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IOT Group Assignment-1

Designing a Webserver

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Task 1

ESP32-S3 Web-Based Monitoring and Control System

Objective

The primary goal of this project was to create an interactive web-based system using the ESP32-S3 microcontroller. The system allows users to monitor environmental parameters like temperature and humidity, control an RGB LED, and display text on an OLED screen via a web interface. This is achieved through a combination of embedded programming, networking, and web technologies.

System Overview

The ESP32-S3 is configured to work in both Station Mode (STA) and Access Point Mode (AP). It establishes a web server that provides a user-friendly interface for real-time monitoring and control. The core functionalities include:

- Reading and displaying temperature and humidity values
- Updating text on an OLED display via web input
- Controlling RGB LED colors via a web interface
- Using socket programming for communication between the web server and client

Modules

1. Temperature and Humidity Data Transmission

- The DHT11 sensor is connected to GPIO4 of the ESP32-S3.
- The ESP32-S3 reads temperature and humidity values using the dht module.
- The web server provides endpoints (/temperature and /humidity) which return the sensor values as text.
- The JavaScript functions on the web page use fetch() to retrieve these values every second and update them dynamically in the UI.

2. Text Transfer from Web Page to OLED Display

- The OLED display is interfaced using the SoftI2C module with SDA on GPIO8 and SCL on GPIO9.
- Users can enter a text string on the web page, which is sent as a GET request (/?TEXT&text=your_message).

- The ESP32-S3 extracts the text from the request and sends it to the OLED display for rendering.
- The `OledDisplay()` function ensures proper formatting and updates the screen.

3. RGB LED Control via Web Interface

- A NeoPixel RGB LED is connected to GPIO48.
- The web page allows users to set Red, Green, and Blue values (0-255) via input fields.
- When submitted, the values are sent as a GET request (`/?RGB&r=value&g=value&b=value`).
- The ESP32-S3 extracts the RGB values and updates the NeoPixel LED using `UpdateNeoPixel()`.

4. Socket Programming for Web Communication

- A TCP server is created using the socket module, bound to port 80.
- The ESP32-S3 listens for incoming HTTP GET requests.
- Based on the request type:
- It responds with temperature/humidity data.
- It updates the OLED display.
- It modifies the RGB LED colors.
- The connection is then closed to free up resources for new clients.

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates real-time data acquisition and control using an ESP32-S3 microcontroller with a web-based interface. By integrating DHT11, an OLED display, and a NeoPixel LED, the system provides an interactive experience where users can monitor and control hardware remotely. The use of socket programming ensures efficient communication between the ESP32-S3 and the web client, making the system both robust and scalable.

Task 2

ESP32-S3-Based Calculator with OLED Display and Web Interface

Purpose of the Task

The objective of this task was to create a calculator using the ESP32-S3 microcontroller. The system integrates WiFi connectivity, an OLED display, and a web-based interface to perform arithmetic operations. Users can interact with the calculator via a webpage hosted on the ESP32-S3, while results are displayed on an OLED screen. The project demonstrates the use of embedded networking, web development, and display interfacing within a microcontroller environment.

Modules

1. Network Module (WiFi and Access Point Setup)

The ESP32-S3 is configured to operate in two modes:

- Station Mode: Connects to an existing WiFi network using the `network.WLAN(network.STA_IF)` class.
- Access Point Mode: Creates its own WiFi network (SSID: ESP-32-S3) for users to connect directly if no external network is available.

Key Code Snippets:

```
# Station Mode Setup
wifi = network.WLAN(network.STA_IF)
wifi.active(True)
wifi.connect("Talha", "____")

# Access Point mode setup
ap = network.WLAN(network.AP_IF)
ap.active(True)
ap.config(essid='ESP-32-S3', password='12345678', authmode= network.AUTH_WPA2_PSK)

for i in range(10):
    if wifi.isconnected():
        print("WiFi Connected")
        print(f'STA IP Address: {wifi.ifconfig()[0]}')
        print(f'AP IP Address: {ap.ifconfig()[0]}')
        break
    else:
        print("Not Connected")
        time.sleep(1)
```

The system attempts to connect to WiFi for up to 10 seconds, displaying connection status.

2. Web Server Module

The ESP32-S3 runs a simple HTTP web server using Python's socket module. The server listens on port 80 and serves a calculator webpage to connected users. It processes GET requests to perform calculations.

Key Code Snippets:

```
s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
s.setsockopt(socket.SOL_SOCKET, socket.SO_REUSEADDR, 1)
s.bind(("0.0.0.0", 80))
s.listen(5)
```

When the server receives a request containing ?CALC, it extracts parameters, performs arithmetic operations, and returns the result.

3. OLED Display Module

An SSD1306 OLED display is connected to the ESP32-S3 via I2C (pins SDA = 8, SCL = 9). The display is used to show the current operation and result in real time.

Key Code Snippets:

```
# OLED Setup
i2c = SoftI2C(sda=Pin(8), scl=Pin(9))
oled = ssd1306.SSD1306_I2C(128, 64, i2c)

# OLED Display Function
def OledDisplay(text):
    oled.fill(0)
    oled.text(text[:16], 10, 20) # Trim text to fit
    oled.show()
```

This function updates the OLED display with the arithmetic operation performed.

4. Web Interface Module

The web interface is built using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. The UI includes:

- A numeric keypad
- Arithmetic operators (+, -, *, /)
- A clear button
- A result display section

Key Features:

- Fetch requests are sent to the ESP32 server with user inputs.
- The server processes requests and returns results.
- JavaScript updates the on-screen display.

Key Code Snippets:

```
# Calculator Function
def Calculate(num1, num2, op):
    try:
        num1 = float(num1)
        num2 = float(num2)
        if op == "add":
            result = num1 + num2
        elif op == "sub":
            result = num1 - num2
        elif op == "mul":
            result = num1 * num2
        elif op == "div":
            result = num1 / num2 if num2 != 0 else "Error"
        else:
            result = "Invalid Op"
    except:
        result = "Error"

    result_str = f"Result: {result}"
    OledDisplay(result_str)
    return result_str
```

This function sends user input to the ESP32 server, receives the calculated result, and updates the display.

Conclusion

This project demonstrates the integration of networking, web-based user interfaces, and embedded displays in an ESP32-S3 microcontroller. The system successfully enables users to perform calculations via a web browser and displays the results on an OLED screen, making it an effective example of IoT-based interactive computing.