

IOT PROJECT REPORT



SMART HOME AUTOMATION SYSTEM

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1. ABSTRACT

In our modern world, automation is everywhere, from big industries to small businesses, and even our homes. Smart home automation provides comfortability, efficiency, and control over home devices. This research demonstrates a system that applies Bluetooth (BLE) protocol to connect your home devices. In our research, a smart energy efficient home automation system is proposed that can access and control the home equipment's from your room. The system integrates multiple sensors like Infrared and Passive Infrared (PIR) sensors, along with servo motor and a 4-channel relay which provides features such as automated door control and motion detection, which thereby reduces energy consumption. For this system, Arduino module is attached to the main supply unit of the home system which can be accessed through the Android application on smartphone that integrates speech recognition using Google Assistant. Thus, our research aims to develop a simple and effective approach towards home automation systems.

2. INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-paced world, homeowners seek convenience, efficiency, and control over their living spaces. A smart home automation system offers a solution by integrating technology to enhance comfort, and security. This project outlines the development of a comprehensive smart home automation system that caters to the diverse needs and preferences of homeowners.

The increasing demand for smart home solutions reflects the growing desire for seamless integration of technology into daily life. Homeowners seek a system that not only automates tasks but also provides insights, control, and peace of mind. This project aims to address these needs by developing a smart home automation system that prioritizes user experience and functionality.

3. METHODOLOGY

Smart home automation systems have gained popularity for their ability to provide convenience, enhance efficiency, and potentially reduce energy consumption [1]. These systems offer users the ability to monitor and control various aspects of their homes through a network-based controllable system [1]. By integrating hardware components, configuring software protocols, and validating system feasibility through prototype testing, users can create efficient and reliable smart home solutions tailored to their needs.

i. Research and Requirement Gathering

Conducted thorough research on IoT-based smart home automation systems, focusing on interoperability, security, and user experience. Analysed existing solutions and identify areas for improvement based on user feedback and market trends.

ii. Design and Prototyping

Designed the system architecture using IoT principles, with a central controller (Arduino Uno) connecting various sensors and actuators. Prototypes of the smart home automation system were created, incorporating IoT-enabled devices such as the Bluetooth HC-05 module, IR motion sensor, and servo motor. Utilization of user-friendly design principles to develop intuitive interfaces for controlling and monitoring the smart home devices.

iii. *Implementation Details*

Developed a software code to interface with sensors and actuators, utilizing IoT protocols like MQTT or CoAP for communication. Integration of the Bluetooth HC-05 module for wireless connectivity between devices and the central controller. Logic was implemented for sensor data processing, threshold-based control, and real-time monitoring of home automation functions.

iv. *Testing and Validation*

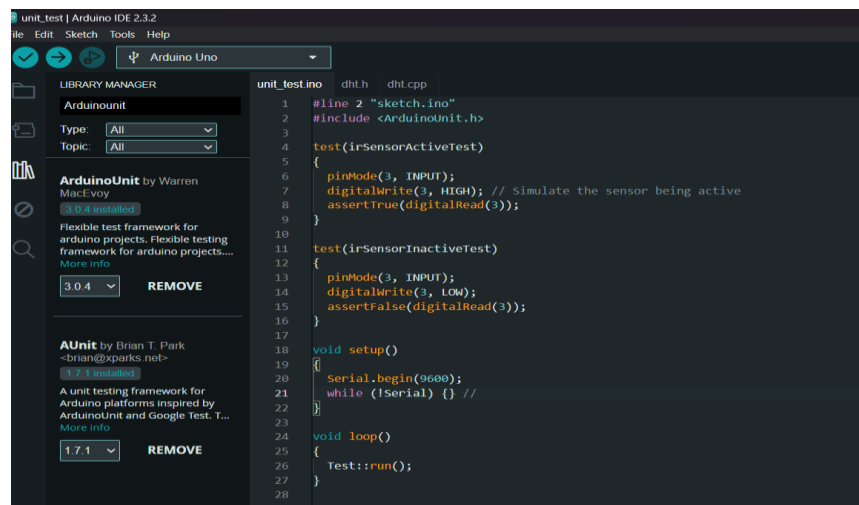
Comprehensive testing was conducted for smart home automation system to ensure functionality, reliability, and security. Unit test cases were written to test sensor calibration and threshold settings to ensure accurate readings and proper triggering of actions. Validate interoperability between IoT devices and compatibility with third-party platforms or services.

a. *Unit Test Cases:*

Infrared Sensor:

We define a function `readIrSensor ()` to read the state of the infrared sensor.

We write two test cases: one to test when the sensor is active (output is HIGH) and one to test when the sensor is inactive output is LOW).



```
unit_test.ino
1 #line 2 "sketch.ino"
2 #include <ArduinoUnit.h>
3
4 test(irSensorActiveTest)
5 {
6   pinMode(3, INPUT);
7   digitalWrite(3, HIGH); // Simulate the sensor being active
8   assertTrue(digitalRead(3));
9 }
10
11 test(irSensorInactiveTest)
12 {
13   pinMode(3, INPUT);
14   digitalWrite(3, LOW);
15   assertFalse(digitalRead(3));
16 }
17
18 void setup()
19 {
20   Serial.begin(9600);
21   while (!Serial) {} //
22 }
23
24 void loop()
25 {
26   Test::run();
27 }
28
```

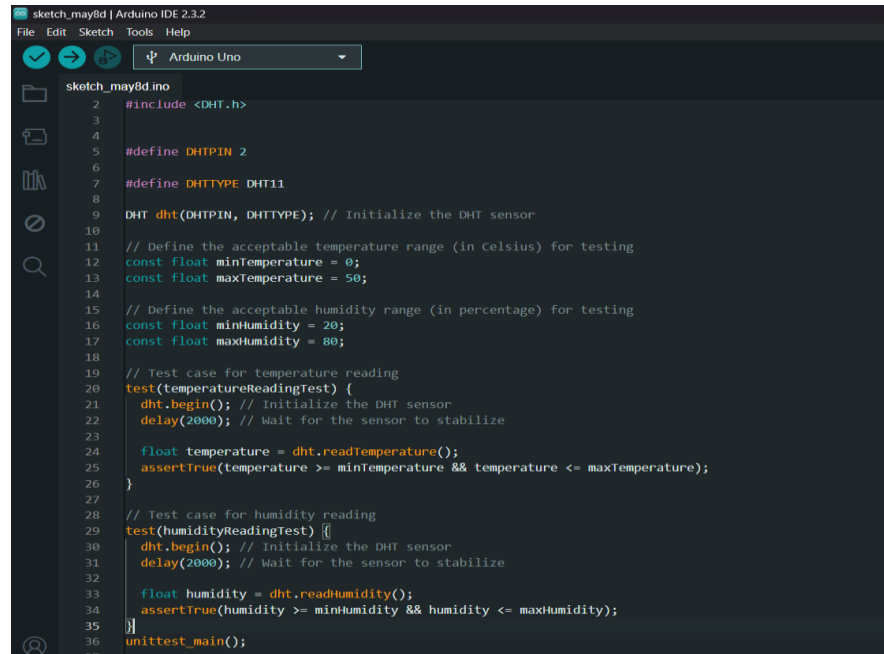
Figure 1 Test Case

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Test summary: 1 passed, 1 failed, 0 skipped, out of 2 test(s).
Assertion passed: (digitalRead(3)=1) == (false=0), file sketch.ino, line 15.
Test irSensorInactiveTest failed
Test summary: 1 passed, 1 failed, 0 skipped, out of 2 test(s).
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Figure 2 Output.

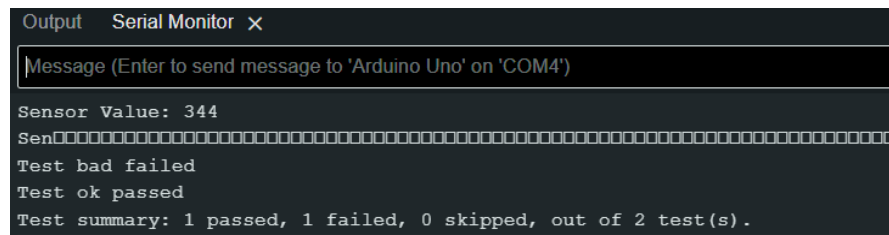
Humidity and Temperature dht11:

We define the acceptable ranges for temperature and humidity readings. We use hypothetical functions 'readTemperature()' and 'readHumidity' from the Dht11 library.



```
sketch_may8d.ino
2  #include <DHT.h>
3
4
5  #define DHTPIN 2
6
7  #define DHTTYPE DHT11
8
9  DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE); // Initialize the DHT sensor
10
11 // Define the acceptable temperature range (in Celsius) for testing
12 const float minTemperature = 0;
13 const float maxTemperature = 50;
14
15 // Define the acceptable humidity range (in percentage) for testing
16 const float minHumidity = 20;
17 const float maxHumidity = 80;
18
19 // Test case for temperature reading
20 test(temperatureReadingTest) {
21   dht.begin(); // Initialize the DHT sensor
22   delay(2000); // Wait for the sensor to stabilize
23
24   float temperature = dht.readTemperature();
25   assertTrue(temperature >= minTemperature && temperature <= maxTemperature);
26 }
27
28 // Test case for humidity reading
29 test(humidityReadingTest) {
30   dht.begin(); // Initialize the DHT sensor
31   delay(2000); // Wait for the sensor to stabilize
32
33   float humidity = dht.readHumidity();
34   assertTrue(humidity >= minHumidity && humidity <= maxHumidity);
35 }
36 unittest_main();
```

Figure 3 Test Case



```
Output Serial Monitor x
Message (Enter to send message to 'Arduino Uno' on 'COM4')

Sensor Value: 344
Sen
Test bad failed
Test ok passed
Test summary: 1 passed, 1 failed, 0 skipped, out of 2 test(s).
```

Figure 4 Output.

v. *Software Development*

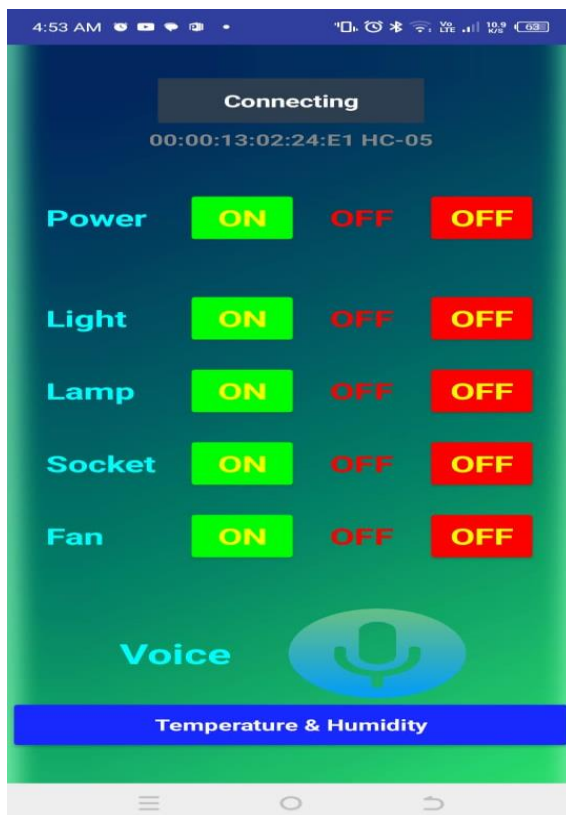
Code constructed to control various home automation devices based on sensor readings and user inputs. For example, turn on/off lights.

Developed code to establish communication between the central controller (e.g., Arduino) and peripheral devices using Bluetooth protocol. Designed and developed a user interface (UI) for controlling and monitoring the home automation system. We created a mobile app using MIT App inventor. Implemented voice control functionality using platforms like Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant. Relevant code to interpret voice commands and execute corresponding actions.

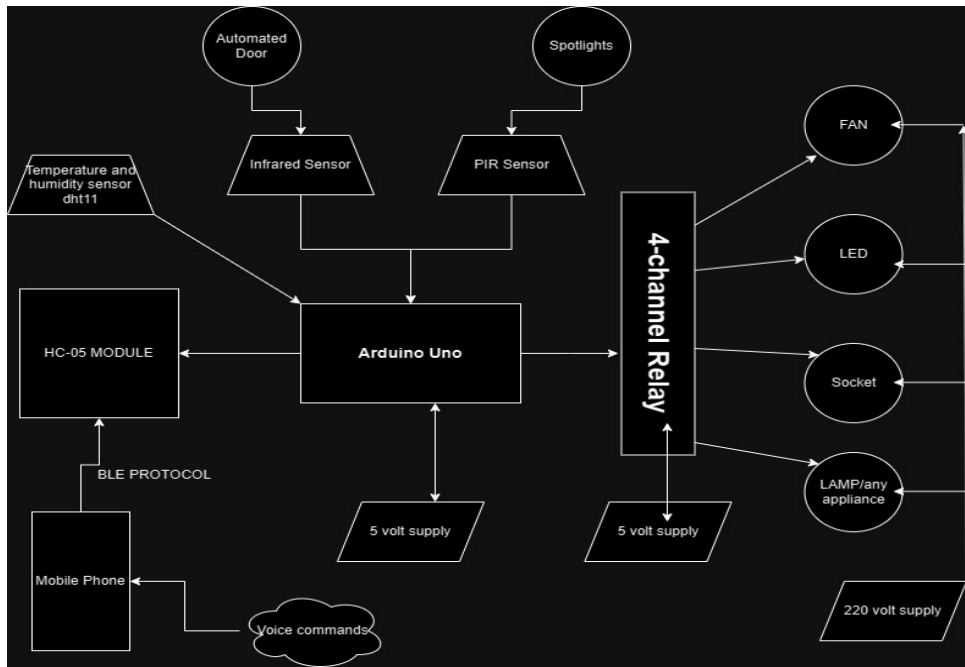
a. Start Screen



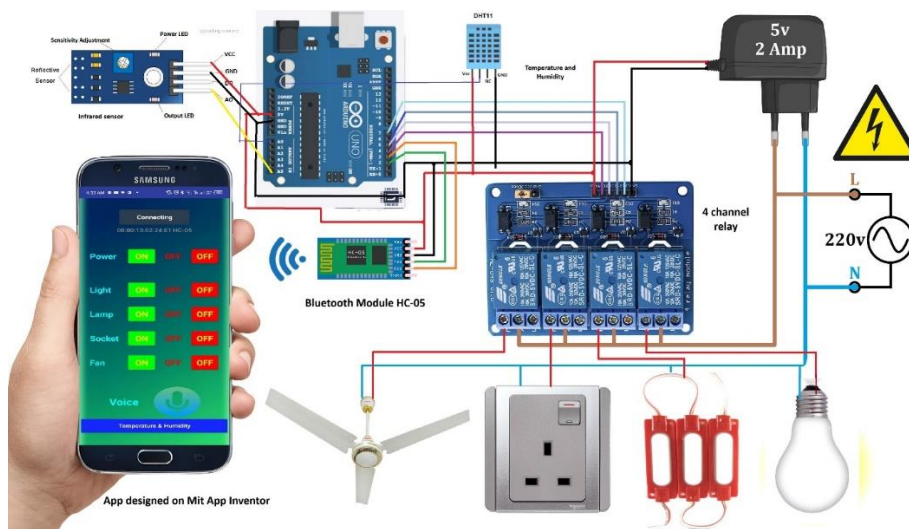
b. Main Screen (control screen)



vi. *Block Diagram*



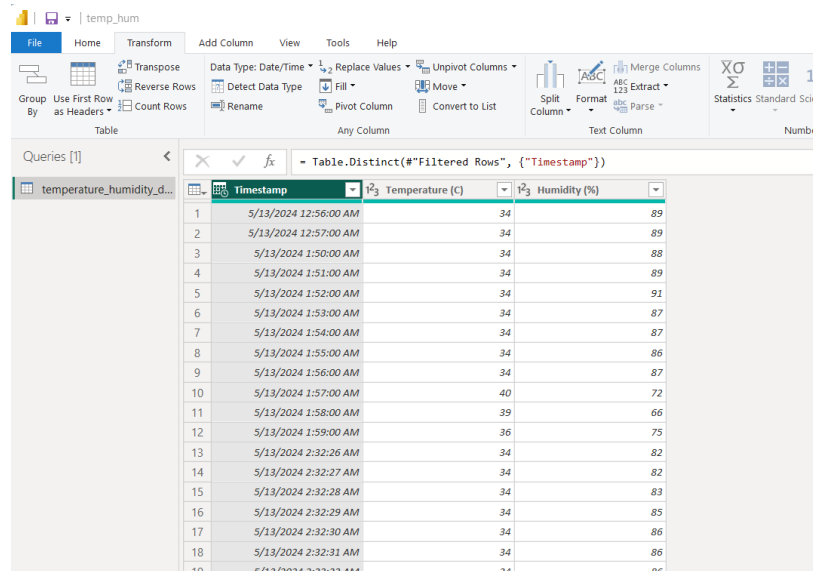
vii. *Circuit Diagram*



viii. *Data transmission and Visualization*

Upon gathering sensor data from the smart home automation system, implemented a mechanism to store this data into .csv (Comma Separated Values) file.

Utilized Power BI, a powerful business analytics tool by Microsoft, for visualizing the collected sensor data from the .csv files.



| | Timestamp | Temperature (C) | Humidity (%) |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | 5/13/2024 12:56:00 AM | 34 | 89 |
| 2 | 5/13/2024 12:57:00 AM | 34 | 89 |
| 3 | 5/13/2024 1:50:00 AM | 34 | 88 |
| 4 | 5/13/2024 1:51:00 AM | 34 | 89 |
| 5 | 5/13/2024 1:52:00 AM | 34 | 91 |
| 6 | 5/13/2024 1:53:00 AM | 34 | 87 |
| 7 | 5/13/2024 1:54:00 AM | 34 | 87 |
| 8 | 5/13/2024 1:55:00 AM | 34 | 86 |
| 9 | 5/13/2024 1:56:00 AM | 34 | 87 |
| 10 | 5/13/2024 1:57:00 AM | 40 | 72 |
| 11 | 5/13/2024 1:58:00 AM | 39 | 66 |
| 12 | 5/13/2024 1:59:00 AM | 36 | 75 |
| 13 | 5/13/2024 2:32:26 AM | 34 | 82 |
| 14 | 5/13/2024 2:32:27 AM | 34 | 82 |
| 15 | 5/13/2024 2:32:28 AM | 34 | 83 |
| 16 | 5/13/2024 2:32:29 AM | 34 | 85 |
| 17 | 5/13/2024 2:32:30 AM | 34 | 86 |
| 18 | 5/13/2024 2:32:31 AM | 34 | 86 |

Figure 5 CSV file.

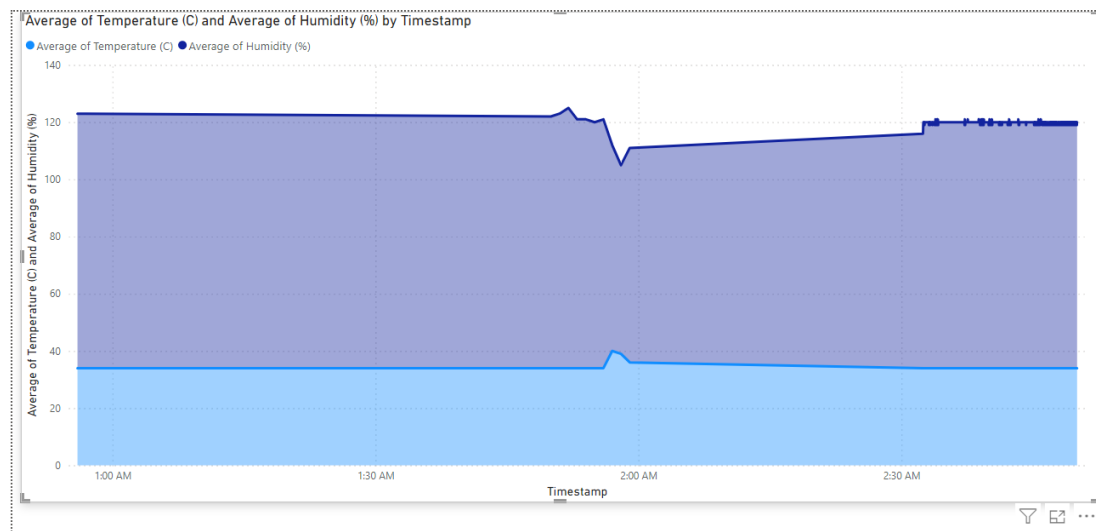


Figure 6 Area Chart on Power Bi

In summary, setting up a home automation system involves integrating hardware components, configuring software protocols such as MQTT, and validating system feasibility through prototype testing. By following a structured approach guided by insights from various sources, users can create efficient and reliable smart home solutions tailored to their needs.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The smart home automation system, incorporating a diverse array of sensors including motion, temperature, and infrared sensors, alongside actuators such as LED bulbs and an exhaust fan, showcased significant advancements in modernizing residential living environments. The integration of Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology, alongside a comprehensive array of sensors and actuators, has propelled the smart home automation system to the forefront of modern residential living. By harnessing the power of BLE connectivity and leveraging a range of hardware components, including the Bluetooth HC-05 module and Arduino Uno microcontroller, the system has achieved remarkable advancements in enhancing home management and convenience.

Through seamless communication between the BLE-enabled mobile application, developed using MIT App Inventor, and the smart home system, users can effortlessly control and monitor various aspects of their living environment. The integration of motion, temperature, and infrared sensors enables the system to intelligently respond to changes in the home environment, promoting energy efficiency and comfort. For instance, the motion sensors facilitate automatic activation and deactivation of lighting systems, optimizing energy usage while providing occupants with convenience and security.

With its user-friendly interface and intuitive functionalities, the smart home automation system has the potential to revolutionize traditional home management practices, ushering in a new era of connected and sustainable living. By leveraging BLE technology and a robust hardware infrastructure, the system exemplifies the future of residential automation, offering homeowners unprecedented control, comfort, and peace of mind.

5. CHALLENGES AND FUTURE WORK

In our smart home automation project, several challenges were encountered, primarily related to hardware selection, integration, and resource constraints. The following highlights the challenges faced and outlines potential areas for future improvement and development.

i. Hardware Sensitivity and Reliability

The sensitivity and reliability of hardware components posed significant challenges in the smart home automation system.

Issues such as component failures, compatibility issues, and intermittent connectivity impacted the system's performance and reliability.

ii. Limited Resources and Budget Constraints

The project faced limitations in terms of resources and budget constraints, which affected the procurement of quality components and equipment. Future projects should explore strategies to

optimize resource allocation, seek alternative funding sources, or leverage partnerships with industry stakeholders to mitigate budget constraints.

iii. *Frequent Replacements and Adjustments*

Due to hardware sensitivity and reliability issues, frequent replacements and adjustments were necessary, disrupting control functionalities. The need for constant maintenance and troubleshooting detracted from the project's efficiency and effectiveness.

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iv. *Future Directions and Recommended Work*

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