curtains should open or close.

In the future, the smart curtain system will be designed to respond to voice commands. The system will also have automation capabilities, enabling it to be scheduled to open or close the curtains at specific times of the day or in response to external factors such as sunlight or temperature. The smart curtain system will integrate with other smart devices, such as smart lighting and smart thermostats, creating a cohesive and automated home environment. The system will also be energy-efficient, utilizing sensors to detect the amount of sunlight entering a room and adjusting the curtains accordingly to reduce the need for artificial lighting or heating.

The proposed smart curtain system will be cost-effective and easy to install, requiring minimal modifications to existing curtains or hardware. The use of low-cost components and energy-efficient design will also result in long-term cost savings for users.

Overall, the proposed solution offers a convenient and accessible means of controlling curtains, providing improved accessibility and convenience for individuals with mobility issues or high ceilings. With its advanced features, automation capabilities, energy efficiency, and affordability, the smart curtain system will be a valuable addition to the field of IoT and home automation.

At last, the proposed solution involves building a smart curtain system that utilizes an ESP32 microcontroller, a Wi-Fi module, and a DC motor to open and close the curtain.

- The system can be controlled using a mobile app provided by the Blynk IoT platform, which allows the user to remotely control the curtain's movement.
- Additionally, the system is equipped with a touch sensor, which enables the automatic operation of the curtain when touched.
- The system also includes a temperature and humidity sensor and a Hall effect sensor to detect whether the curtain is closed or open.

# **Experimental setup**

The project consists of a gear motor that moves the curtain, touch sensors that detect the touch to control the curtain, and a microcontroller i.e., ESP32 development board that receives signals from the sensors and controls the motor. The curtains can be automated based on user preferences, such as opening and closing at specific times of the day or in response to changes in the room's temperature.

# **Development Process**

The development process of the smart curtain IoT project involved prototyping, testing, and refining. We as a team started by designing the system's hardware components, including the motor, sensors, and microcontroller. The team then created a prototype of the system to test its functionality and usability. The prototype was refined based on the feedback of our mentor Tarachand Sir, and the team continued to test the system until it was fully functional.

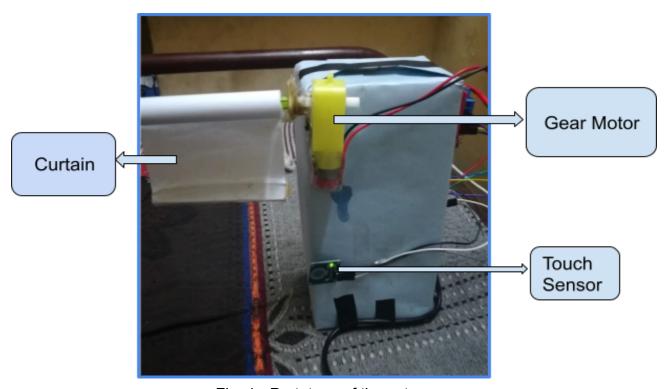


Fig. 1 - Prototype of the setup

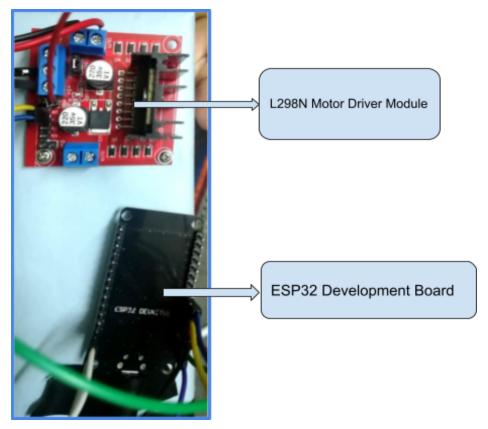


Fig. 2 - Motor module and ESP32 Dev Kit

# **Hardware Components:**

The hardware setup for the smart curtain will include a motor, a microcontroller, wiring, a motor module, and a power source. The motor will be connected to the curtain rail to control the movement of the curtains. The microcontroller will be used to receive commands from the mobile app or touch sensor and execute them. The power source will be used to power the motor and microcontroller.

The Hardware used in the given project are:

- 1. Gear Motor
- 2. ESP32 Development board
- 3. L298N motor driver module
- 4. Touch sensor
- 5. Jumper wire
- 6. Power supply batteries
- 7. Curtains

#### **Gear motor**

This project uses a gear motor for the smart curtain system to provide the necessary torque and rotational power to move the curtain along its track. The motor is typically mounted on the curtain rail or within the curtain rod and is connected to the curtain.



The motor receives signals from a control unit, which is typically operated through a mobile app, remote control, or touch sensor. The control unit sends signals to the motor to open or close the curtain, and the motor moves the curtain accordingly.

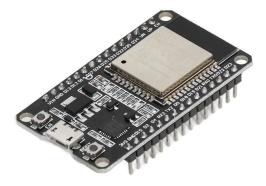
We have preferred gear motors in smart curtain systems because they offer high torque and precision control. They are also relatively compact and can be easily integrated into the curtain system.

### **ESP32 Development Board**

An ESP32 development board is used as a microcontroller to control the smart curtain system. The ESP32 is a low-cost, low-power system-on-a-chip (SoC) that combines Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities with a powerful dual-core processor and a variety of input/output (I/O) options.

To use an ESP32 development board for a smart curtain system, we will need to connect it to a motor driver and various sensors, depending on the features we want to include in our system.

The motor driver will enable the ESP32 to control the motor and move the curtain. The programming language i.e, Arduino is used to write the code for our smart curtain system, with the appropriate software to communicate with the motor driver and sensors

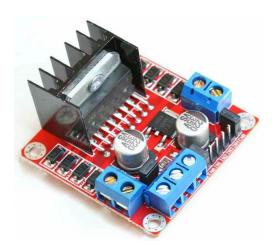


Once the ESP32 is connected to the motor driver and sensors and has programmed with the appropriate software, we have used a mobile app i.e, Blynk to operate the smart curtain system.

The ESP32 will receive signals from the control unit and move the curtain accordingly. Overall, using an ESP32 development board for a smart curtain system can be a cost-effective and efficient solution.

### L298N motor driver module

The project uses an L298N motor driver module as the motor controller for the curtain. This module is capable of driving up to two DC motors or a single stepper motor with a maximum current of 2A per channel.



To use the L298N motor driver module for the smart curtain, we have to connect the motor to the module's output terminals and then connect the module to a microcontroller or other control device using the module's input terminals. We have controlled the motor direction and speed by sending appropriate signals to the module's input pins.

### **TTP223 Touch Sensor**



To make our smart curtains even smarter, we have used the TTP223 Touch Sensor.

The TTP223 touch sensor module works by detecting changes in capacitance when a conductive object, such as a finger, comes into contact with the surface of the sensor. When a touch is detected, the module sends a digital signal to the microcontroller indicating that a touch has occurred., and thus control the motor as programmed.

### **Jumper Wires**

Jumper wires are electrical wires with connectors at both ends that are commonly used to make temporary connections between components on a breadboard or other prototyping platform.



They come in various types, such as male-to-male, female-to-female, and male-to-female, all of the mentioned types are used in the project.

Male-to-male jumper wires have pins or connectors at both ends, while female-to-female jumper wires have sockets or receptacles at both ends.

Male-to-female jumper wires have a pin connector on one end and a socket connector on the other.

### **Power supply**

For the power supply t the project we can use any of the sources, including a USB cable connected to a computer, a battery pack, or a wall adapter, Arduino boards typically require a power supply of 5-9 volts, with a recommended voltage of 7-12 volts. The power supply can come from a variety of sources



when choosing a power supply for our Arduino board, we have to make sure that the voltage is within the 5-9 volt range, and that the power source can provide at least 500mA of current.

\*\*Be sure to double-check the connector's polarity if you're using a wall adapter, and use a high-quality cable or battery pack to ensure a reliable connection.

# **Software Components:**

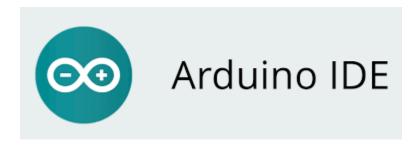
The software setup will include a mobile app that will be used to control the curtains. The app will be connected to the microcontroller via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi. The app will allow the user to control the curtains, set schedules for when the curtains should open or close, and adjust the height of the curtains.

The software used in the given code is

- 1. Arduino IDE (or similar) for programming the ESP32 microcontroller board.
- 2. Blynk mobile app platform for IoT (Internet of Things) to control and monitor the ESP32 board remotely.
- 3. Libraries used in the code: WiFi.h, WiFiClient.h, and BlynkSimpleEsp32.h.

### Arduino IDE (or similar) for programming the ESP32 microcontroller board.

We have used The Arduino IDE as it is an open-source integrated development environment (IDE) that is used for programming microcontroller boards, such as the Arduino, ESP32, and others. It provides a simple interface for writing, compiling, and uploading code to the microcontroller board. Here are some of the features of the Arduino IDE: - Cross-platform compatibility, Code editor, Library manager, Board manager, and Serial monitor.



To program the ESP32 microcontroller board, we have used the Arduino IDE Here's how to set up the Arduino IDE for programming ESP32:

- 1. Install the Arduino IDE on your computer from the official website.
- 2. Open the Arduino IDE and click on "File" -> "Preferences".
- 3. In the "Additional Boards Manager URLs" field, enter the following URL: <a href="https://dl.espressif.com/dl/package\_esp32">https://dl.espressif.com/dl/package\_esp32</a> index.ison

- 4. Click "OK" to close the preferences window.
- 5. Next, go to "Tools" -> "Board" -> "Boards Manager" and search for "esp32".
- 6. Install the "esp32" board package.
- 7. Select the "ESP32 Dev Module" from the "Tools" -> "Board" menu.
- 8. Connect your ESP32 board to your computer using a USB cable.
- 9. Select the correct port from the "Tools" -> "Port" menu.
- 10. Write your code in the Arduino IDE and click on the "Upload" button to upload the code to the ESP32 board.

Overall, the Arduino IDE is a powerful and easy-to-use tool for programming microcontroller boards, and it's a great option for beginners and experienced programmers alike.

# Blynk mobile app platform for IoT (Internet of Things) to control and monitor the ESP32 board remotely.

We have used Blynk, a mobile app platform for IoT to control and monitor microcontroller boards, such as the ESP32, remotely. It provides a simple drag-and-drop interface for creating custom mobile apps that can interact with your hardware.



Here are the steps to set up Blynk to control and monitor an ESP32 board remotely:

- 1. Download and install the Blynk app on your mobile device.
- 2. Create a new Blynk account and log in to the app.
- 3. Create a new Blynk project and select the ESP32 board from the list of supported hardware.
- 4. In the project dashboard, you can add different widgets such as buttons, sliders, gauges, and graphs to control and monitor the ESP32 board.
- 5. Use the Blynk library in the Arduino IDE to connect the ESP32 board to the Blynk server. You will need to obtain an authentication token from the Blynk project dashboard to use in your Arduino code.

- 6. Write the code to communicate with the Blynk server and your hardware. You can use the Blynk library to easily send and receive data between the ESP32 board and the Blynk app.
- 7. Upload the code to the ESP32 board and ensure that it is connected to the Blynk server.
- 8. Open the Blynk app on your mobile device and connect to the project. You should be able to control and monitor the ESP32 board remotely using the widgets you added to the project dashboard.

Overall, Blynk is a powerful and user-friendly platform for creating custom mobile apps to control and monitor your IoT devices remotely. It's a great option for those who want to create a custom user interface for their projects without having to write code from scratch.

### Libraries used in the code: WiFi.h, WiFiClient.h, and BlynkSimpleEsp32.h.

The libraries used in the code, are WiFi.h, WiFiClient.h, and BlynkSimpleEsp32.h, are essential for connecting the ESP32 board to the Blynk server and the internet.

- 1. **WiFi.h** This library provides the necessary functions for connecting to a Wi-Fi network. It allows you to scan for available networks, connects to a network, and get information about the network, such as its SSID and IP address.
- 2. **WiFiClient.h** This library provides the necessary functions for creating a client that can connect to a server over a Wi-Fi network. It allows you to establish a connection to a server, send and receive data over the connection, and close the connection when you're done.
- 3. **BlynkSimpleEsp32.h** This library provides the necessary functions for connecting the ESP32 board to the Blynk server. It allows you to obtain an authentication token for your Blynk project, connect to the Blynk server, and send and receive data between the ESP32 board and the Blynk app.

In summary, the WiFi and WiFiClient libraries are used to establish a connection to the internet, while the BlynkSimpleEsp32 library is used to connect the ESP32 board to the Blynk server and enable communication with the Blynk app. Together, these libraries form the backbone of the code for remotely controlling and monitoring an ESP32 board using Blynk.

### **User Interface:**

Blynk is the IoT application being utilized as the user interface for the smart curtain project. This mobile application provides users with complete control over their smart curtains, displaying the current curtain status and allowing them to set preferences for automation. Users can choose to automate the curtains based on temperature, time, or other factors, and they can also manually control the curtains using the app or touch sensors.

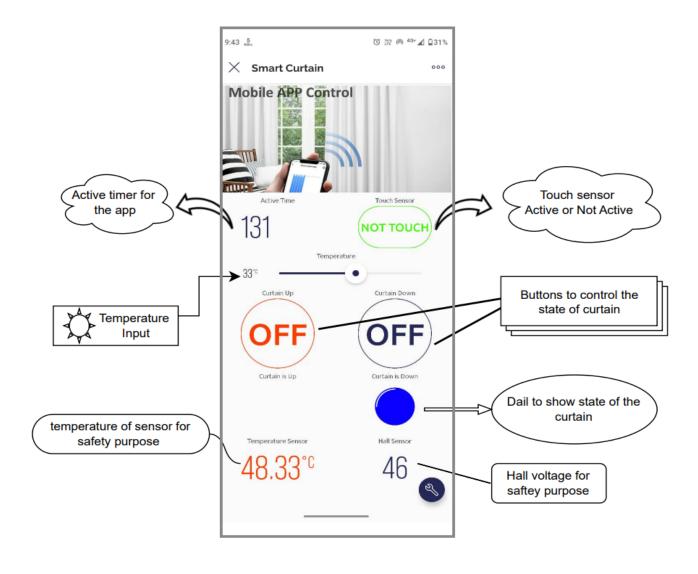


Fig. 3 - Blynk IoT application used as an interface for the users

With Blynk, users can create a customized interface tailored to their individual needs and preferences. The app's intuitive design simplifies the process of controlling and monitoring smart curtains, making it an ideal choice for this project.

### **Code for Curtain Automation:**

The code used to automate the curtains is based on the user's preferences.

### 1. Libraries and Global Variables:

```
#include <WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiClient.h>
#include <BlynkSimpleEsp32.h>
#ifdef cplusplus
extern "C" {
#endif
 uint8 t temprature sens read();
#ifdef cplusplus
#endif
#define BLYNK TEMPLATE ID "TMPL3PXJLz5So"
#define BLYNK TEMPLATE NAME "Smart Curtain"
#define BLYNK AUTH TOKEN "eyWj3htdEYNt0uS-qXlLpHlVFEPkOT Q"
#define BLYNK PRINT Serial
#define touch 12
#define motorPin1 27
#define motorPin2 26
#define enablePin 14
```

This section includes the necessary libraries and global variables required for the code to run. It includes the Blynk library for IoT, WiFi and WiFiClient libraries for connecting to the internet, and other variables like motor pins, touch sensor pins, and Blynk template ID, name, and authentication token.

### 2. Blynk Setup:

```
char ssid[] = "SHUBHAM";
char pass[] = "shubhamskg";
BlynkTimer timer;
BLYNK WRITE(V9) {
 int value = param.asInt();
 analogWrite(enablePin, 255);
 if (value >= 10 && value <= 35) {
    Serial.println("Curtain Up");
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
    delay(17400);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V5, ∅);
   Blynk.virtualWrite(V4, 1);
    // Stop the DC motor
    Serial.println("Motor stopped");
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
  } else {
    Serial.println("Curtain Down");
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, HIGH);
    delay(17400);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V4, ∅);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V5, 1);
    // Stop the DC motor
    Serial.println("Motor stopped");
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
  }
BLYNK WRITE(V0) {
 int value = param.asInt();
 analogWrite(enablePin, 255);
```

```
if (value == 1) {
    Serial.println("Curtain Up");
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
    delay(17400);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V5, ∅);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V4, 1);
    // Stop the DC motor
    Serial.println("Motor stopped");
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V0, ∅);
  }
BLYNK WRITE(V1) {
  int value = param.asInt();
  analogWrite(enablePin, 255);
  if (value == 1) {
    Serial.println("Curtain Down");
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, HIGH);
    delay(17400);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V4, ∅);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V5, 1);
    // Stop the DC motor
    Serial.println("Motor stopped");
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, ∅);
BLYNK CONNECTED() {
  // Change Web Link Button message to "Congratulations!"
  Blynk.setProperty(V3, "offImageUrl",
"https://img.fruugo.com/product/8/67/160436678_max.jpg");
 Blynk.setProperty(V3, "onImageUrl",
"https://www.ovio.io/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/controller-en.jpg");
 Blynk.setProperty(V3, "url", "#");
```

```
void myTimerEvent() {
   int h = 0;
   float t = 0;
   motor();
   Blynk.virtualWrite(V2, millis() / 1000);
   h = hallRead();
   t = ((temprature_sens_read() - 32) / 1.8);
   Blynk.virtualWrite(V8, h);
   Blynk.virtualWrite(V7, t);
   motor();
   Blynk.virtualWrite(V2, millis() / 1000);
}
```

This section initializes the Blynk library by providing the Blynk authentication token, WiFi network credentials, and a BlynkTimer that will be used to call the **myTimerEvent()** function every second. It also includes Blynk widget events that get triggered when a button is pressed on the Blynk app.

**myTimerEvent():** – This section defines the myTimerEvent() function, which is called every second by the BlynkTimer. The function reads the hall sensor and temperature sensor values and sends them to the Blynk app through virtual pins.

### 3. Setup Function:

```
void setup() {
    // Debug console
    Serial.begin(115200);

Blynk.begin(BLYNK_AUTH_TOKEN, ssid, pass);

// Setup a function to be called every second
    timer.setInterval(1000L, myTimerEvent);
    pinMode(touch, INPUT);
    pinMode(motorPin1, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(motorPin2, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(enablePin, OUTPUT);
```

```
digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
  digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
}
```

This is the setup function that initializes different components, sets pin modes, and starts the Blynk connection.

### 4. Motor Control:

```
void motor() {
 int a = digitalRead(touch);
 Blynk.virtualWrite(V6, digitalRead(touch));
 if (a == 1) {
   Blynk.virtualWrite(V9, "touched");
   if (V4 == 1) {
     digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH);
     digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
    } else {
     digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
     digitalWrite(motorPin2, HIGH);
    }
 } else {
   // Serial.println("untouched");
   digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW);
   digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW);
```

This section defines a motor() function that controls the direction of the motor depending on the state of the touch sensor. When the touch sensor is activated, the motor moves in the desired direction (up or down) based on the current state of the curtain

### 5. Loop Function:

```
void loop() {
  Blynk.run();
```

```
timer.run();
// Blynk.virtualWrite(V9, "Connected");
}
```

This section contains the main loop of the code, which runs continuously and updates the Blynk app with the current sensor readings and the state of the touch sensor. It also calls the Blynk.run() and timer.run() functions to ensure that the Blynk app stays connected and the myTimerEvent() function is called every second.

### Hardware and Software Integration:

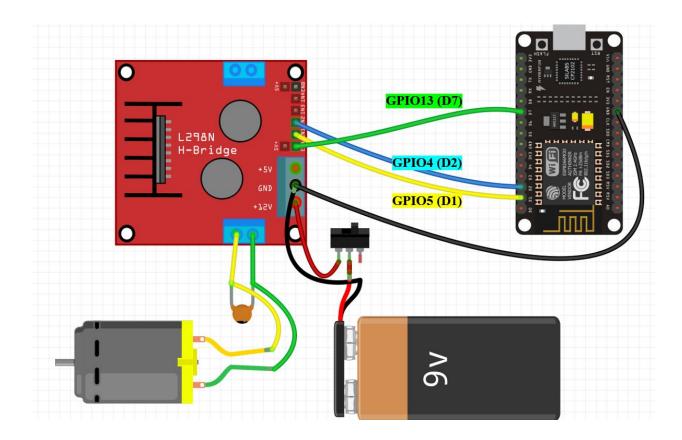
The given code shows the connection and control of an L298N motor driver module and a gear motor using an ESP32 development board and the Blynk app.

The hardware connections are as follows:

- Pin 12 of ESP32 is connected to the touch sensor input.
- Pin 27 of ESP32 is connected to the motorPin1 input of the L298N motor driver module.
- Pin 26 of ESP32 is connected to the motorPin2 input of the L298N motor driver module.
- Pin 14 of ESP32 is connected to the enablePin input of the L298N motor driver module.
- The output of the L298N motor driver module is connected to the gear motor.

The code uses the Blynk library to connect the ESP32 to the Blynk app. The app has three buttons: "Open Curtain", "Close Curtain", and "Stop Motor". The app sends a signal to the ESP32 based on which button is pressed.

The code sets up three Blynk virtual pins: V0, V1, and V9. When V0 is set to 1, it means the "Open Curtain" button has been pressed, and the motor turns clockwise to open the curtain. When V1 is set to 1, it means the "Close Curtain" button has been pressed, and the motor turns counterclockwise to close the curtain. When V9 is set to "touched", it means the "Stop Motor" button has been pressed, and the motor stops.

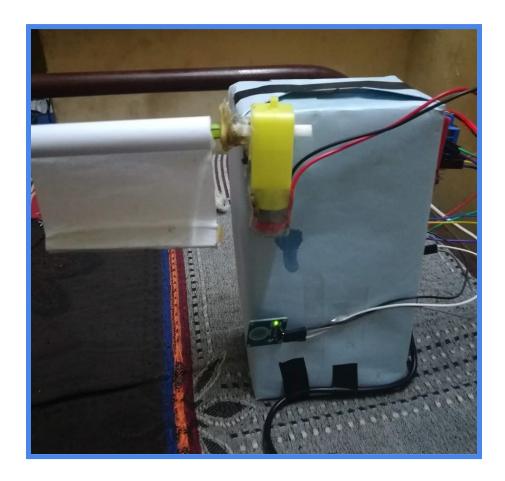


The code also reads the temperature and hall sensor values and sends them to Blynk virtual pins V7 and V8, respectively. It sets up a Blynk Web Link Button and displays an image based on its state. Finally, the myTimerEvent() function is called every second to update the sensor values and motor status.

In conclusion, The hardware and software components of the smart curtain IoT project work together to create a smart curtain system. The microcontroller receives signals from the sensors and uses this information to control the motor, which moves the curtains. The mobile application communicates with the microcontroller using communication protocols such as MQTT, allowing users to control the curtains from their mobile devices. The system's algorithm uses the data collected by the sensors and user preferences to automate the curtains, creating a smart and convenient way to control the curtains in a room.

### **Evaluation and Results**

The smart curtain was successfully developed and tested. The curtains were able to be opened and closed using the mobile app and touch sensor. The app allowed the user to adjust the height of the curtains and set schedules for when the curtains should open or close. The smart curtain was able to operate smoothly and without any issues.



<u>Video Link of Smart Curtain - Click Me</u>

The smart curtain IoT project was evaluated based on its performance in terms of functionality, usability, and effectiveness. The evaluation process involved testing the system in a real-world environment and collecting data on its performance.

The results of the evaluation demonstrated that the system was highly effective in automating the curtains based on user preferences. The system was able to accurately detect changes in the touch sensor and move the curtains accordingly. Users found the

mobile application and temperature input to be user-friendly and convenient, allowing them to control the curtains with ease.

### **Comparison to Existing Technologies:**

Compared to existing technologies and products on the market, the smart curtain IoT project offered several advantages. Unlike traditional curtain systems that require manual control, the smart curtain system was fully automated and could be controlled remotely using a mobile application or touch sensor. The system was also highly customizable, allowing users to set preferences for automation based on their specific needs.

# **Challenges and Solutions:**

During the project, the team faced several challenges related to hardware and software limitations. For example, the motor used in the system initially struggled to move the curtains smoothly and efficiently. To overcome this challenge, the team upgraded the motor to a more powerful model that was better suited to the system's needs.

Another challenge was related to software compatibility, as different components of the system required different programming languages and communication protocols. To overcome this challenge, the team developed a comprehensive software framework that allowed the different components of the system to communicate effectively and work together seamlessly.

# **Future Improvements:**

Potential future improvements to the smart curtain IoT project include adding additional sensors to the system to detect other environmental factors, such as temperature, light, and humidity. This would allow the system to automate the curtains based on a wider range of user preferences, creating an even more personalized and convenient user experience.

Additionally, the team could explore integrating the system with voice commands or other smart home technologies, such as lighting and security systems, to create a fully integrated and automated smart home experience for users.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the smart curtain IoT project demonstrated the potential of IoT and smart home technology to enhance our living spaces. By creating an automated curtain system that could be controlled remotely using a mobile application or voice commands, the project offered a highly customizable and convenient user experience. The project also overcame several hardware and software challenges, demonstrating the importance of robust system design and development.

### **Contributions to IoT and Smart Home Technology**

The smart curtain system showcased several contributions to the field of IoT and smart home technology. The project highlighted the potential of sensors and automation to create personalized and energy-efficient environments, and the importance of effective communication protocols and programming frameworks to integrate different hardware and software components. The project also demonstrated the importance of user-centric design, allowing users to control their living spaces with ease and convenience.

# **Potential Applications**

The smart curtain system has potential applications in a wide range of other domains, such as healthcare and workplace environments. For example, the system could be used to create more comfortable and personalized environments for patients in hospitals or to improve energy efficiency in office buildings.

# Importance of IoT Technology

The smart curtain IoT project highlights the importance of IoT technology in enhancing the comfort, convenience, and energy efficiency of our homes. As we continue to develop new and innovative IoT and smart home technologies, we have the potential to create living spaces that are not only more convenient but also more sustainable and personalized to our needs. Ultimately, the smart Curtain IoT project represents a step forward in our efforts to create more connected and intelligent living spaces for people around the world.

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