A Micro Python-based IoT Project

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Title: Designing a Webserver for AP and Station-Based ESP32

1. Introduction

This document details the development of a webserver using an ESP32 that operates in both Access Point (AP) and Station (STA) modes. The webserver allows users to input RGB values through a web interface to control an RGB LED. Additionally, the ESP32 reads humidity and temperature values from a DHT11 sensor and displays them on the same web page. The project also includes an OLED display for showing messages and an additional web page for other tasks.

2. Project Requirements

2.1 Hardware Components

- ESP32 development board
- DHT11 temperature & humidity sensor
- OLED display (SSD1306)
- RGB LED (NeoPixel)
- Power supply (USB or battery)

2.2 Software Components

- MicroPython (Thonny IDE)
- HTML, CSS, JavaScript for the web interface

MicroPython libraries: network, socket, dht, machine, ssd1306

3. System Implementation

3.1 WiFi Configuration

- The ESP32 connects to a WiFi network in **Station Mode** using credentials.
- The webserver is accessible through the assigned IP address.
- In **AP Mode**, the ESP32 creates a local network.

3.2 Webserver Setup

- The ESP32 runs a **webserver using sockets**.
- A web page is hosted, allowing users to input RGB values.
- The ESP32 reads these values and updates the **NeoPixel RGB LED**.

3.3 Sensor Integration (DHT11)

- The ESP32 reads **temperature and humidity** from the DHT11 sensor.
- These values are displayed on the web page.

3.4 OLED Display

- The OLED screen is interfaced via **I2C communication**.
- It displays sensor readings and **user messages** from the web interface.

3.5 Additional Web Page

 A secondary web page performs additional ESP32 tasks (defined by the developer).

4. Code Structure

4.1 main.py (Webserver & Sensor Handling)

- Initializes WiFi
- Reads **DHT11 sensor** data

- Controls RGB LED
- Serves the web page

4.2 wifi.py (WiFi Handling)

- Manages ESP32 WiFi connections
- Handles AP & Station mode switching

4.3 display.py (OLED Display Control)

• Controls text display on the OLED screen

4.4 blynk-test.py (Optional IoT Integration)

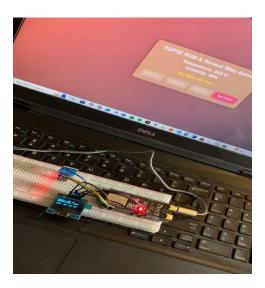
Provides an interface for Blynk IoT services (if used)

5. Web Page Design

- The interface includes RGB input fields, a temperature display, and an OLED message field.
- Styled using **CSS** for an attractive layout.

6. Project Image

The following image illustrates the setup of the ESP32-based webserver, including the hardware components and web interface.



7. Conclusion

This project successfully integrates **WiFi, sensor data, an OLED display, and RGB LED control** into a webserver running on an ESP32. The design allows for both AP and Station mode operations, making it flexible for IoT applications.