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## **ABSTRACT**

Biometric student attendance system increases the efficiency of the process of taking student attendance. This project presents a simple and portable approach to student attendance in the form of an Internet of Things (IoT) based system that records the attendance using fingerprint based biometric scanner and stores them securely over cloud. This system aims to automate the cumbersome process of manually taking and storing student attendance records. It will also prevent proxy attendance, thus increasing the reliability of attendance records. The records are securely stored and can be reliably retrieved whenever required by the teacher.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Attendance plays a major role in educational institutions. The most common means of taking attendance in the classroom is by calling out the roll numbers of students or asking the students to manually sign the attendance sheet, which is passed around during the lecture. The process of manually taking and maintaining the attendance records becomes highly cumbersome. Biometric systems have reached a sufficiently advanced stage wherein they can now be deployed in systems without hampering portability. With the recent development of various cloud based computing and storage systems, data can be securely stored and retrieved whenever required. Primarily, fingerprints and iris images are considered to be the most reliable for use in biometric systems.

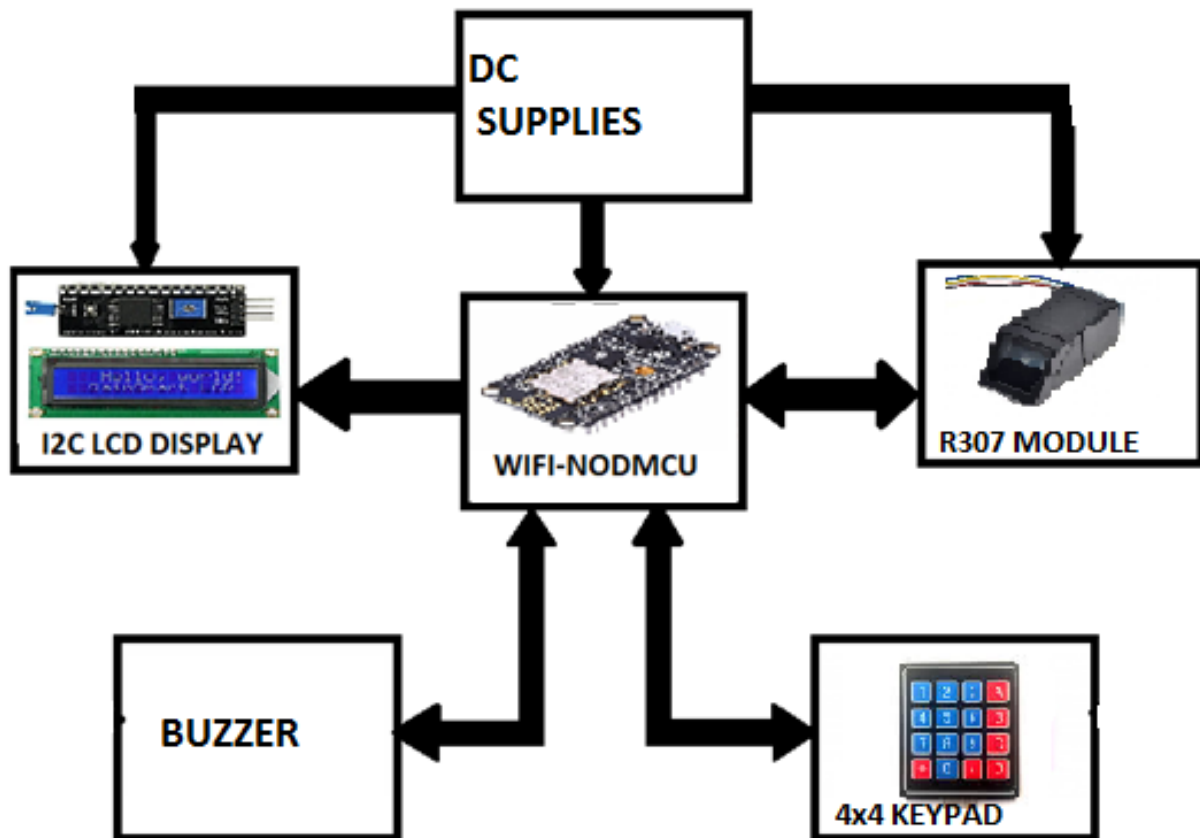
Since we need a system to implement and recording our attendance. The “BIOMETRIC ATTENDANCE SYSTEM WITH IOT” help to take attendance and send to the office. Biometrics systems essentially consist of recording and comparing biometric characteristics, when a person first uses a biometrics system, his or her identifying features are enrolled as a reference for future comparison. This reference can be stored in laptop/ server for future use. In this project Wi-Fi technology is used for wireless communication.

## 2. PRODUCT DESIGN

### 2.1 Hardware Design

#### 2.1.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM

Figure 1



## **2.1.2 BLOCK DESCRIPTION**

### **WIFI MODULE –ESP12E NODMCU**

NodeMCU is an open source IoT platform. It includes firmware which runs on the ESP8266 Wi-Fi SoC from Espressif Systems, and hardware which is based on the ESP-12 module. The term "NodeMCU" by default refers to the firmware rather than the dev kits. The firmware uses the Lua scripting language. It is based on the eLua project, and built on the Espressif Non-OS SDK for ESP8266. It uses many open source projects, such as lua-cjson, and spiffs.

### **FINGER PRINT SENSOR(R307)**

In this project we used fingerprint sensor(R307). The R307 (fingerprint sensor) is a small embedded module that consists of an optical sensor mounted on a small circuit board. The optical sensor scans a fingerprint and the microcontroller and software provides the modules functionality which automatically processes the scanned fingerprint. This module can directly interface with any 3.3V or 5V microcontrollers, but a suitable level converter/serial adapter is required for interfacing with the serial port of a PC.

### **I2C LCD DISPLAY**

The I2C 1602 LCD module is a 2 line by 16 character display interfaced to an I2C daughter board. The I2C interface only requires 2 data connections, +5 VDC and GND to operate. The 5x8 matrix is turned to characters as per the value by the microcontroller.

### **4x4 KEYPAD**

Keypad is used as an input device to read the key pressed by the user and to process it. 4x4 keypad consists of 4 rows and 4 columns. Switches are placed between the rows and columns. A key press establishes a connection between the corresponding row and column, between which the switch is placed.

## 2.1.3 CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

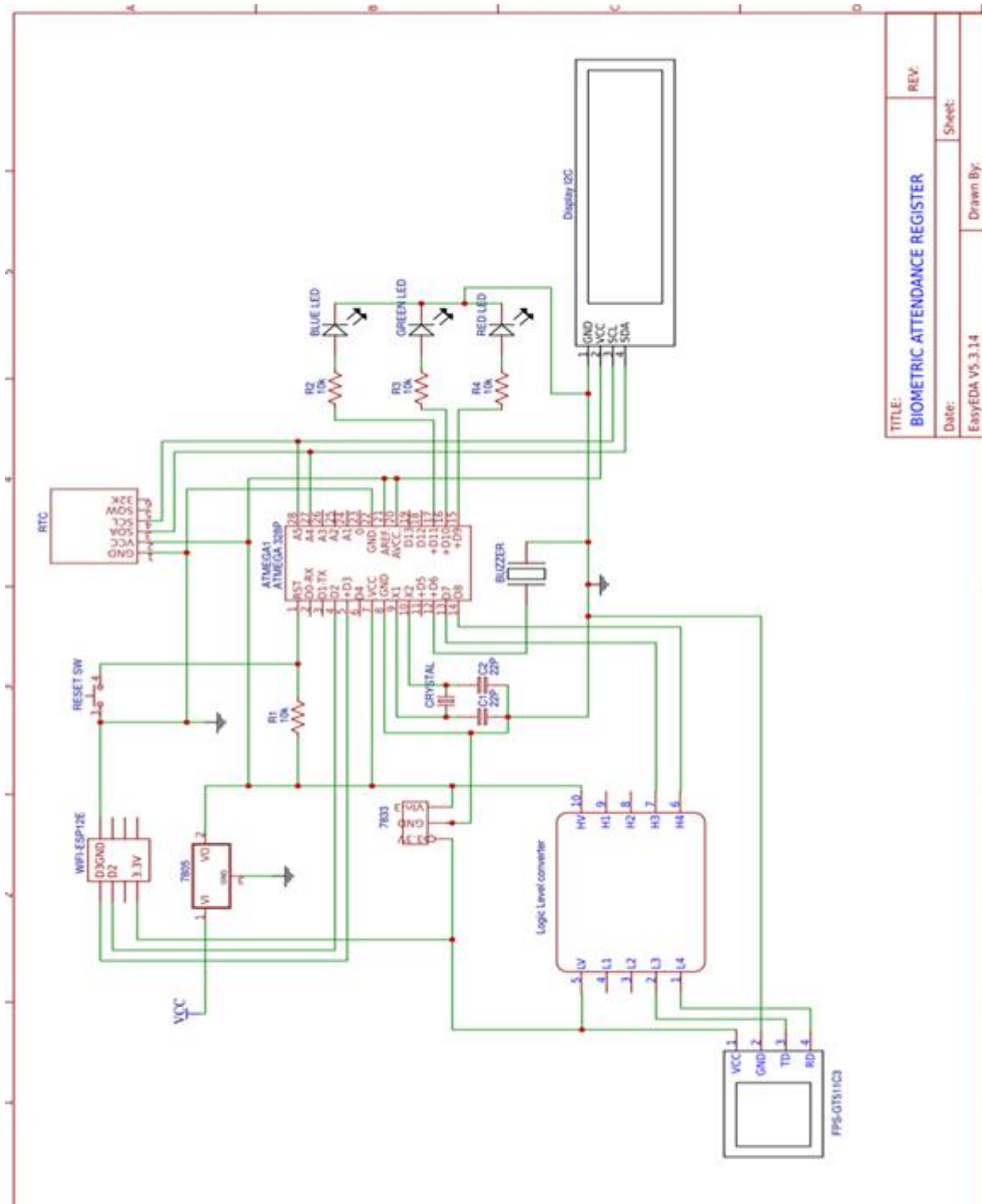


Figure 2

## 2.1.4 CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

### COMPONENTS USED

- NodeMCU
- R307 Fingerprint sensor
- I2C Module for 16x2 (1602) Alphanumeric LCD
- Breadboard
- 16\*2 Alphanumeric LCD
- 4x4 keypad module
- Jumpers

NodeMCU is the microcontroller used here, It includes firmware which runs on the ESP8266 Wi-Fi SoC from Espressif Systems, and hardware which is based on the ESP-12 module.

*Table 1: Connections to NodeMCU pins:*

NodeMCU pins	Components Connected
D1	<b>SCL -I2C Interface</b>
D2	<b>SDA-I2C Interface</b>
D3	<b>TXD-R307</b>
D4	<b>RXD-R307</b>
3V3	<b>VCC-Finger print sensor</b>
Vin	<b>VCC-I2C Interface</b>
GND	<b>LCD display,R307,Keypad</b>

The above connections are made according to the table and the nodemcu is powered from a pc or any dc battery source after uploading the code to it.

I2C Communication interface enables to save atleast 4 pins on NodeMCU board which has less number of I/O pins.

## 2.1.5 PCB LAYOUT

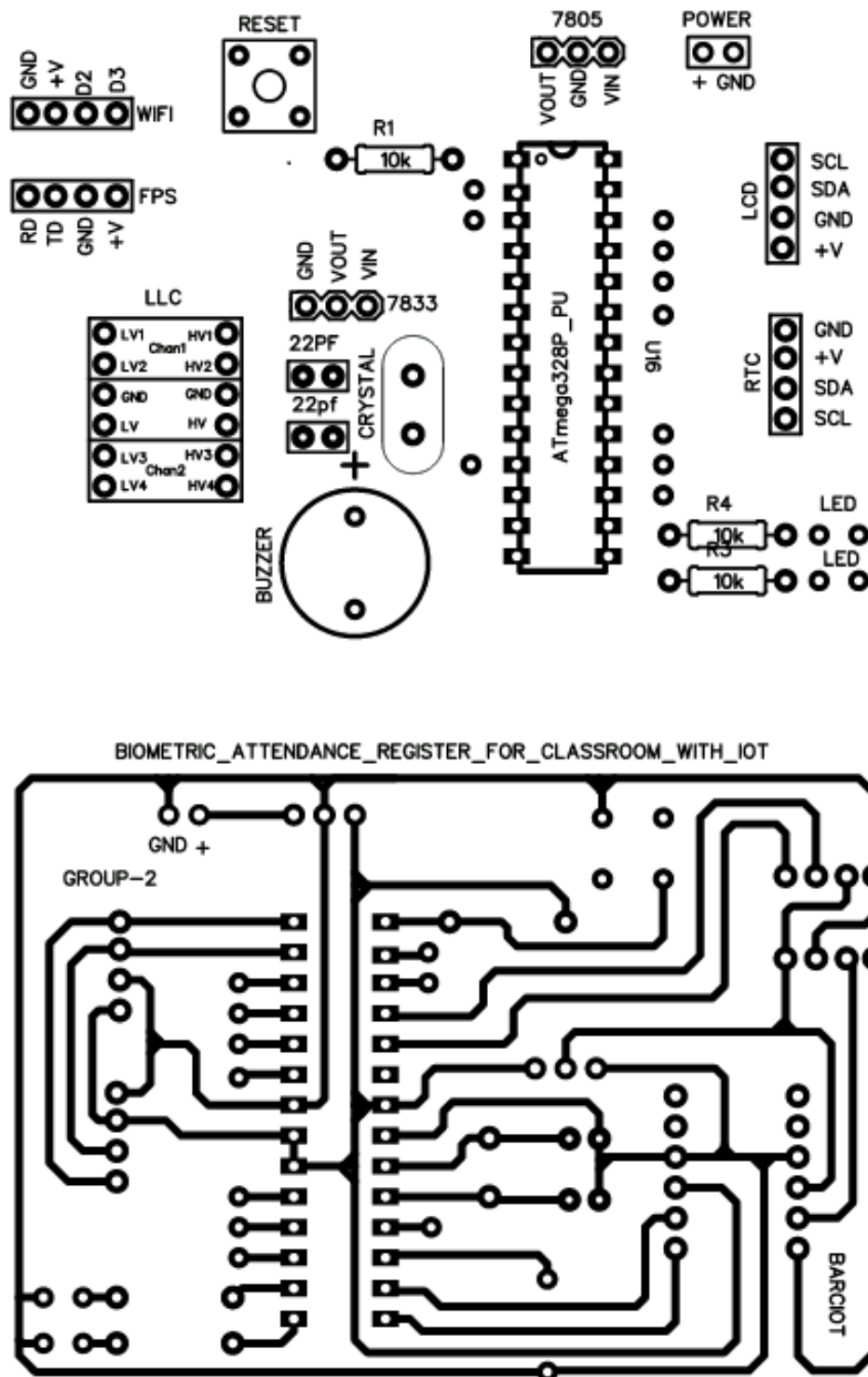


figure 3

### 3. PRODUCT IMPLEMENTATION

#### 3.1 Hardware Implementation

COMPONENTS	SPECIFICATIONS
<b>NodeMCU</b>	<b>CPU:</b> 80 MHz 32-bit <b>Dynamic RAM-</b> 128KB <b>Flash Memory-</b> 4 MB <b>WiFi-</b> 2.4 GHz 8022.11 b/g/n <b>Serial I/O-</b> Micro USB
<b>RC307</b>	<b>Power supply-</b> 4.2V to 6V <b>Current Consumption-</b> 50mA <b>Template Size-</b> 512 Bytes <b>Storage Capacity-</b> 1000
<b>LCD DISPLAY</b>	<b>Supply-Voltage Range:</b> 4.7V to 5.3V <b>Current consumption:</b> 1mA <b>Each Character:</b> 5x8 pixel box
<b>4x4 Keypad</b>	8 bit data(hexadecimal) transmitted from keypad module based on the corresponding button pressed

*Table 2: Components used*



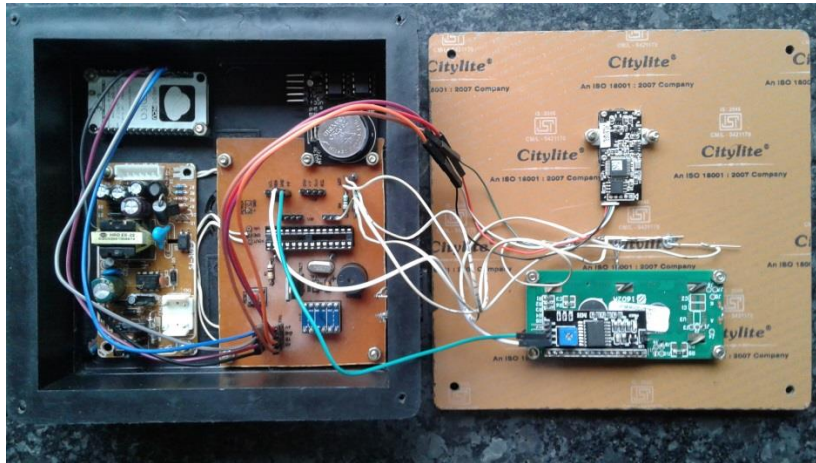
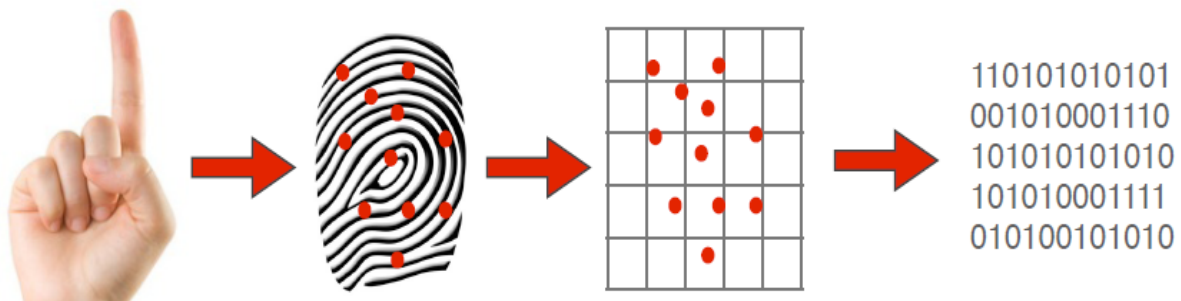


figure 4

## FINGERPRINT WORKING



Biometric Finger Print Scanner System Works Very Efficiently And Quickly As You Can Read In Below Described Steps. For Identification Process A Biometric Physiological Finger Scanner Works On Two Basic Principles.

- First, It Takes An Image Of A Finger.
- Then Finger Scanner Save Specific Characteristics Of Every Unique Finger And Saved In The Form Of Biometric Encrypt Key.
- Actually Finger Print Scanner Never Saves Images Of A Finger Only Series Of Binary Code For Verification Purpose.

### **3.1.2 ALGORITHM**

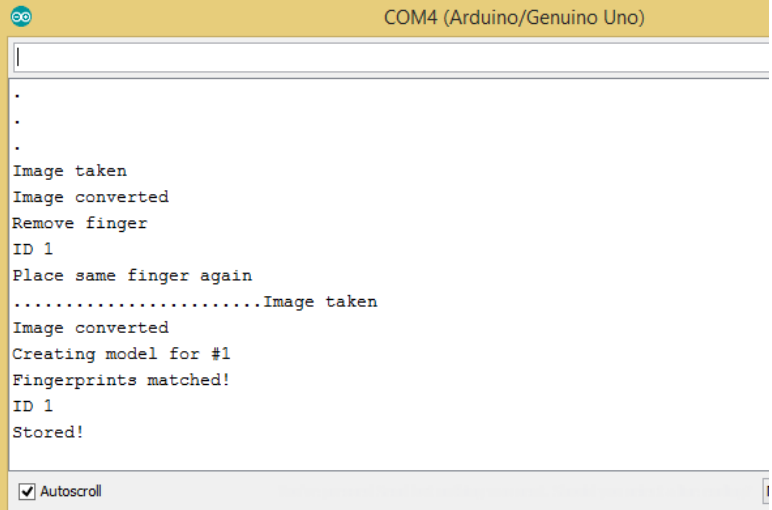
- 1) Start
- 2) Print "WELCOME"
- 3) Print "BIOMETRIC ATTENDANCE"
- 4) Enter password for respective subject
- 5) Establishing WiFi Connection
- 6) Searching for sensors
- 7) Establishing Interface with sensors
- 8) Then, Start fingerprint scanning
- 9) Starting of loop
- 10) If Fingerprint matches, then mark attendance to a[i]
- 11) Sent attendance in a[i] to wifi and then show date and time.
- 12) Using Pushing Box API upload it to google sheets
- 13) Else Show INVALID
- 14) Prepare an Cumulative at end of the month
- 15) And share it to all using Google Classroom
- 16) Remove the access by entering password again
- 17) End outer loop
- 18) Stop.

## 3.2 Software Implementation

In this project, we used Arduino C language for programming the IC. Arduino C programming is very simple and easy to use. Its user interface is very convenient for all users. Arduino is the hardware platform used to teach the C programming language as Arduino boards are available worldwide and contain the popular AVR microcontrollers from Atmel.

### 3.2.1 FINGERPRINT ENROLMENT

In the enrolment process, the fingerprint of each student is recorded. The fingerprint of the student is scanned using the fingerprint scanner in the system. Each fingerprint is assigned an ID number. The ID number is stored



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COM4 (Arduino/Genuino Uno)
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Image taken
Image converted
Remove finger
ID 1
Place same finger again
.....Image taken
Image converted
Creating model for #1
Fingerprints matched!
ID 1
Stored!
Autoscroll

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on the NodeMCU board.

### 3.2.2 FINGERPRINT RECOGNITION AND COMPARISON

*figure 5*

The system, being portable, can be passed around during the lecture from student to student to record attendance. During the fingerprint comparison and recognition process, the student's fingerprint will be compared with the stored fingerprints in the NodeMCU board.

**3.2.3 VALIDATION OF RECOGNISED FINGER** In the previous process, the fingerprint input is compared with the stored fingerprints. If it matches a fingerprint present in the NodeMCU, then the name or the respective ID number is displayed in the Lcd display and buzzer sounds.

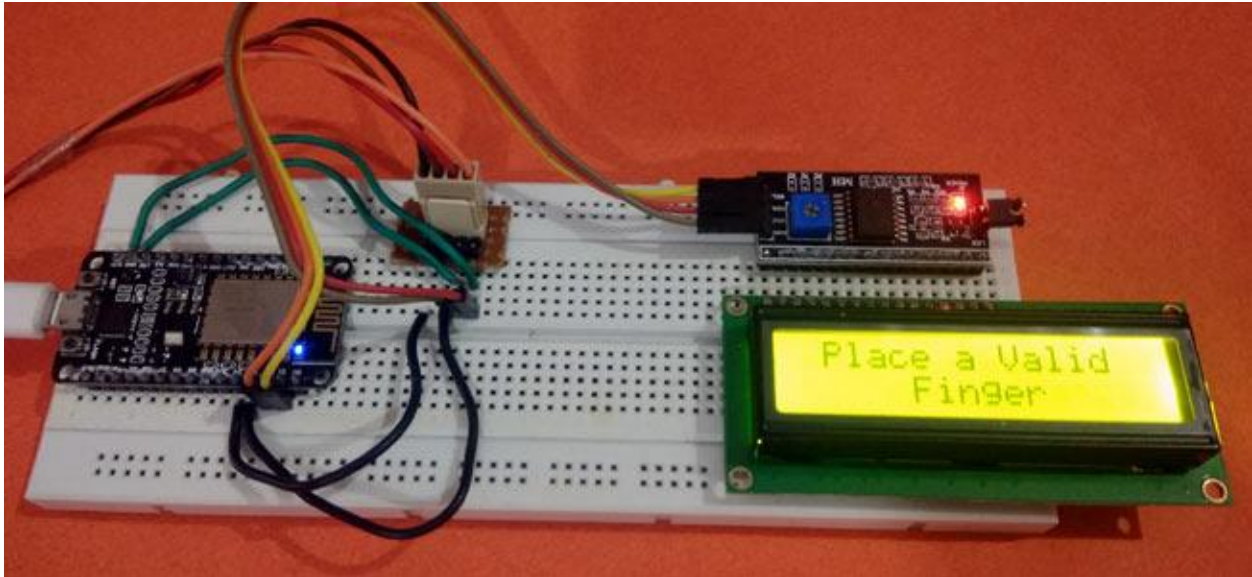


Figure 6

### 3.2.4 GRANTING ATTENDENCE AND UPLOADING TO GOOGLE SHEETS

The unique ID number of the student is recognised. The attendance data is logged into Google Spreadsheet by uploading the student's ID number in it. For uploading the ID number in Google Spreadsheet, PushingBox API is used. After the attendance is granted, i.e. the ID is stored in Google Spreadsheet, the Fingerprint Comparison and Recognition process starts.

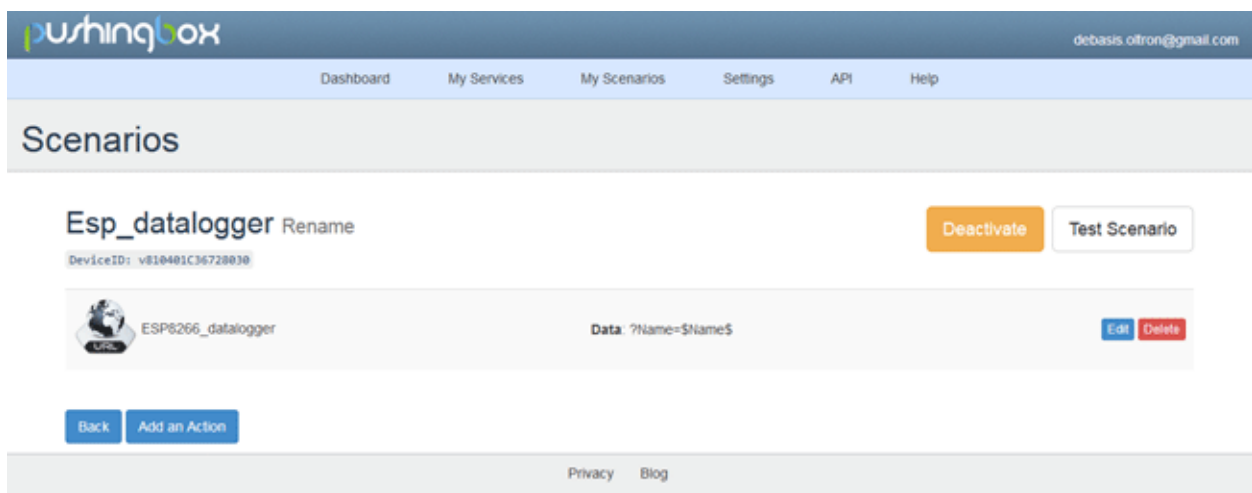


Figure 7

Figure 8

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#include <Adafruit_Fingerprint.h>
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>
LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);
SoftwareSerial mySerial(D3, D4);
Adafruit_Fingerprint finger = Adafruit_Fingerprint(mySerial);

const char* ssid = "Redmi Note 5"; //replace with your own SSID
const char* password = "vipin1999"; //replace with your own password
const char* host = "api.pushingbox.com";

String member = "";
int flag = 0;
void setup()
{
  lcd.begin(16, 2);
  lcd.init();
  lcd.backlight();
  lcd.setCursor(4, 0);
  lcd.print("WELCOME");
  delay(2000);

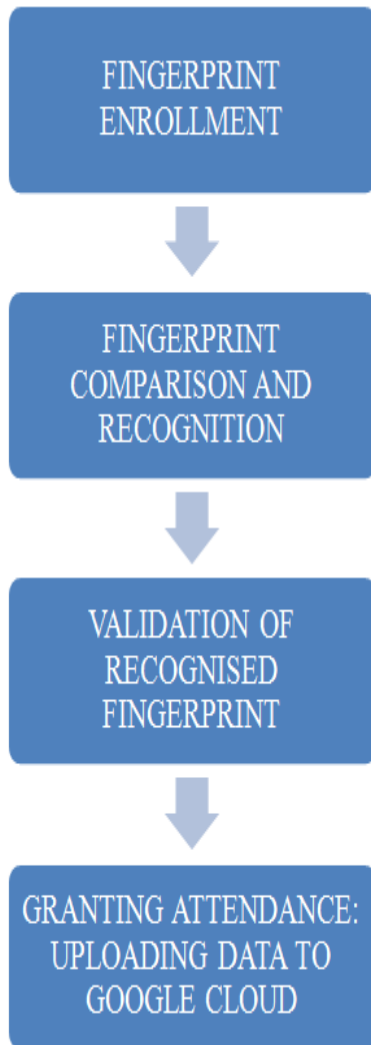
  lcd.clear();
  delay(10);
  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd.print(" BIOMETRIC ");
  delay(1000);
  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print(" ATTENDANCE ");
  delay(1000);

  lcd.clear();

  Serial.begin(115200);
  delay(10);
}

1
NodeMCU v2.8 (ESP-12 Module), 80 MHz, Flash, Legacy (new can return nullpt), All SPI, eSata (most compatible), 4MB (8's 2MB OTA-1.019/80, v2 Lower Memory, Disabled, None, Only Sketch, 115200 on COM3)

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BLOCK DIAGRAM

*Figure 9*

5:47 PM 0.2KB/s 4G 3G 52

	A	B	C	D
1	Date	Time	Name	
2	11/20/2019	16:27:27	Vipin	
3	11/20/2019	16:27:36	Vipin1	
4	11/20/2019	16:27:44	Vipin2	
5	11/20/2019	16:28:34	Cheet	
6	11/20/2019	16:44:24	Sanker	
7	11/20/2019	16:44:33	Vipin1	
8	11/20/2019	17:21:13	Sanker	
9	11/20/2019	17:21:28	Faizal	
10	11/20/2019	17:21:47	Syam	
11	11/20/2019	17:22:18	Vipin	
12	11/24/2019	12:50:42	Vipin	
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Sheet1

OUTPUT(spreadsheet) : *figure 10*

## 4.RESULT

During testing, the system was enrolled with 6 to 7 IDs, passcode was set for subject and when selected a particular passcode the corresponding subject was displayed on the LCD screen. And now the system displays its connections to the provided network and when a person keeps his fingerprint on the sensor the buzzer sounds and the LCD displays the name of the individual and sends it via pushing box API to the google spreadsheet created by an email, and this content could be shared via google classroom to all as well as it can be accessed by a link

## 5.CONCLUSION

The traditional process of manually taking and maintaining student attendance is highly inefficient and time consuming. The attendance monitoring system based on biometric authentication has a potential to streamline the whole process. An Internet of Things (IoT) based portable biometric attendance system can prove to be of great value to educational institutions in this regard as it proves to be highly efficient and secure. The cost involved in making this system is quite less, when compared to conventional biometric attendance system. The use of cloud computing to store the attendance records makes all the data easy to access and retrieve as and when required by the teachers. The use of fingerprint scanner ensures the reliability of the attendance record. The system, due to its lack of complexity, proves to be easy to use and user friendly.



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## 7.APPENDIX

### Datasheets

#### 7.1 NodeMCU

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#### Image and Pinout Diagram

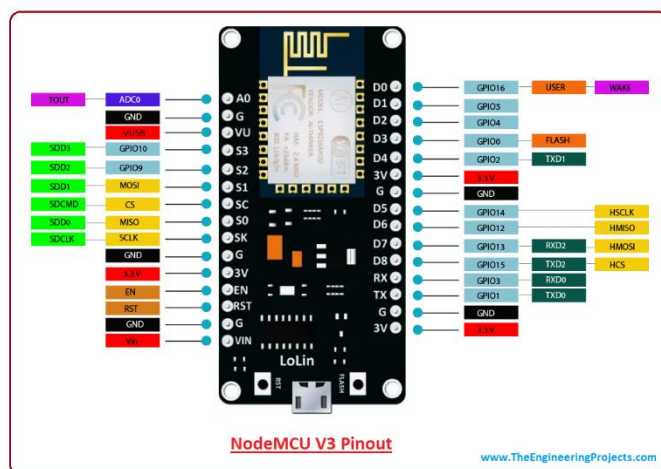


figure 11

#### NodeMCU Technical Specifications

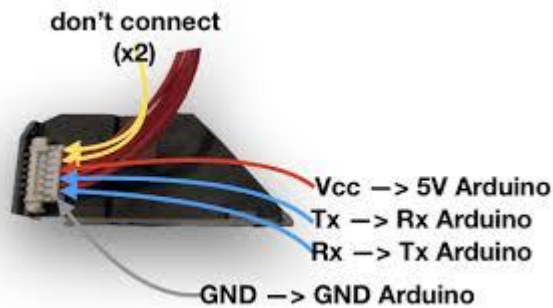
Developer	ESP8266 Open source Community
Type	Single-Board Micrcontroller
OS	XTOS
CPU	ESP8266
Memory	128K Bytes
Storage	4M Bytes
Power	USB
Power Voltage	3V,5V
Code	Arduino Cpp
IDE used	Arduino IDE
GPIO	10

Table 3

## 7.2 FINGERPRINT SENSOR(R307)

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### PIN OUT DIAGRAM



*figure 12*

### FINGERPRINT SENSOR PIN CONFIGURATION

PIN NO	PIN NAME	DESCRIPTION
1	5V	Power input (4.2V-6V)
2	GND	Signal Ground.Connected to Power Ground
3	TXD	Data output TTL logical level
4	RXD	Data input TTL logical level
5	TOUCH	Finger detection signal(maximum output current 50mA)
6	3.3V	Finger detection power(DC3.3-5V about 5uA)

*Table 4*

### 7.3 LCD DISPLAY

The I2C 1602 LCD module is a 2 line by 16 character display interfaced to an I2C daughter board. The I2C interface only requires 2 data connections, +5 VDC and GND to operate. The 5x8 matrix is turned to characters as per the value by the microcontroller.

ITEM	DIMENSION
No of characters	16 characters x 2lines
Module Dimension	80.0x36.0x13.2(MAX)
Active Area	56.2x11.5
Dot Pitch	0.60x0.70
LCD Type	STN,positive
Backlight Type	LED

Table 5



Figure13

### 7.4 4x4 KEYPAD MODULE

Keypad is used as an input device to read the key pressed by the user and to process it. 4x4 keypad consists of 4 rows and 4 columns. Switches are placed between the rows and columns. A key press establishes a connection between the corresponding row and column, between which the switch is placed.