

AirSense

AI-Powered Air Mouse Using **TinyML**

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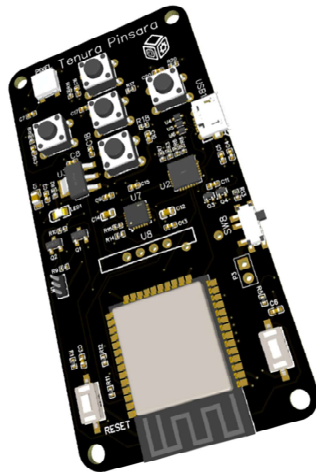
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Introduction

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

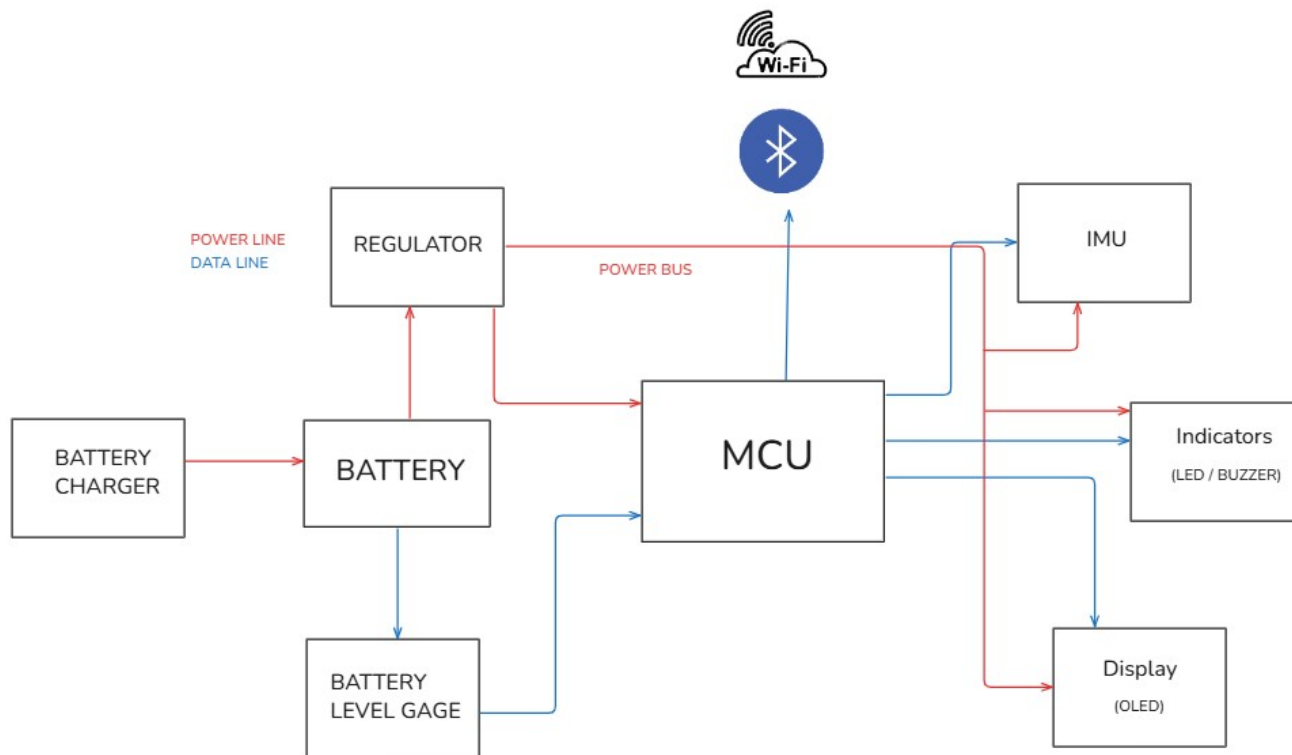


The ESP32-WROOM-32D is not officially supported by Edge Impulse.

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.

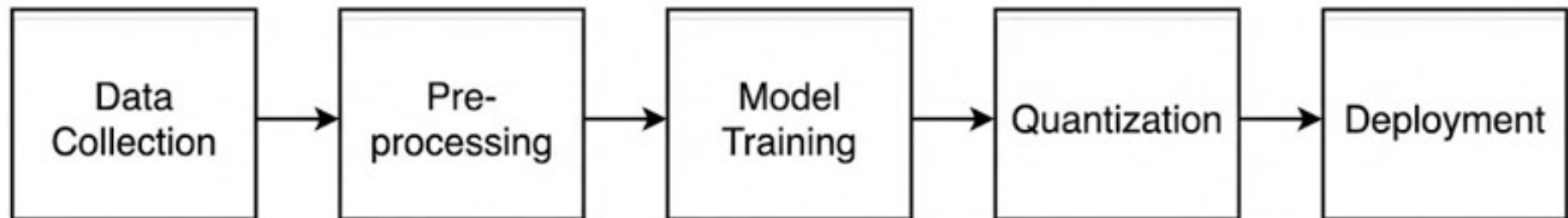
System Architecture (High Level)



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

Sensor: MPU6050 (6-axis IMU).

The TinyML Pipeline



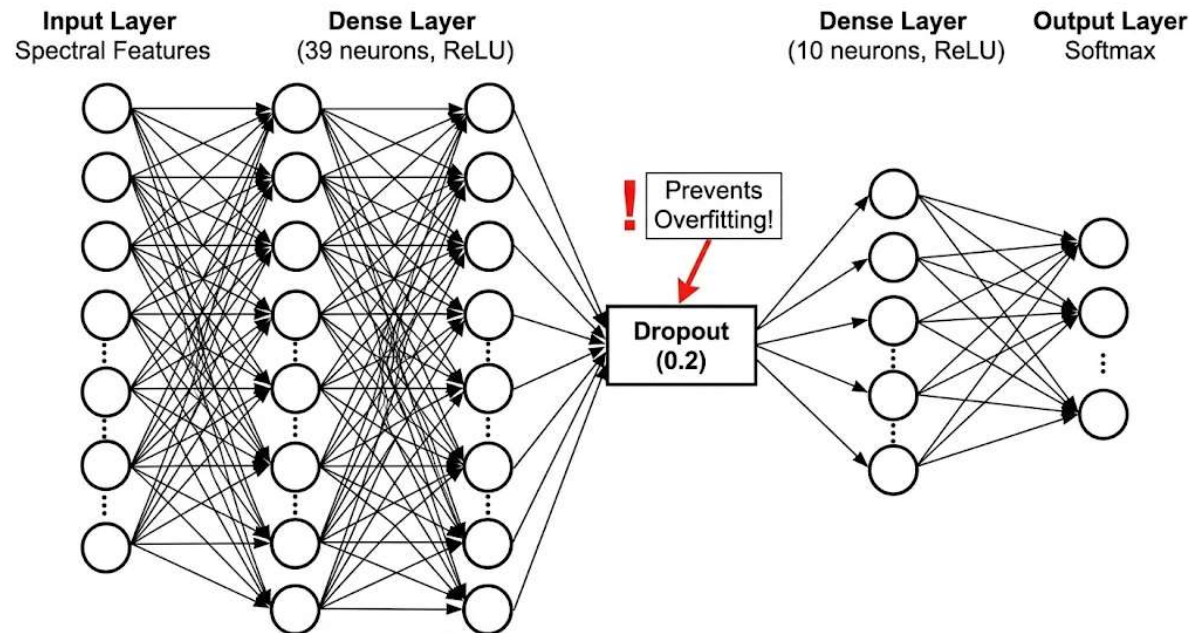
The end-to-end workflow from raw sensor data to C++ inference library.

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

Gesture Class	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Latency (ms)
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
Average	94.9	94.3	19

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 Implimentation



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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