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ABSTRACT

Background:

SmartBuoy is designed to be a fully self-contained water quality probe, able to be deployed into a body of water and monitored remotely via a GSM cellular network. SmartBuoy is an economical solution to water monitoring, meant for both amateur and professional researchers.

The device is powered by 5-volt lithium ion battery, recharged by an onboard solar panel and includes sensors to measure electrical conductivity, pH, temperature, turbidity, and total dissolved solids. Location data is provided by an Adafruit GPS module. A data reading is taken every 15 seconds and streamed live. Every hour a reading is sent to a database for storage.

Project Scope: The project for this course is a GUI dashboard to retrieve and view the data readings. Because this is an online course, access to the device is unavailable to the class and professor. To mitigate this obstacle, I have created a second project to simulate the operations of the device. In addition to the dashboard and simulator, the database will also be created for data storage.

Current State: As of 4/03/2020

1. The simulator is fully functional. Clicking the power button begins a loop that creates artificial readings, posts them to Dweet.io and the SQL database. Every 30 seconds an artificial reading is created using random numbers. This data is sent to Dweet.io using HttpClient. Every hour a reading is sent to the SQL database.

Dweet.io is a service for sharing IoT data.

- 2. The database has been created using Microsoft Azure, with a single table added. Two stored procedures have been created. One to insert data and the other to retrieve it.
- 3. The dashboard is fully functional. Two datetime pickers specify the date range of reading to be retrieved from the database. Clicking the GET DATA button creates a SqlConnection and retrieves all rows within the specified range. This data is displayed in a DataGrid and plotted on a line chart. The location of each reading is plotted onto a map. When a row is selected, the data of each cell is displayed by custom gauge components. Clicking the GO LIVE retrieves data from Dweet.io. and sends it to the corresponding gauges. The data is also added to the DataGrid, line chart, and map

Operation:

The database has been populated using the simulator. The dashboard can retrieve that data without the simulator running. To use the live data function the simulator must be running

To Do List:

- 1. Complete Range Validation
- 2. Encrypt Config File
- 3. Complete Documentation
- 4. Complete Testing

DEVICE



Measurements:

Overall Length: 450 mm

Body Diameter: 100 mm

Float Diameter: 300 mm

Weight: 1.2 kg

Materials:

Body: PLA Thermoplastic

Dome: Acrylic

Float: Vinyl

Components:

Acrylic Dome

PLA Body

Vinyl Floatation Ring

Solar Panel

5-volt Lithium Battery

Mayfly Microcontroller

SD Datalogger

SIM 900 Cellular Modem

Adafruit GPS Module

Thermometer

Turbidity Probe

pH Probe

Electrical Conductivity Probe

SIMULATOR: SimulatedReading class

SimulatedReading: Class used to simulate and post readings

readingDT: string variable for the current date and time

battery: double variable for voltage

pH: double variable for pH

conductivity: double variable for electrical conductivity

temperature : double variable for temperature

dissolvedSolids: double variable for total dissolved solids

turbidity: double variable for turbidity

longitude : double variable for longitude

latitude: double variable for latitude

GetReading(): void method Generates random numbers and assigns them to battery, pH,

conductivity, temperature, dissolvedSolids, turbidity, longitude, and latitude.

Assigns the current DateTime to readingDT

BroadcastLive(): Async Task method creates a string from the values of readingDT,

battery, pH, conductivity, temperature, dissolvedSolids, turbidity, longitude, and

latitude. Then uses HttpClient to post the values to Dweet.io

SendToDatabase(): void method creates a SqlConnection and sends the values of readingDT,

battery, pH, conductivity, temperature, dissolvedSolids, turbidity, longitude, and latitude to the database in a SqlCommand containing the PostReadings stored

procedure

SIMULATOR: Resources

Resources: Directory

LED_RedOn: Image of red LED on

LED_RedOff: Image of red LED off

LED_GreenOn: Image of green LED on

LED_GreenOff: Image of green LED off

SIMULATOR: Simulator class

Simulator: Implements the SimulatedReading class and creates the GUI

reading : SimulatedReading

PowerIsOn: bool flag to indicate the state of the simulator

btnPowerOn: Button to start the ReadingTimer – changes the image of indicatorPower from

LED_RedOff to LED_RedOn

btnPowerOff: Button to stop the ReadingTimer – changes the image of indicatorPower from

LED_RedOn to LED_RedOff

indicatorPower: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show the state of the simulator

indicatorSQL: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show activity of the SQL connection

indicatorLIVE: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show activity of the HTTP connection

indicatorBATT: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show activity of a battery reading

indicatorTEMP: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show activity of a temperature

reading

indicatorTDS: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show activity of a TDS reading

indicatorEC: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show activity of an EC reading

indicatorPH: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show activity of a pH reading

indicatorGPS: PictureBox contains an image of an LED to show activity of a longitude and

latitude reading

ReadingTimer: Timer calls the FlashLEDs() method and the GetReading(), BroadcastLive(),

ToDatabase() methods of the SimulatedReading class

FlashLEDs(): void method to consecutively change the image of indicatorSQL, indicatorLIVE,

indicatorBATT, indicatorTEMP, indicatorTDS, indicatorEC, indicatorPH, and indicatorGPS PictureBoxes from LED_GreenOff to LED_GreenOn. Sleep for

200ms, then change back to LED GreenOff.

DATABASE

Reading: Table

readingDT: field (datetime, null)

battery: field (decimal(2,1), null)

temperature: field (decimal(4,1), null)

pH: field (decimal(2,1), null)

conductivity: field (decimal(4,0), null)

dissolvedSolids: field (decimal(3,0), null)

turbidity: field (decimal(2,1), null)

longitude: field (decimal(7,5), null)

latitude: field (decimal(7,5), null)

GetHistoricReadings: Stored Procedure to select rows from Reading where the value of readingDT is

greater than @START and less than @END

PostReadings: Stored Procedure to insert the values @readingDT, @battery, @temperature,

@pH, @conductivity, @dissolvedSolids, @turbidity, @latitude, @longitude

into the fields readingDT, battery, temperature, pH, conductivity, dissolvedSolids, turbidity, latitude, longitude in the Reading table

DASHBOARD: Reading class

Reading: Class used to retrieve and manipulate reading data

DATETIME: string variable for the current date and time

VOLTS: double variable for voltage

TEMP: double variable for temperature

PH: double variable for pH

EC: double variable for electrical conductivity

TDS: double variable for total dissolved solids

TURB: double variable for turbidity

LAT: double variable for latitude

LON: double variable for longitude

DASHBOARD: ReadingProxy class

ReadingProxy: Class for using data from deserialized JSON string

Rootobject: Root class of JSON string

_this: string – not used

by: string – not used

the: string – not used

with: With[] – not used

With: Subclass of the JSON string

thing: string – not used

created: DateTime – not used

content: Content – not used

Content: Subclass of the JSON string – contains data

DATETIME: string variable for the current date and time

VOLTS: double variable for voltage

TEMP: double variable for temperature

PH: double variable for pH

EC: double variable for electrical conductivity

TDS: double variable for total dissolved solids

TURB: double variable for turbidity

LAT: double variable for latitude

LON: double variable for longitude

WebResponse(): method retrieves the most recent Dweet.io post. Returns the data as a Reading

object

DASHBOARD: Dashboard class

Dashboard: Implements the Reading class, ReadingProxy class, and creates the GUI

dtStart: DateTimePickers used to set the start date for the data to be retrieved

from the database.

dtEnd: DateTimePickers used to set the end date for the data to be retrieved

from the database.

btnHistoric : Button that initiates the retrieval sequence. A connection is made to the

database and a command is sent to retrieve the rows with dates in the specified

range.

dataHistoric: A DataGridView that displays the retrieved data. Each row of the grid is a row

from the database; which represents one transmission from the SmartBuoy.

lineChart : Links to dataHistory as its data source to graph all of the measurements.

rangeSlider: A slider whose number of ticks is set to equal the number of rows retrieved

from the database. The value of the slider's position corresponds to a row from dataHistoric. That value is used to select a row number, then each cell of that

row is mapped to it's the appropriate gauge for display.

BuoyMap: Uses the latitude and longitude columns of dataHistoric to plot points

representing the location of the device when each reading was taken. Points are displayed beginning with the first row of dataHistoric up to the row selected by

rangeSlider.

btnLive: A button opens a connection to Dweet.io. Dweet acts as an intermediate

between the SmartBuoy and the GUI. Dweet receives the data from the SmartBuoy and stores the five most recent transmissions. The dashboard uses

an HTTP request to get the most recent reading.

gaugeBatt: A custom control to view the battery voltage. The Value sets the level of

the gauge. The Text displays the value as text.

gaugeTemp: A custom control to view the temperature. The Value sets the level of

the gauge. The Text displays the value as text.

gaugeEC: A custom control to view the electrical conductivity. The Value sets the level of

the gauge. The Text displays the value as text.

gaugeTDS: A custom control to view the total dissolved solids. The Value sets the level of

the gauge. The Text displays the value as text.

gaugeTurb: A custom control to view the turbidity. The Value sets the level of

the gauge. The Text displays the value as text.

DASHBOARD: Dashboard class

gaugePH: A custom control to view the pH. The Value sets the level of

the gauge. The Text displays the value as text.

LiveTimer: Timer calls methods to retrieve the live data. The interval is set to 30 seconds

btnZoomIn : A button to zoom in on the map

btnZoomOut : A button to zoom out on the map

MapHost A control to host the WPF map control

IMAGES

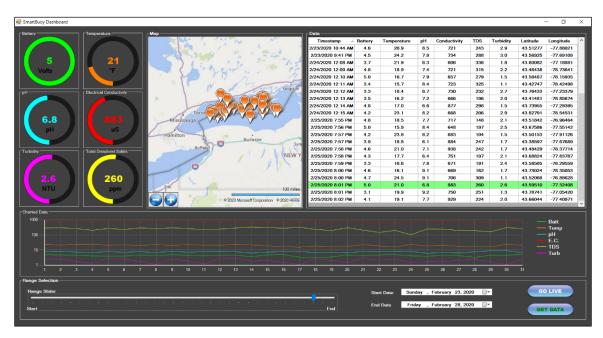


Image 1.1: Dashboard



Image 1.2: Simulator