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No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.

-John Donne

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Abbreviations

Introduction

Philosophers have hitherto only interpreted the world in various ways; the point is to change it.

-Karl Marx

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Problem Statment

Sally, a researcher at the FitzPatrick Institute, needs a way to weigh the red-winged starlings without scaring them because interestingly they record their weight manually.

- 1.2 Objectives
- 1.3 System Requirements
- 1.4 Scope & Limitations
- 1.5 Report Outline

Literature Review

2.1 Data Transmission and User Interface

The client requires the weight data to be retrieved remotely. We need to figure out two things: where do we want the data to be sent, and how do we want it to be sent. This section investigates different options for transmitting data from a microprocessor. In a comparative performance study by Eridani et al., three protocols were compared: Bluetooth, Wi-Fi direct, and ESP-NOW ('a new protocol that allows multiple devices to communicate with each other without the use of Wi-Fi, with low power consumption' [1]). 5 metrics were used in the tests: maximum range, transmission speed, latency, power usage, and signal resistance to obstructions [1]. A brief summary of the performance of each protocol is shown below in Figure 2.1.

Overall Performance ESP-NOW BT WiFI Maximum Range Signal Resistance Power Usage Latency

Figure 2.1: Overall Performance of each Protocol [1]

ESP-NOW performs best in range and latency; Bluetooth in power usage; and Wi-Fi in transmission speed. In our context, power usage would be most important. Bluetooth seems to provide sufficient range and speed.

The problem with this; however, is that connecting the system to the user's phone requires effort and

perhaps expertise that the user may not have. In this case, connecting the system to the internet may be a better option (if internet connection is available, i.e. if eduroam is in range).

Budoyo and Andriana used the internet when designing a prototype of a digital scale to measure the weight of onions. [2]. They interfaced the microcontroller (an ATMega2560) to the internet using an ESP8266 Wi-Fi module. The weight data is sent to a website where it is stored in a database.

Conclusions

The same rule holds for us now, of course: we choose our next world through what we learn in this one. Learn nothing, and the next world is the same as this one.

—Richard Bach, Jonathan Livingston Seagull

The purpose of this project was to...

This report began with...

The literature review was followed in Chapter...

The bulk of the work for this project followed next, in Chapter...

In Chapter...

Finally, Chapter... attempted to...

In summary, the project achieved the goals that were set out, by designing and demonstrating...

Recommendations

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

—Abraham Lincoln

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