

**Preliminary Report**

**Home Energy Management System (HEMS)**

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# Introduction

A study from consulting firm McKinsey found that in modern data centres only 6 to 12 percent of the total electrical power used was on computation-the rest being spent on standby. This gross waste of energy along with many modern households having the ability to generate green energy and run relatively independently from the grid, requires the need for a system to manage when and how electrical power comes into the home.

# Objective

The objective of this report is to design and build a prototype that monitors and controls both energy consuming and producing devices. This platform will provide energy management for Prosumers; who both produce and consume energy, it will be based upon a Raspberry Pi microcontroller with the openHAB framework to handle basic home devices as well as energy generation devices such as PV panels and wind turbines.

The monitoring of the devices is to be done with multiple wattmeter’s connected via RF across the environment, they will be measuring the power used by each device, this information will be relayed to a common gateway (Raspberry Pi). This is where much of the analysis will be done, the usage among devices needs to be categorised into ones that can have energy saved and devices that require constant power e.g. fridge, modem. The data received will allow the energy generated by the onsite renewables, to be used intelligently to maximise self-consumption. This can be achieved by using onsite batteries to store the energy generated when the wind blows and sun shines so that when the consumers needs to use the electricity (typically in the evening) its ready to go.

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