Plug-and-Play GPIO Control Device

Introduction:

The Raspberry Pi GPIO Control Device is a Python-based framework developed by Krishna Ganta, a student of Northshore School District (Student ID: 2032673). It is a script to run on the Raspberry Pi family of microcontrollers, that allows manual control of the GPIO pins remotely via a TCP connection. Note that to function, either a wireless adapter OR the W family of Raspberry Pi is required. If these are not available, consider using the Arduino GPIO Control Device, which uses a USB serial connection.

Purpose:

The purpose of this Python script is to create a plug-and-play device that acts as a placeholder for future circuits. It allows manual control of GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output) pins on a Raspberry Pi. This device is designed to facilitate the manual control of GPIO pins until they are automated in the future.

Libraries Used:

- 1. **socket**: This library is used for socket communication, allowing the Raspberry Pi to receive commands from a remote controller.
- 2. **RPi.GPIO**: This library provides functionality for controlling GPIO pins on the Raspberry Pi.

GPIO Pin Configuration:

- The GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM) line sets the GPIO pin numbering mode to Broadcom SOC channel numbers.
- The gpio_pins list contains the GPIO pins that will be controlled by the device. You should replace these with the actual GPIO pins that correspond to your future automated circuits.

GPIO Pin Initialization:

• The script sets up the GPIO pins defined in the gpio_pins list as outputs and initializes them to a low (OFF) state. This is done to ensure that the pins start in a known state.

Socket Server Configuration:

- The host variable should be set to the IP address of the server where commands will be sent from. This is the device that will control the Raspberry Pi.
- The port variable should be set to the desired port number for socket communication.

Handling Incoming Messages:

- The handle_message function is responsible for processing incoming messages from the controller.
- It expects messages in the format "COMMAND PIN_NUMBER," where "COMMAND" can be either "ON" or "OFF," and "PIN_NUMBER" is the GPIO pin number to be controlled.

Message Handling Logic:

- The script checks if the received command is "ON" or "OFF." If it's "ON," it turns on the specified GPIO pin, and if it's "OFF," it turns off the pin.
- It verifies that the specified PIN_NUMBER is in the list of allowed GPIO pins (gpio_pins). If the pin is valid, the script performs the requested action; otherwise, it responds with "Invalid Command."
- If the message format is incorrect (e.g., missing or invalid PIN_NUMBER), it responds with "Invalid Command."

Main Loop:

- The main function contains the main execution loop of the script.
- It continuously attempts to create a socket connection to the controller (defined by host and port).
- Once connected, it listens for incoming messages and passes them to the handle_message function for processing.
- If there is a socket error or a connection reset, it attempts to reconnect to the controller.
- The script can be terminated by a keyboard interrupt, or (*nix only) sending a SIGINT to the process.

Cleanup:

• The script closes the socket and cleans up GPIO pins (restores them to their original state) when it exits.

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