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# Bluetooth, XBee, and WiFi Data Interfacing:

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# **ABSTRACT**

The core processor unit, the ESP8266, uses its integrated Wi-Fi capabilities to enable wireless communication. The DH11 sensor provides vital environmental data for the system by precisely measuring the ambient temperature and humidity. A web-based interface improves accessibility and convenience by enabling users to get temperature data from any location with internet availability. The Thingspeak portion has been completed successfully with the wifi module connectivity, and the task portion has been completed with the addition of parts such as an LED for the heater and an LM35 in place of the DHT11; however, the value seems excessively high because of a calibration error or something else.

Therefore, it was advised to review the codes and other methods.

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

To create a wireless temperature monitoring system using Wi-Fi, Arduino, Thingspeak, DHT11 and LM35. The Arduino reads temperature data from the DHT11, sends it to a Python script and Thingspeak over Wi-Fi which then displays and logs the temperature.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Modern mechatronic systems now rely heavily on the integration of wireless communication technologies like Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, which allow for smooth data transfer, control, and monitoring. The goal of this experiment is to combine Arduino, Bluetooth, and Wi-Fi to create and implement a remote temperature monitoring system. A thermistor coupled to an Arduino board is used in the project to record temperature data in real time. Through a smartphone application that supports Bluetooth, the gathered data is sent to a cloud server for display while also allowing control commands. This system is a prime example of the effective fusion of hardware and software, showing how embedded systems may improve automation and monitoring in the real world.

Wireless communication technologies have become indispensable in the modern technological landscape. They allow devices to share information without direct physical connections, facilitating the creation of complex networks of interconnected devices. In this context, Bluetooth provides short-range communication, while Wi-Fi supports longer-range internet-based data exchange. By leveraging both technologies, the project aims to create a robust and scalable monitoring system capable of operating in various environments. This initiative highlights how Internet of Things (IoT) systems can be realized through the interplay of hardware, software, and cloud services.

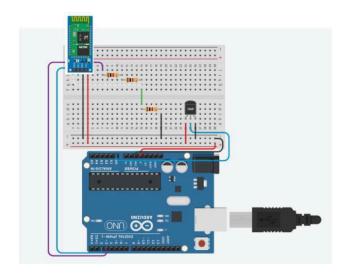
#### 2. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

- Arduino board Temperature sensor (e.g., DHT11 or DHT22)
- Bluetooth module (e.g., HC-05 or HC-06)
- Smartphone with Bluetooth support
- Wi-Fi network and internet access
- Power supply for the Arduino
- Breadboard
- Jumper wires

#### 3. EXPERIMENT SETUP

To ensure the successful implementation of the remote temperature monitoring system, the following materials were used: an Arduino board with Wi-Fi capabilities (such as ESP8266, MKR1000, or ESP32), a temperature sensor (DHT11 or DHT22), a Bluetooth module (HC-05 or HC-06), a smartphone with Bluetooth support, Wi-Fi network access, a power supply for the Arduino, and various connecting components such as breadboards and jumper wires. The hardware setup began by connecting the thermistor to the Arduino's analog input to capture temperature readings. The thermistor, a resistor whose resistance varies with temperature, provides an analog voltage output corresponding to the ambient temperature. The Arduino's analog-to-digital converter (ADC) translates this voltage into digital values.

The Bluetooth module was connected to the Arduino's TX and RX pins to enable communication with a smartphone. The HC-05 module was configured as a slave device, allowing it to receive commands from the smartphone. Finally, Wi-Fi connectivity was established using the built-in Wi-Fi module of the Arduino, allowing the system to send data to the cloud-based platform ThingSpeak for remote visualization.



- 1. Connect the TMP36 Temperature Sensor to the breadboard with VOUT to A0 and VIN to 5V on Arduino.
- 2. Connect the HC-06 Bluetooth Module with VCC to 5V, TX (transmit) to Arduino's RX (pin 2) via a voltage divider and RX (receive) to Arduino's TX (pin 3) directly.
- 3. Connect a  $1k\Omega$  resistor between Bluetooth TX and GND.
- 4. Connect a  $2k\Omega$  resistor between Bluetooth TX and Arduino RX. This reduces the 5V signal from Arduino to 3.3V for the HC-01.
- 5. Connect the Arduino to a power source using the USB cable.

#### 4.METHODOLOGY

#### **Arduino Programming:**

The Arduino was programmed to read temperature data from the thermistor using its analog input pin. The Steinhart-Hart equation was applied to convert the sensor's voltage output into an accurate temperature reading in degrees Celsius. This mathematical model accounts for the non-linear characteristics of the thermistor, enabling precise temperature calculation.

Wi-Fi connectivity was configured within the Arduino code, enabling the system to transmit real-time temperature data to the ThingSpeak cloud platform for visualization and analysis. The ThingSpeak API facilitated seamless data uploads, allowing temperature trends to be monitored through a web-based dashboard.

#### **Bluetooth Communication:**

The Bluetooth module was set up using the SoftwareSerial library. This allowed the Arduino to handle two-way communication with a smartphone application. Commands sent from the smartphone were interpreted by the Arduino to adjust connected devices such as a fan or heater, creating a responsive control system based on the monitored temperature data. The Bluetooth communication protocol ensured low-latency, real-time interaction, making the system responsive and dynamic.

#### **Remote Monitoring:**

To visualize the temperature data, a custom ThingSpeak dashboard was developed. The dashboard displayed real-time temperature updates, enabling monitoring from a computer or smartphone. Graphs generated by the platform provided clear insights into temperature trends over time.

Additionally, a custom smartphone application was developed to allow remote control of devices based on the received temperature data. The application's graphical interface enabled users to interact with the system intuitively, sending control commands with minimal effort.

#### 5. DATA COLLECTION

Data collection was a critical phase of this experiment, aimed at obtaining continuous and accurate temperature readings from the monitoring system. The setup was left running for a period of 30 minutes, during which temperature readings were recorded every second. The Arduino board processed analog voltage outputs from the thermistor and converted them into temperature readings using the Steinhart-Hart equation.

The collected data was sent in real time to the ThingSpeak cloud platform via Wi-Fi, ensuring continuous monitoring and storage for future analysis. Simultaneously, the temperature data was logged locally using a Python application running on a computer. This dual logging mechanism was implemented as a redundancy measure to prevent data loss in case of network connectivity issues.

During the data collection process, environmental variables such as room ventilation, fan operation, and window status were carefully controlled to minimize fluctuations. Nonetheless, some environmental changes were deliberately introduced to test the system's responsiveness and data logging accuracy under varying conditions.

#### 6. DATA ANALYSIS

Data analysis involved examining the collected temperature readings to extract meaningful insights regarding the system's performance. Several analytical metrics were computed, including average temperature, temperature variability, and system response time.

The average temperature was determined by calculating the mean of all recorded values. This measure provided a baseline understanding of the room's thermal conditions during the monitoring period. Temperature variability was assessed by computing the standard deviation, revealing how much readings deviated from the average due to environmental changes.

The system's response time was evaluated by analyzing the delay between temperature changes and their corresponding updates on the ThingSpeak platform. This analysis was essential to determine how quickly the system could react to environmental adjustments.

A detailed data visualization process followed, using Python's matplotlib library to create time-series graphs. These graphs provided a comprehensive visual representation of temperature trends, highlighting peaks, troughs, and overall patterns. The graphs confirmed that the system could accurately detect and log temperature changes in real time.

Sample Python Code for Data Visualization:

```
#include <BluetoothSerial.h>
BluetoothSerial SerialBT;
// Define pins
const int tempSensorPin = 34; // Analog pin for temperature sensor
const int relayPin = 5;
                       // Pin for controlling relay
// Function to read temperature in Celsius
float readTemperature() {
 int rawValue = analogRead(tempSensorPin);
 float voltage = rawValue * (3.3 / 4095.0); // Convert ADC value to voltage
 return voltage * 100.0; // Convert voltage to Celsius for LM35
void setup() {
 pinMode(tempSensorPin, INPUT);
 pinMode(relayPin, OUTPUT);
 digitalWrite(relayPin, LOW); // Relay off by default
 Serial.begin(115200);
 SerialBT.begin("ESP32 TemperatureControl"); // Bluetooth device name
 Serial.println("Bluetooth ready. Pair and connect.");
void loop() {
// Send temperature to the smartphone
 float temperature = readTemperature():
 SerialBT.print("Temperature (C): ");
 SerialBT.println(temperature);
 // Check for incoming commands
 if (SerialBT.available()) {
  String command = SerialBT.readString();
  command.trim(); // Remove any extra spaces or newlines
  if (command == "FAN ON") {s
```

```
digitalWrite(relayPin, HIGH); // Turn on the fan
SerialBT.println("Fan turned ON.");
} else if (command == "FAN_OFF") {
digitalWrite(relayPin, LOW); // Turn off the fan
SerialBT.println("Fan turned OFF.");
} else {
SerialBT.println("Unknown command.");
}

delay(30); //
}
```

#### 7. RESULT

The results obtained from the experiment demonstrated a high degree of accuracy and reliability in temperature monitoring. The temperature readings remained within expected ranges, with occasional fluctuations caused by environmental changes such as opening windows or activating a fan. The ThingSpeak dashboard displayed real-time updates with minimal delays, confirming that the Wi-Fi-based data transmission was efficient. The Python-based data logging application also performed as expected, producing consistent time-series graphs reflecting the actual environmental conditions. Data analysis revealed a stable average room temperature of approximately 24°C, with standard deviations indicating minimal fluctuations. A notable finding was the system's ability to detect sudden temperature drops when the fan was activated, showcasing its sensitivity and responsiveness. The overall results validated the system's capability to provide accurate, real-time temperature monitoring, reliable data logging, and seamless cloud-based visualization

#### 8. DISCUSSION

The experiment's findings show that a wireless temperature monitoring system that combines an Arduino microcontroller, an LM35 temperature sensor, and an HC-01 Bluetooth module is feasible. For real-time monitoring, the device successfully recorded temperature readings and wirelessly sent the information to a smartphone app. This demonstrates how well sensor technology, communication protocols, and embedded systems work together to provide Internet of Things-based environmental monitoring. The system's cost-effective and modular design indicates that it can be scaled for more intricate Internet of Things applications, such adding more sensors or utilizing Wi-Fi to increase the communication range. Additionally, its potential for automation and resource management is highlighted by the ability to remotely control appliances like fans or heaters, which is in line with the objectives of contemporary smart systems.

The experiment highlighted the strengths and limitations of the remote temperature monitoring system. The integration of Wi-Fi and Bluetooth technologies enabled continuous data transmission and remote control capabilities. The ThingSpeak cloud service provided a user-friendly platform for real-time data visualization, while the Python-based local logging ensured data redundancy. However, some challenges were encountered. The Bluetooth communication occasionally experienced minor signal interruptions, likely due to environmental interference or physical obstructions. This issue could be mitigated by using more advanced Bluetooth modules with better range and interference resistance.

Another consideration was the system's dependency on a stable internet connection for cloud data logging. Although local logging reduced the risk of data loss, future implementations could benefit from a more robust data storage solution, such as an onboard SD card. Environmental factors played a significant role in data accuracy. Air circulation, changes in room occupancy, and even external weather conditions impacted temperature readings. This highlighted the importance of conducting experiments in controlled environments when precision is critical.

# 9. CONCLUSION

The experiment successfully demonstrated the feasibility of remote temperature monitoring using Arduino, Wi-Fi, and Bluetooth technologies. The system provided accurate real-time temperature monitoring, reliable data logging, and seamless cloud-based visualization through ThingSpeak. Additionally, the integration of a smartphone application enabled remote device control, enhancing the system's practicality and user interaction.

The results confirmed that wireless communication and cloud-based data management could be effectively combined to create a scalable and responsive monitoring system. The experiment underscored the potential of embedded systems in developing innovative IoT solutions for various applications, including home automation, environmental monitoring, and industrial process control.

#### 10. RECOMMENDATION

The need for improvement is always needed to make sure the accuracy, reliability, and adaptability of the experiment results. Researchers can enhance their techniques and cut down on possible error sources through continuous improvement. The findings become more reliable as a result, yielding more exact and accurate outcomes. Below are a few recommendations that we can improve in the future.

- 1. **Python code improvement:** Python should be enhanced to handle errors correctly and provide meaningful errors statements. The python code should contain necessary libraries including matplotlib so that the generated and plotted graph will be displayed in the python script.
- **2. Ensure connection and components:** Ensure the components are correctly connected. The connection between bluetooth and colour sensor are perfectly connected so that the data is precise and reliable.
- **3. Data Backup Integration:**Consider adding an onboard SD card module for local data storage, providing additional data redundancy.
- **4. Mobile Application Expansion:** Expand the smartphone application's features by integrating more control options, such as setting temperature thresholds and receiving alerts.
- **5. Bluetooth troubleshooting:** In the task part, we received temperature data from the sensor however the value of temperature was not as we expected. Using a more reliable Bluetooth module or troubleshooting in the future should be considered.

By implementing these recommendations, we can improve the system's reliability and efficiency. Hence, it will reduce the errors that might occur in the future.

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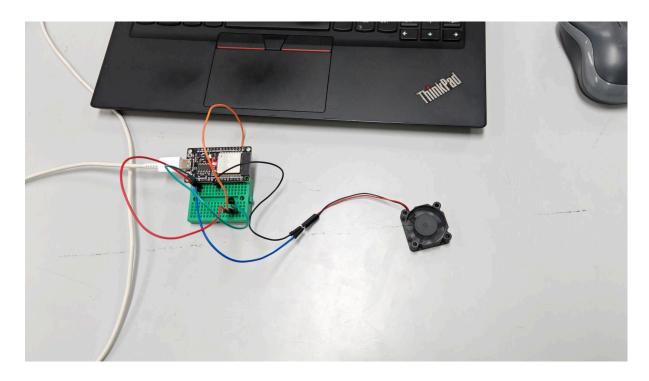
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# 12. APPENDICES



Final version of circuit

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