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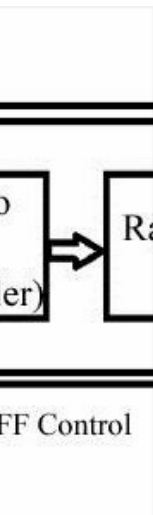
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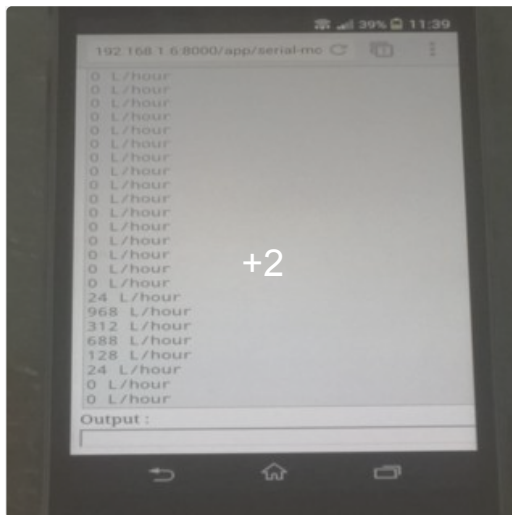
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Flow meter sensor



Solenoid Electro-valve



Liquid Flow Monitoring using
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RASPBERRY PI BASED LIQUID FLOW MONITORING AND CONTROL

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Abstract

There will be many big pipelines carrying various types of liquids, including the flammable liquids. It is necessary to control the flow rate of the liquid for enhancing the processes and to prevent the accidents. A methodology to monitor and control the liquid flow in the pipeline of industries through web server is available, but this is about to monitor and control the flow of liquid using Internet with the help of a server. In this paper, the flow rate of the liquid is measured by Hall Effect sensor based flow meter. Arduino, a microcontroller, receives the pulses from the flow meter and sends it to Raspberry pi, a microcomputer to control the electro-valve in the pipeline. Server was setup by means of Raspberry pi..

Keywords: Arduino, Raspberry pi, Flow meter, Hall Effect sensor, electro valve.

INTRODUCTION

The flow of liquids is a critical need in many applications. In some operations, the ability to conduct accurate flow measurements is so important that it can make the difference between making a profit or taking a loss. Inaccurate flow measurements or failure to take measurements can cause serious or even disastrous results. In liquid flow measurement instruments, the flow is determined inferentially by measuring the liquid's change in kinetic energy. Velocity depends on the differential that is forcing the liquid through the conduit. Because the pipe's cross-sectional area remains constant, the average velocity is an indicator of the flow rate.

It is important to know what a flow meter can do as well as what it cannot do. Each type has both advantages and disadvantages. Technological improvements of flow meter technology are being considered. It is always considered about the accuracy of the flow meter. The satisfaction received with the flow meter depends on the care used in selecting and installing it. Mistakes when installing the device is common. A flow meter has some tolerance to variable velocity in the pipe. Without it accuracy and performance are not correct. The biggest problem is with metering. It may not be clearly understood that is they may not have the right parameters. Regularly the meters have to be calibrated. The flow meters require initial calibration. The accuracy depends on how well the meter fits the application. There are number of factors influence the accuracy of flow requirements and the life expectancy of flow meter. A major factor is matching the right instrument to the application. There are many other flow meters available in different places. They are monitored using the wired

computer systems. The person can notice the flow in the computer system and using the software to monitor the flow. So that for monitoring the flow needs an individual computer. The person can see the flow when he was not in the place. The proposed system helps to monitor and control the liquid through internet by mobile or computer.

2. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system to monitor the flow rate consists of electro-valve, flow meter, microcomputer and web server. The block diagram of the system is shown in the fig.1. To measure the flow of liquid, Hall Effect sensor based flow meter and Raspberry Pi will act as a microcomputer respectively. The electro-valve is connected to the pipeline in which the flow is to be monitored. The electro valve is connected with the flow sensor. The flow sensor measures the flow rate and sends an analog pulse. The flow sensor/ flow meter is connected to arduino in order to read the pulses from the sensor. arduino reads the analog pulse from the sensor and sends the signal to the raspberry pi. The raspberry pi acts as a microcomputer component to control the electro valve. The electro valve is electrically connected to the raspberry pi. The raspberry pi is programmed to read the arduino signal and sends the signal to the electro valve. The raspberry Pi is also programmed to act as a Web server by which the electro valve can be controlled through the LAN (Local Area Network), or the Internet. Arduino is responsible for collecting the data from the flow meter and sends it to the raspberry pi. The raspberry pi is interfaced with Arduino directly.

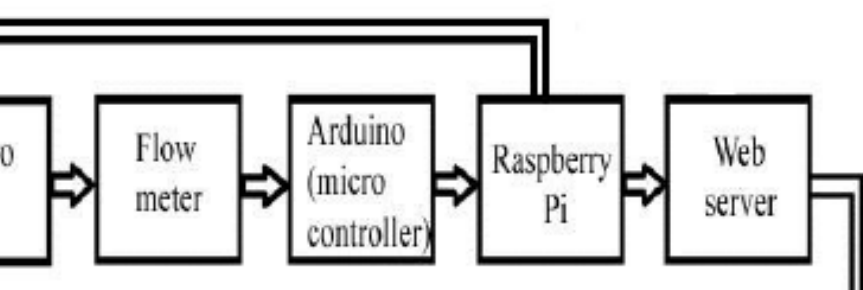


diagram of the proposed system to control the flow of liquid.

er works on the principle of Hall Effect sensor. A Hall Effect sensor is a transducer whose output voltage is in response to a magnetic field. As the liquid flows through the flow meter, Hall Effect sensor senses the liquid flow and sends the corresponding data to Arduino through a serial port. The next part involves the uploading of data received from the Arduino to Raspberry Pi. Raspberry Pi is a microcomputer which is of light weight and runs on Linux Operating System capable of handling various hardware interfaces. Arduino is directly connected to the Raspberry Pi via a Serial Bus port that is available in Raspberry Pi. Python is used as a primary coding language by the Raspberry Pi to receive the data from the serial port and to connect to the server and also running the server. The flow of liquid can be controlled by electro valve through the Raspberry Pi through the internet. Raspberry Pi controls the hardware using the GPIO pins (General Purpose Input/output pins) it has. The electro-valve is connected to the GPIO pins and is accessed through the Raspberry Pi. The GPIO pins in Raspberry Pi are capable of controlling the electro-valve. The electro-valve is a solenoid valve. This valve will interrupt the liquid flow until 12V power is applied. The power supply to the solenoid valve is provided by the GPIO pins from Raspberry Pi and controls the flow of liquid to the server.

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Components used in the proposed have been listed below.

Elect Flow Sensor

The flow of liquid is measured with the help of Hall Effect type flow meter. Hall Effect type flow sensor is shown in fig.2. A Hall Effect sensor is a transducer that produces an output voltage in response to a magnetic field. The flow meter works on the principle of the production of a voltage difference across a conductor, transverse to an electric current in the conductor and a magnetic field perpendicular to the current. Hall Effect sensors are used for proximity switching, speed detection, and current sensing. The flow meter is capable of measuring 1-30 L/min. It can withstand the pressure of water less than 2.0 Mpa. The flow sensor is connected to a microcontroller. It senses the flow of liquid in the pipe and sends the corresponding analog signal to Arduino.



Fig-2: Flow meter sensor

3.2 Solenoid Electro-valve

A solenoid valve is an electromechanical valve. The valve is controlled by an electric solenoid. Raspberry Pi controls the opening and closing of the valve. The picture of the electro-valve that controls the flow of liquid is shown in fig.3. The operating voltage of the electro-valve is 12V. The solenoid valve has a minimum pressure of around 3 psi and allows the flow of liquid, and it needs enough pressure to interrupt the flow until 12V is applied to the solenoid connectors on the solenoid.



Fig-3: Solenoid Electro-valve

The electro valve is connected to the Raspberry Pi. The valve is connected to the electric solenoid. When the valve is energized, it opens or closes. When the OPEN switch is activated, the valve is energized and lets the liquid to flow. When the switch is pressed, the valve gets energized and it gets closed and does not allow flow.

3.3 Arduino

Arduino is a single board micro controller used for the application of interactive objects or systems. There are many types of Arduino boards. The ARDUINO UNO REV3 model is shown in fig.4. The Arduino Uno is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega328P. It has 14 digital input/output pins (of which 6 can be used as PWM output pins), a 16 MHz ceramic resonator, a USB connector,

er, and a reset button. It contains everything to support the micro controller; simply connect it to a PC with a USB cable or power it with an AC-to-DC power supply to get started.

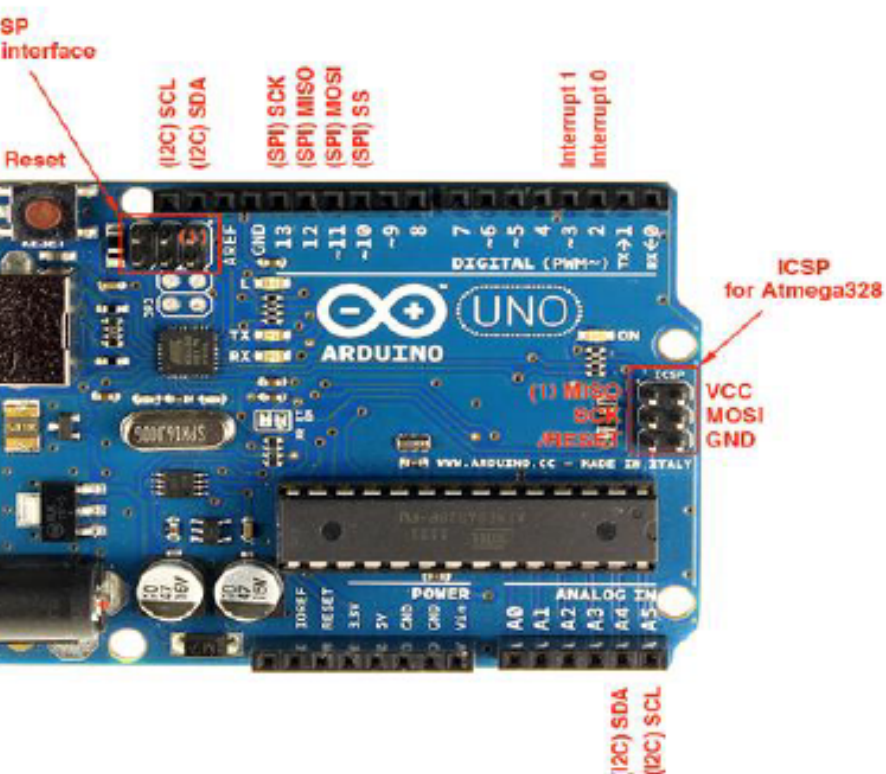


Fig-4: Arduino board

program Arduino, arduino IDE (i.e.) arduino IDE software platform is installed in a Windows PC. The program is written in the arduino IDE and then uploaded to the Arduino board with the help of a serial cable Universal Serial Interface (USB) connected to the PC. The Arduino will read the data from the flow meter and convert it as it is programmed. The data is received from the flow meter in the form of analog pulses which are converted to digital pulses by Arduino so that the PC can read it.

Raspberry Pi

Raspberry Pi is a credit card sized single board computer capable of doing the entire job that an average desktop computer does. Like spreadsheets, word processing, programming, Games etc. It consists of 512MB RAM, 700MHz Processor, 2 USB and an ethernet port, 4 ports for display, 3.5mm Audio jack, SD card slot, General purpose I/O pins, runs on 5V. The prototype model is shown in fig.5.

the help of transistor and relay so that the system can switch off it whenever needed.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The prototype model to control the flow rate of water is shown in fig.6. Water is used as the medium in the setup.

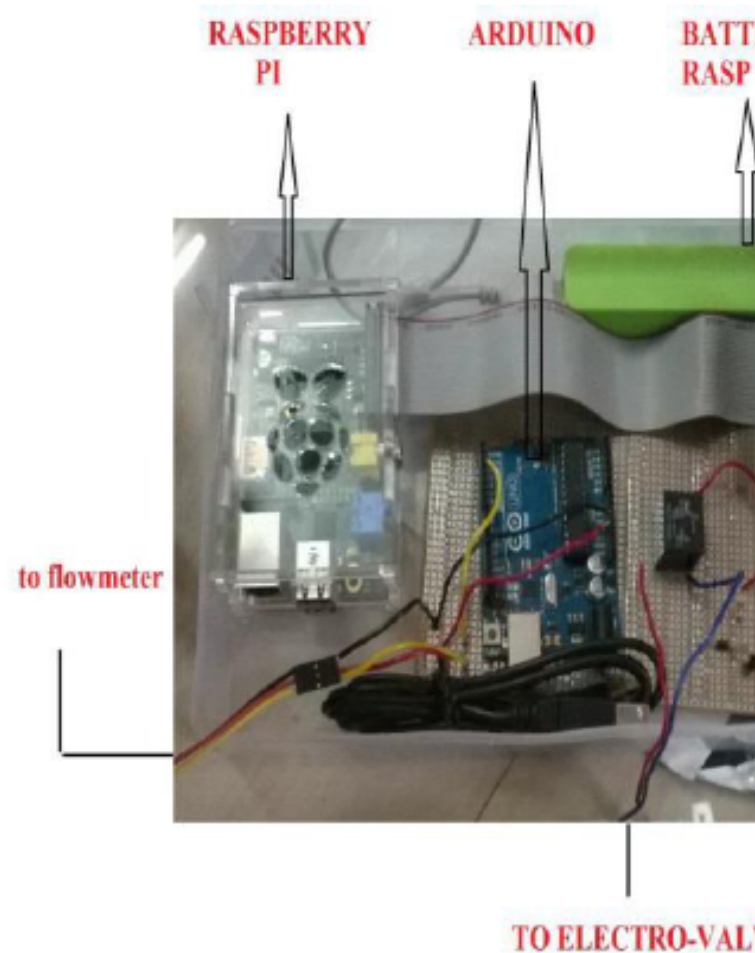


Fig-6: Prototype Model

Snapshot of the water flow setup. According to the flow meter sensor's data, the flow rate was 321 L/hour, 321 L/hour, 278 L/hour, 345 L/hour. The flow was very slow. But even when the flow rate was very slow, there were some readings like 20 L/hour indicating zero error. All the components were checked carefully. It was found to be loose connections on the interrupt pins in Arduino, sending blank data to the PC port and has been rectified. Now the system is checked again and the water flow is smooth. There is no error and the data it shows

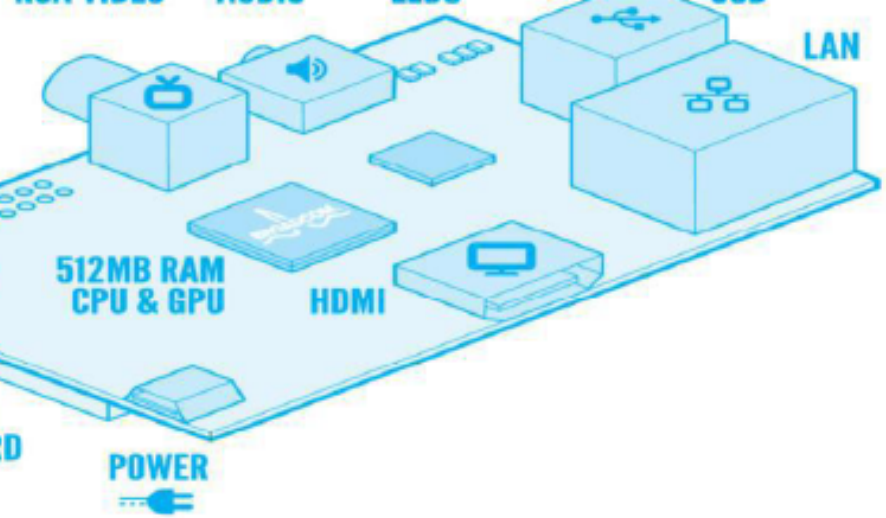


Fig.5: Rasperry Pi model

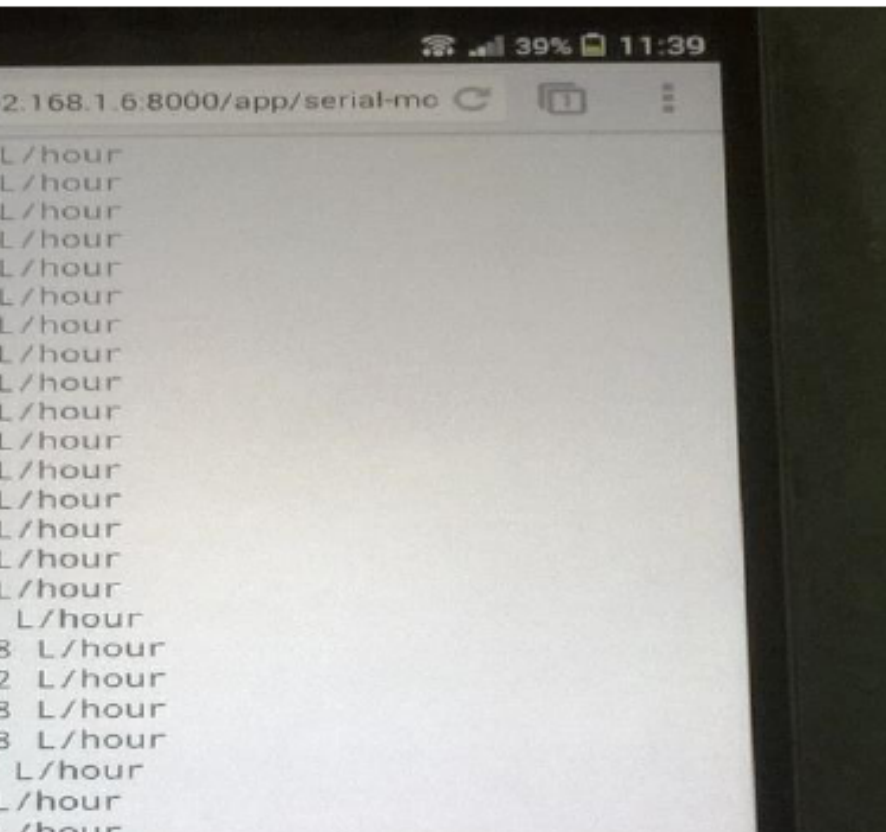
runs on Linux kernel based operating systems. It runs from the SD card. It does not have any memory other than the ROM. It has an SD card slot capable of reading up to 32 GB. The GPIO pins of the Raspberry Pi are programmed using Python programming. An Electro-valve is connected to GPIO pins with

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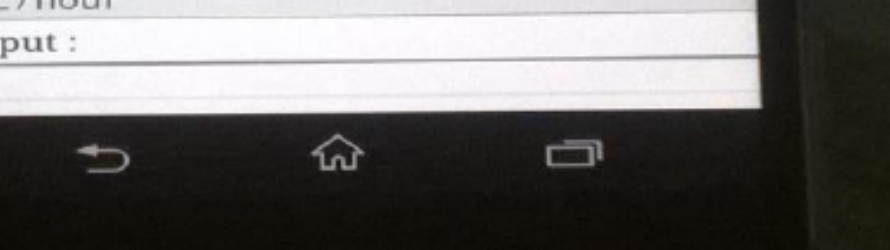


Fig-7: Snapshot of Water flow

shows the monitoring of the liquid flow through the system. The electro-valve needs minimum of 12V. Initially, the electro-valve was connected to a low pressure tank, when triggered it does not work. A small tank that we used for flow meter did not work. An overhead tank has been used. After doing the necessary connections, the electro-valve was triggered and it



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Liquid Flow Monitoring using Smart phone

Open the server in any browser the IP (internet address) of the server needs to be known. The system is designed using Java script, so whatever the device used, it must be installed with Java plugin or else it will not be displayed properly. For security reasons, a username and password are provided for the user to access the data, to enter the website. When the web page is loaded, there will be two options: Flow data and Control. The user shall select the option to be displayed.

CONCLUSION

Liquid flow can be monitored and controlled from anywhere in the world using the internet through a personal Smartphone. The system has been tested for monitoring liquid successfully. The work can be extended to liquids that are used in various industries with considerations of parameters like pressure, temperature, corrosion, etc with appropriate use of flow sensors and electro-valves.

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