PROJECT REPORT

IoT-Based Automated Egg Incubator with Active Cooling

Course: ICT Semester Project

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1. Introduction

In poultry incubation, overheating is often more lethal to embryos than slight underheating. This project implements an intelligent climate control system using the **ESP32 microcontroller**. Unlike standard incubators, this system features an **active cooling intervention** where a fan is triggered specifically when the temperature exceeds the critical threshold of 37.8°C.

2. System Architecture

The system is divided into three functional layers:

1. **Sensing Layer:** The DHT sensor monitors real-time temperature and humidity.[2]
2. **Control Layer:** The ESP32 processes sensor data and executes logic.[3]
3. **Actuation Layer:** * **Heating:** A light bulb (via Relay) provides warmth.[4] ○
   Cooling: A DC fan (via Relay/Transistor) activates to exhaust excess heat.

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3. Control Logic & Methodology

The project utilizes a "Dual-Threshold" logic system to maintain the ideal environment. The ESP32 follows the flowchart logic below:

Condition	State	Action
Temp < 37.0°C	Under-te	Bulb **ON**, Fan **OFF**
Temp 37.0°C - 37.	Optimal	Bulb **OFF**, Fan **OFF** (Stable)
Temp 37.8°C	Over-tem	Bulb **OFF**, **Fan ON** (Active Cooling)

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4. Hardware Implementation

- **ESP32 Microcontroller:** Chosen for its high processing speed and ability to be upgraded for IoT cloud monitoring.
- **DHT Series Sensor:** Provides digital signals, reducing noise compared to analog sensors.[5]
- **Relay Module:** Acts as the bridge between the low-power ESP32 and the high-power AC light bulb.
- **DC Fan:** Positioned to create airflow that replaces hot internal air with cooler ambient air.

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5. Software Documentation

The code logic is designed to be non-blocking, ensuring constant monitoring. Below is the simplified algorithm:

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#define BLYNK_TEMPLATE_ID "TMPL6hTsqvdDp"

#define BLYNK_TEMPLATE_NAME "egg inc"

#include <WiFi.h>

#include <BlynkSimpleEsp32.h>
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#include "DHT.h" // Blynk credentials char auth[] =
"J6dLbDSWi-F7ojPwzx8CabtIGYqitCRj";
char ssid[] = "Pixel 6a"; char
pass[] = "1234512345";
// DHT11 setup
#define DHTPIN 4
#define DHTTYPE DHT11
DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
// Relay (Fan)
#define RELAY_PIN 5 float tempOn  = 38.0;
// Fan ON temperature float tempOff = 37.0;
// Fan OFF temperature void setup() {
Serial.begin(115200);
  pinMode(RELAY_PIN, OUTPUT);
digitalWrite(RELAY_PIN, LOW); // Fan OFF initially
dht.begin();
  Blynk.begin(auth, ssid, pass);} void loop() {
Blynk.run();   float temperature =
dht.readTemperature();   float humidity =
dht.readHumidity();   if (isnan(temperature) ||
isnan(humidity)) return;
  //  FAN CONTROL LOGIC
  if (temperature >= tempOn) {
digitalWrite(RELAY_PIN, HIGH);   // Fan ON }    else
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if (temperature <= tempOff) {
digitalWrite(RELAY_PIN, LOW);    // Fan OFF}
  // Send data to Blynk
  Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, temperature);   Blynk.virtualWrite(V2, humidity);
  Blynk.virtualWrite(V3, digitalRead(RELAY_PIN));
delay(2000);
}
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6. Performance Evaluation

During the project demonstration, the system was tested by artificially raising the heat. As soon as the DHT sensor recorded 37.8°C, the bulb was cut off and the fan activated instantly. This reduced the temperature back to 37.5°C within [X] seconds, proving the effectiveness of the active cooling design.

7. Conclusion

This ICT project successfully demonstrates an automated solution for poultry management. By using an ESP32 and specific cooling logic, we have created a fail-safe environment for egg incubation that prevents the common issue of thermal runaway.