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## Temperature Monitoring via the Internet of Things Using PID-iTCLab

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### ABSTRACT

iTCLab or Internet-Based Temperature Control Lab is a temperature control kit for feedback control applications with an ESP32 Microcontroller, LED, two heaters, and two temperature sensors. The heater power output is adjusted to maintain the desired temperature setpoint. Thermal energy from the heater is transferred by conduction, convection, and radiation to the temperature sensor. Heat is also transferred from the device to the environment. In this paper, it is shown how to program temperature monitoring on the iTCLab Kit via the Internet of Things (IoT) using the Arduino programming language. The controller used is Proportional Integral and Derivative (PID). From the experimental results, the temperature monitoring system works well, and the results of temperature control via a cellphone using the IoT MQTT Panel are shown by the real situation.

*Keywords: Temperature, monitoring, PID, IoT, iTCLab, Kit*

### Introduction

Temperature measurement is one of the most commonly used techniques as many operations and tasks need to be performed in any industry. Usually used heaters, including temperature sensors. In the case of temperature sensing, a temperature sensor is used which is installed in the place where the temperature is to be sensed. The temperature in that place can be monitored via the internet using the Internet of Things.

Temperature monitoring can be done through Proportional, Integral, and Derivative control systems. One of the most widely used types of control systems in the industry. Monitoring and controlling temperature through the PID control system, some of which can be read in the following research results. Application of a temperature control system using a modified Smith fuzzy PID in an oil filling device for a deep sea hydraulic system (Huang et al., 2018). Benchmarks from the use of microcontrollers for temperature monitoring and control to process dynamics and control (Park et al., 2020). Utilization of a new optimization algorithm based on the epsilon constraint-RBF neural network for PID controller tuning in a decoupled HVAC system (Attaran et al., 2016). Research on PID control system experiments using the APMonitor Temperature Lab for Undergraduate Students (Oliveira & Hedengren, 2019). Research on introducing digital controllers to undergraduate students using the Arduino TCLab Kit (de Moura Oliveira et al., 2020).

Currently monitoring and controlling PID is also carried out remotely using Internet of Things (IoT) technology. Some research on monitoring and or controlling PID using IoT can be read in the following research results. The use of the Neural Network model as an Internet of Things congestion control uses a PID controller and an immune-hill-climbing algorithm (Quwaider & Shatnawi, 2020). Research on how to control and simulate PID-based motors and Internet of Things systems (Zhang & Gao, 2021). How to integrate IoT with LQR-PID controller for online monitoring and control of flow and pressure in fluid transport systems (Priyanka et al., 2020). How to perform an IoT fusion-based model predictive PID control approach technique for oil

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pipeline infrastructure (Priyanka et al., 2021). Research on how to implement PID controller for the liquid level system using mGWO and IoT application integration (Bhookya et al., 2022).

In this research, remote monitoring of the temperature as a result of PID control will be carried out, using IoT. The control system is implemented in an internet-Based Temperature Control Lab (iTCLab) Kit. iTCLab is a product of one of the state universities in Indonesia, namely Universitas Pembangunan Nasional "Veteran" Jawa Timur. This kit is inspired by Brigham Young University's TCLab Kit (BYU, 2018).

### Material and Methods

The basic Internet of Things (IoT)-based application system with the Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) protocol consists of at least 4 main components, namely Hardware/physical (Things) in this case iTCLab devices, internet connections, Cloud data center as a place to connect, save or run applications as MQTT Broker, and IoT MQTT Panels to monitor and control remotely via mobile. Where the iTCLab system is controlled using PID control. The proposed system architecture is shown in Figure 1.

The MQTT broker, which is at the core of the MQTT Publish/Subscribe protocol, is a server that receives all messages from the MQTT client and then routes the messages to the appropriate subscription client. The MQTT broker used in this research is a free online public MQTT broker from HiveMQ. Meanwhile, IoT MQTT Panel is an application that allows the management and visualization of IoT projects, based on the MQTT protocol. With this application, an IoT-based iTCLab PID monitoring system project can be created. In this research, the IoT MQTT Panel is used to monitor the temperature state that has been controlled by the PID controller remotely using a cellphone.

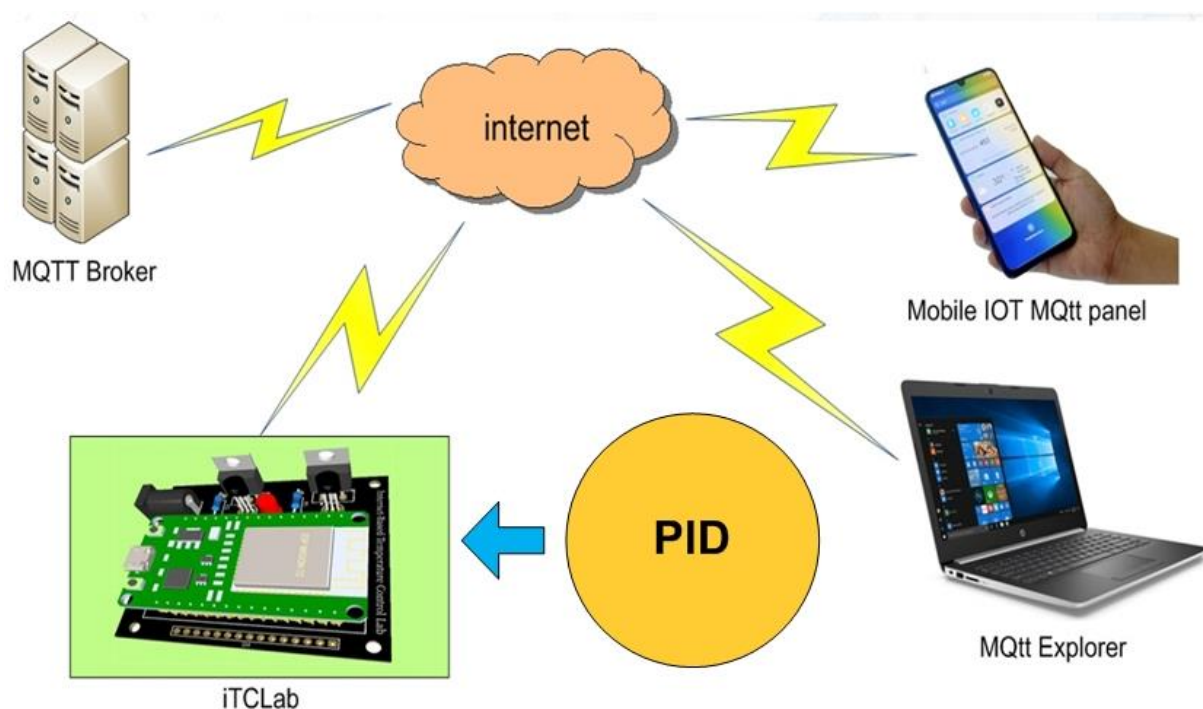


Figure 1. The architecture of temperature monitoring via the Internet of Things using PID-iTCLab

From the system architecture in Figure 1, to run as desired, a program was first created using the Arduino programming language. This program contains controlling the iTCLab Kit using PID. PID control temperature data retrieval. Equipped with a way to connect to IoT. This program is

embedded in the iTCLab Kit. When run, if the settings are correct, it will successfully connect to the MQTT Broker. Next, the settings are made according to the created topic, on the MQTT IoT Panel. If appropriate, then monitoring the temperature of the PID control via mobile phone can be carried out.

## Results and Discussion

Testing the PID programming and settings on the iTCLab Kit is shown in Figure 2. Through the serial monitor on the PC, we can see the temperature readings of the PID control results from the iTCLab Kit. Some important program snippets are shown on the following command line:

```
float pid(float sp, float pv, float pv_last, float& ierr, float dt)
{
    float Kc = 10.0; // K / %Heater
    float tauI = 50.0; // sec
    float tauD = 1.0; // sec
    // PID coefficients
    float KP = Kc;
    float KI = Kc / tauI;
    float KD = Kc*tauD;
    // upper and lower bounds on heater level
    float ophi = 100;
    float oplo = 0;
    // calculate the error
    float error = sp - pv;
    // calculate the integral error
    ierr = ierr + KI * error * dt;
    // calculate the measurement derivative
    float dpv = (pv - pv_last) / dt;
    // calculate the PID output
    float P = KP * error; //proportional contribution
    float I = ierr; //integral contribution
    float D = -KD * dpv; //derivative contribution
    float op = P + I + D;
    // implement anti-reset windup
    if ((op < oplo) || (op > ophi)) {
        I = I - KI * error * dt;
        // clip output
        op = max(oplo, min(ophi, op));
    }
    ierr = I;
    Serial.println("sp="+String(sp) + " pv=" + String(pv) + " dt=" +
String(dt) + " op=" + String(op) + " P=" + String(P) + " I=" +
String(I) + " D=" + String(D));
    return op;
}
```

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void loop() {
  new_ts = millis();
  if (new_ts - ts > 1000) {
    char suhu1[4];
    char suhu2[4];
    char SetPoint[4];
    char Nilai_op[4];
    client.loop();
    cektemp();
    pv = cel;    // Temperature T1
    dt = (new_ts - ts) / 1000.0;
    ts = new_ts;
    op = pid(sp,pv,pv_last,ierr,dt);
    ledcWrite(Q1Channel,op);
    pv_last = pv;
    dtostrf(cel, 1, 0, suhu1);
    client.publish("Suhu1",suhu1);
    dtostrf(sp, 1, 0, SetPoint);
    client.publish("SetPoint",SetPoint);
    dtostrf(op, 1, 0, Nilai_op);
    client.publish("Nilai_op",Nilai_op);
    delay (200);
    dtostrf(cel1, 1, 0, suhu2);
    client.publish("Suhu2",suhu2);
    delay (200);
  }
}

```



Figure 2. System testing using the PID-iTCLab

Next, the settings are made according to the created topic, on the MQTT IoT Panel. The selection of the panel used, and the settings that must be made on the MQTT IoT Panel, are shown

in Figures 3 and Figure 4. If the settings are appropriate, monitoring the temperature control results using PID via cellphone can be done. In this experiment, an example of the results of temperature monitoring using PID-iTCLab is shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6.

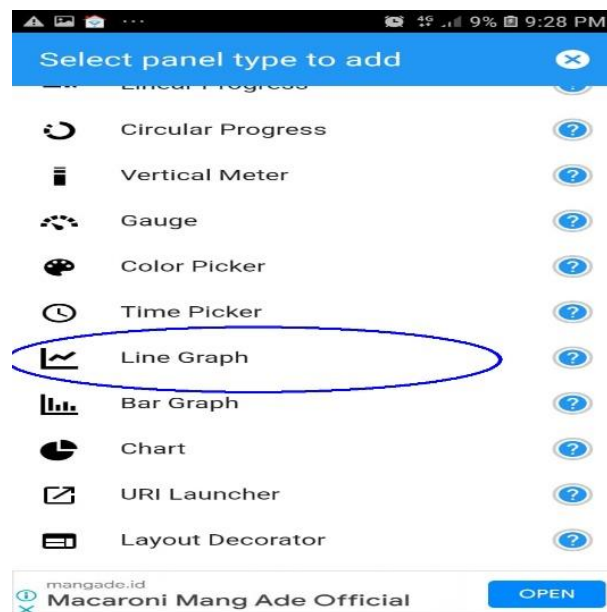


Figure 3. Panels used in IoT MQTT Panel

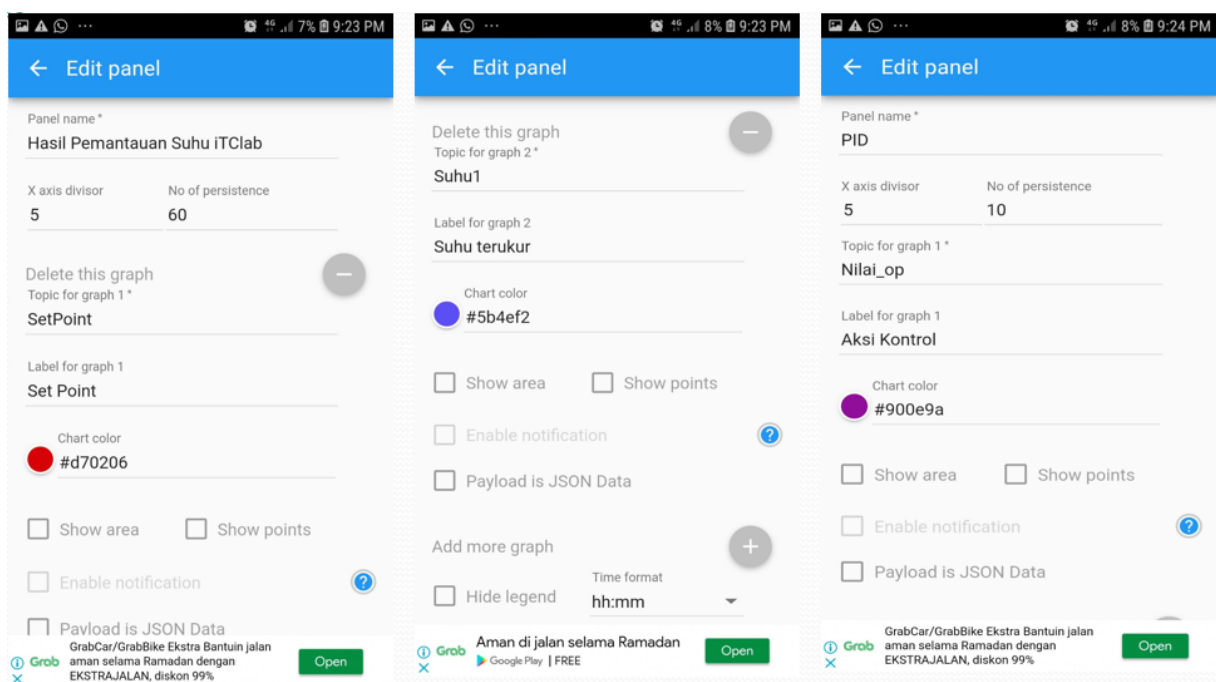


Figure 4. Setting Topics in IoT MQTT Panel



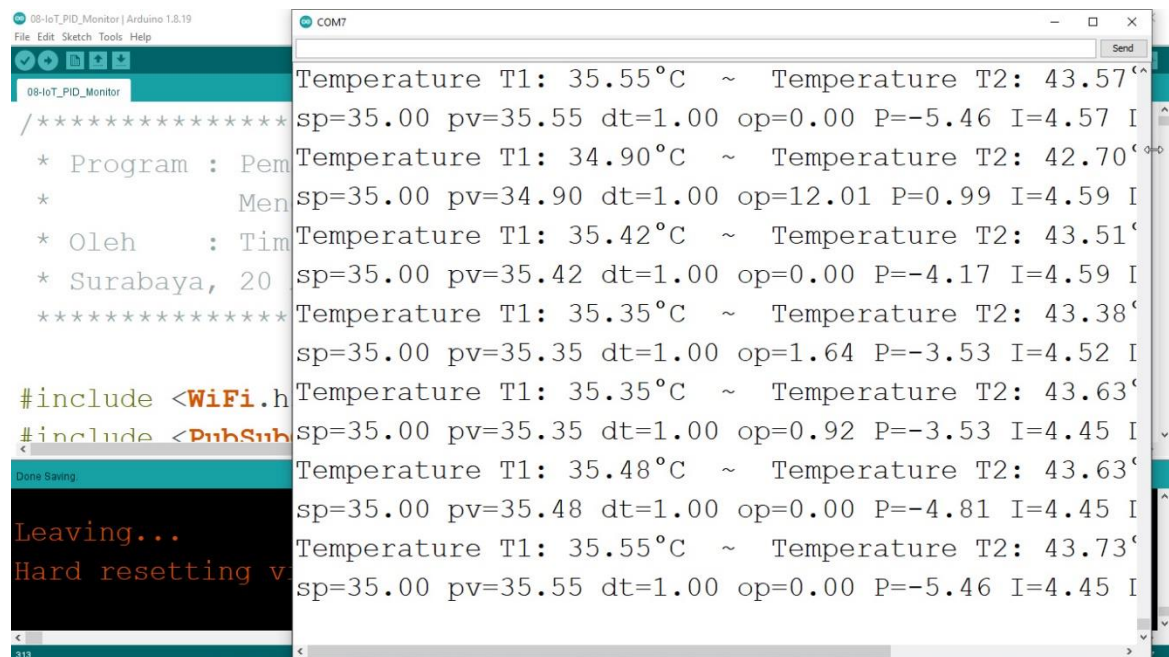


Figure 5. Experimental results on the Serial Monitor

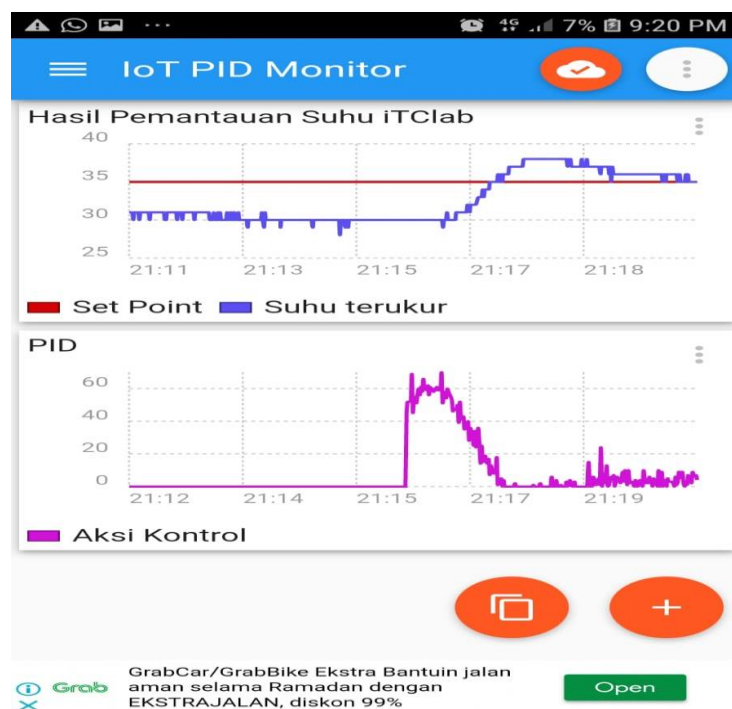


Figure 6. Experimental Results on the IoT MQTT Panel

From the experimental results in Figure 6, it can be seen that the MQTT IoT Panel has successfully connected to the MQTT Broker. This means that the temperature monitoring program uses the PID Controller and the settings on the iTCLab Kit are correct. The temperature sensor readings from sensor 1 and sensor 2 have also been successful. Seen from the readings a few degrees Celsius. Then the temperature observation of the PID control results through the IoT MQTT Panel, was carried out for some time. This test was also successful. Seen results of

temperature monitoring, results of PID control. It can be seen that the output temperature of the iTCLab Kit follows the set point value.

## Conclusion

From the experimental results, it can be shown that the iTCLab Kit can be used as a device for monitoring the temperature of the control process using a PID controller via the Internet of Things (IoT). Control results monitoring program with PID is created and embedded in the iTCLab Kit. Furthermore, management and settings for mobile monitoring and control are carried out using the MQTT IoT Panel. The experimental results show that the monitoring system has worked well. This is indicated by the results of temperature monitoring from the iTCLab Kit that can be carried out on a mobile basis as expected.

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