

# AirSense

## AI-Powered Air Mouse Using TinyML

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# Introduction

AirSense is a smart, dual-mode controller that replaces traditional remotes,Air Mouses



# The Problem & Motivation

## **The Context:**

HCI (Human-Computer Interaction) is moving towards natural, contactless interfaces.

## **The Challenge:**

Traditional gesture recognition relies on heavy Computer Vision or Cloud Computing.

Latency: Cloud dependence kills the "real-time" feel (acceptable latency is <20ms).

Privacy: Streaming sensor data to the cloud is a risk.

Energy: Constant Wi-Fi transmission drains batteries.

## **The Solution:**

TinyML (Edge AI). Running the inference entirely on the microcontroller.

# Challenge: "Unofficial" Hardware Support



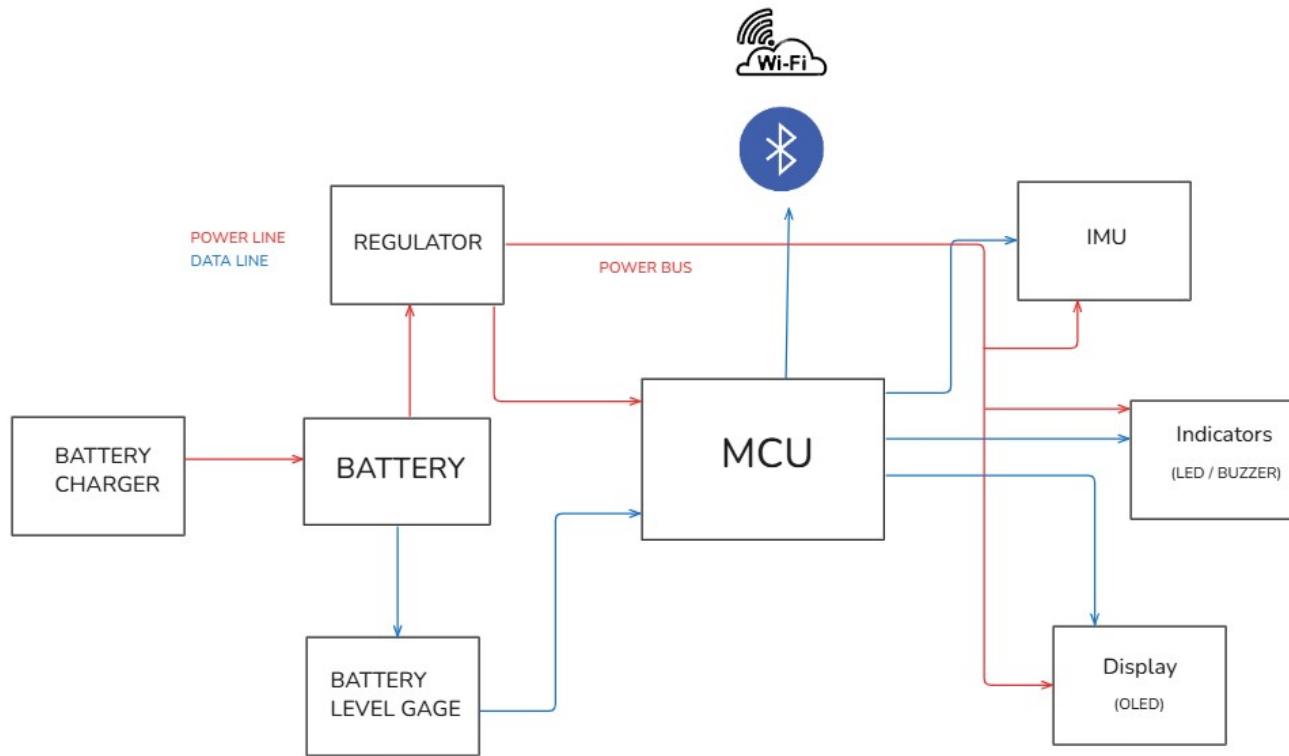
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The ESP32-WROOM-32D is not officially supported by Edge Impulse.

Solution: We wrote a custom Data Forwarding protocol over Serial to bridge the MPU6050 data into the ingestion engine.

This proves TinyML is accessible on custom hardware, not just dev-kits.

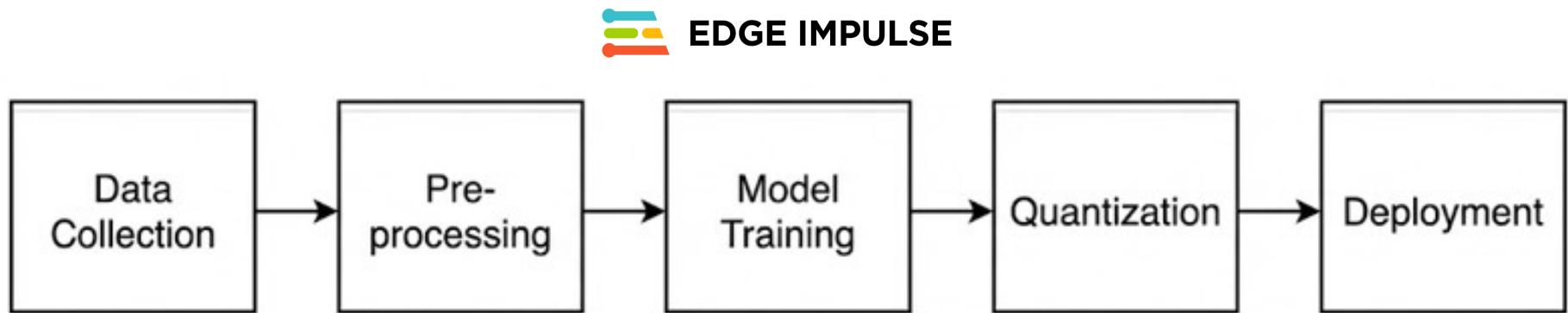
# System Architecture (High Level)



MCU: ESP32-WROOM-32D (240MHz, Dual Core).

Sensor: MPU6050 (6-axis IMU).

# The TinyML Pipeline



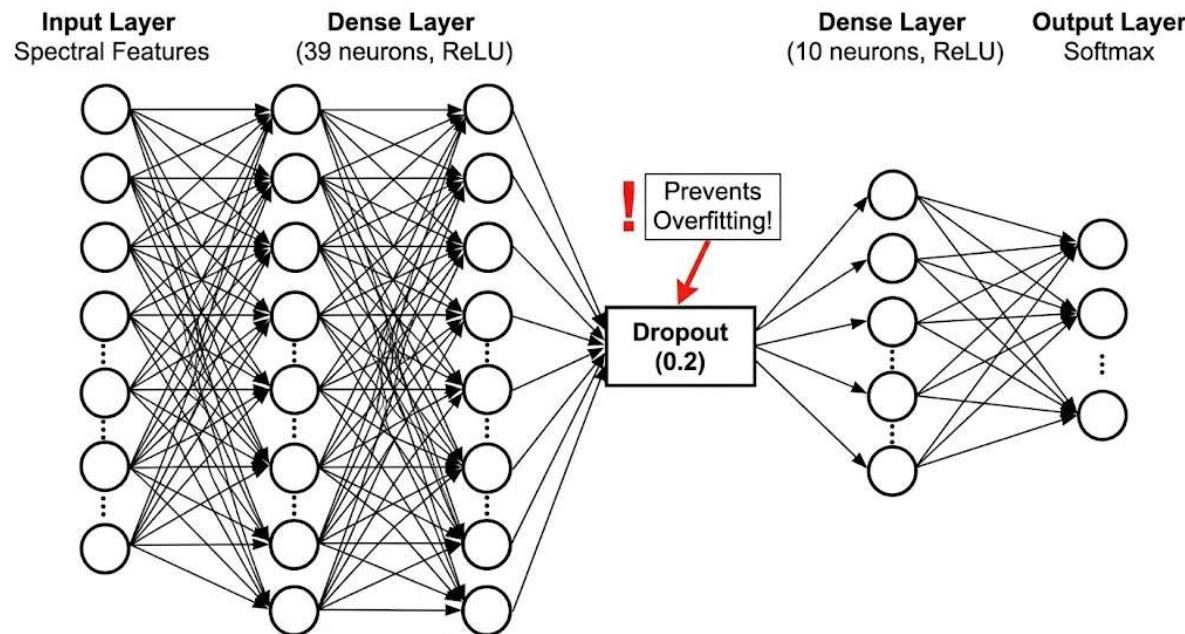
The end-to-end workflow from raw sensor data to C++ inference library.

Protocol: Serial communication stream → Edge Impulse CLI → Ingestion.

# Data Acquisition & Pre-processing

- Dataset: 200 Samples (Small dataset strategy).
- Classes: Volume Up, Volume Down, Play/Pause, Idle.
- Window Size: 10000ms (10 second).
- Sampling Frequency: 100Hz.
- Feature Extraction (DSP): Raw accelerometer/gyroscope data is noisy.
- We utilized Spectral Analysis to extract frequency domain features before feeding them into the Neural Network.
- This reduces the dimensionality and helps distinguish the dynamics of the gesture (e.g., the speed of the hand raise).

# Neural Network Architecture



Quantization: Converted the model from Float32 to Int8.

Result: Model size reduced to just 15 KB, allowing it to fit easily into the ESP32's SRAM.

We take the raw signal from the X, Y, and Z axes and perform an FFT (Fast Fourier Transform).

For each axis, we extract the RMS (intensity), the Peak Frequency (dominant speed), and the Spectral Power across several frequency bins.

## Model Optimization & Quantization

The Constraint: Flash memory and RAM are expensive on embedded devices.

Quantization: Converted weights from Float32 (4 bytes) to Int8 (1 byte).

Impact: Reduced model size to ~15 KB.

Accuracy Loss: Negligible (<1%) due to the distinct nature of the spatial gestures.

# Experimental Results

<b>Gesture Class</b>	<b>Accuracy (%)</b>	<b>Precision (%)</b>	<b>Latency (ms)</b>
Up (Volume+)	96.2	94.8	18
Down (Volume-)	95.7	95.1	17
Play/Pause	92.5	91.7	26
Idle State	95.2	96.2	15
<b>Average</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>19</b>

We achieved 94.9% accuracy.

Inference time is only 19ms, which is faster than the human perception of lag.

Up/Down gestures (crucial for volume) achieved >95% precision.

# Our Implementation



## Discussion & Comparison

Existing Air Mice: Usually simple gyroscope mapping (no ML).

Existing Gesture Controllers: Often require camera systems or heavy processors.

Key Achievement: We proved that complex, context-aware interaction is possible on Low-Cost (\$5 range) hardware without cloud connectivity.

## Future Work & Conclusion

On-Device Learning: Implementing transfer learning on the ESP32 to allow users to record their own custom gestures.

Replace the ESP32 (General Purpose) with a custom TinyML Accelerator.

Conclusion: AirSense democratizes gesture control by optimizing the ML pipeline for the extreme edge.

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# **Thank You**

## **Q & A**