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Open-Ended IOT System

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Abstract

In this project, we are creating a smart home system that lets the person monitor the status of a room from an app. First thing we did is the connections, we added four sensors which were IR and we connected it to the Raspberry Pi. In this project we had to use our IOT system to identify the number of current people in Room A. We used Firebase to maintain a Real-Time feedback of the current status of Room A.

1 Motivation

Our motivation in this project was to make an embedded system that can detect the number of people who were in a certain place. The system should recognize the individual who's entering the room and the one who's leaving in order to keep a clean count of the current status of the selected place or room. We were asked to use A Raspberry Pi as our micro-controller and add up whatever circuitry needed in order to make the system functioning.

2 Introduction

In this project, we are trying to make a smart system that can monitor the activity of people in a specified room. The main idea is to have a group of sensors that can produce a variety of outputs and then collect these outputs and analyze it. Based on the acquired outputs, the system has to tell the user about the status of the specified room, meaning that the system must know the following:-

1. The number of people who left Room A.
2. The number of people who entered Room A.
3. The number of current people in Room A.

Our smart system must then present the data in a Mobile Application with real-time data about the status of Room A. This smart system requires the use of sensors and a micro-controller.

3 Experimental Setup

The list of all of everything that we have used in our project:-

- **Raspberry Pi:** The Raspberry Pi is a low cost, credit-card sized computer that plugs into a computer monitor or TV, and uses a standard keyboard and mouse. It is a capable little device that enables people of all ages to explore computing, and to learn how to program in languages like Scratch and Python [1]

- **IR Sensor:** IR Sensor works by using a specific light sensor to detect a select light wavelength in the Infra-Red (IR) spectrum. The sensor has two main parts, one part sends the IR while the other part senses the reflected light, so it is possible to have a sensor that can return the value of the reflected light and it can be used to measure how "bright" the object is [3]
- **Jumper wires:** Jumper wires are simply wires that have connector pins at each end, allowing them to be used to connect two points to each other without soldering [2].
- **GoPro Camera:** A camera type that we used throughout our project.

4 Procedure

4.1 The Hardware & the State Chart

Our hardware circuit had the components that were mentioned in the equipments section above. We started by setting up the hardware connection of our system, we used Raspberry Pi and two IR sensors. We wanted to use a Laser sensor due to its high accuracy but we couldn't obtain any Laser sensor, so we went with the IR which is less accurate but it does the job. Figure 1 shows the connection. We assumed that our Raspberry Pi consumes 1500 mAH when using Simple CV, we also assumed that the Pi's LSD screen needs 200 mAH to work. The IR sensor takes around 50 mAH (2 takes 100 mAH) and the camera takes around 200 mAH. So, the total of our hypothetical power shecme for the project is around 2000 mAH. We picked a BQY Power 11.1V Lipo Battery with a capacity of 2200 mAH for our project, we can operate for approximately one hour using one battery. Figure 2 shows the Battery. After that, we designed our State Chart. Figure 3 shows the State Chart.



Figure 1: The Circuit Connections



Figure 2: The Lipo Battery

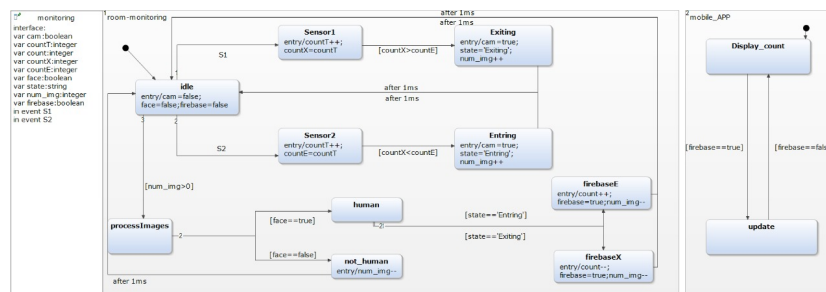


Figure 3: The State Chart

4.2 The Raspberry Pi code

We wrote our Python code for the Raspberry Pi. We had written a total of two Algorithms. The first Algorithm's main idea was to capture a picture when the IR reacts to a motion and then process the picture using Simple CV. By using feature detection, we can determine whether the motion is traced back to a person, also we can know whether the person is entering or leaving the room by using the face feature for identifying entering and the full body feature for identifying exiting using the help of Simple CV. Although the idea behind this Algorithm was simple, the problem with this Algorithm was the inaccuracy that we faced when trying to detect the full body feature which made the Algorithm kind of faulty when trying to identify the exiting state of a person. The code of the first Algorithm was not included in the report because we didn't use it, but its going to be included in the Appendix.

The second Algorithm used two IR sensor's. It's main idea was to use the two sensors to identify whether the state of the person is entering or exiting. This Algorithm was more accurate comparing to the first Algorithm and the entering and exiting states doesn't depend on the camera, the drawbacks of this Algorithm was it's complexity comparing to the first Algorithm, the positioning of the camera has to be perfect and the usage of two IR sensors instead of one. The code of the second Algorithm is listed downward.

```
1 #Algorithm 2
2 #Here, we import all the librarys that we will use in this project
3 from SimpleCV import Image
4 from SimpleCV import Color, ColorCurve, Camera, Image, pg, np, cv
5 from SimpleCV.Display import Display
6 import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
7 import time
8 from time import gmtime, strftime
9 from firebase import firebase
10 from google.cloud import storage
11 import os
12
13 #Here, we initialize our global variables
14 feature=0
15 countEnt=0
16 countExi=0
17 countT=0
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18 count=0
19 #Here, we initialize the Camera instants and select the resolution
20 cam = Camera()
21 cam.resolution = (1920, 1080)
22 #Here, the getimage() function will tack a picture and save it to
    vision directory with the name we pass
23 def getimage(s):
24     img = cam.getImage().save('/home/pi/Desktop/vision/'+s+'.jpg')
25     return Image('/home/pi/Desktop/vision/'+s+'.jpg')
26 #Here, the exiting() function is the interrupt Function for the
    first IR sensor, it will increment the global #variables countT
    and save it in countExi then call the function check()
27 def exiting(channel):
28     global countExi
29     global countT
30     countT+=1
31     countExi=countT
32     check()
33 #Here, the entering() function is the interrupt function for the
    second IR sensor, it will increment the #global variables
    countT and save it in countEnt then call the function check()
34 def entering(channel):
35     global countEnt
36     global countT
37     countT+=1
38     countEnt=countT
39     check()
40 #Here, the check() function will be called every time an interrupt
    happens to check if the two sensors #have started so it can
    determine the direction of movement (enter or exit).It does
    that by comparing #the value of countEnt and countExi, if one
    of them is 0 that means thats one of the sensors did not #start
    so it will exit.
41 #if countEnt is greater than than countExi, that means the
    entering sensor have been started after the #exiting sensor so
    the state will be entering. On the other hand, if countExi is
    greater than countEnt #that means the exiting sensor have been
    started after the entering sensor so the state will be exiting.
42 #If we enter one of these two states we will get the exact time
    using gmtime() function and save it in a #local variable called

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43 #Then we will order the camera to take an image which it name will
    be the value of nowtime and save it #in the vision directory so
    it can be processed later.
44 def check():
45     global countExi
46     global countEnt
47     if countExi==0 or countEnt ==0:
48         return
49     elif countExi > countEnt:
50         nowtime=strftime("%Y-%m-%d_%H:%M:%S.Exiting", gmtime())
51         img=getimage(nowtime)
52         print('exiting')
53         countExi=0
54         countEnt=0
55     elif countExi < countEnt:
56         nowtime=strftime("%Y-%m-%d_%H:%M:%S.Entring", gmtime())
57         img=getimage(nowtime)
58         print('entring')
59         countExi=0
60         countEnt=0
61 #Here, we initialize the location of the json file that hold
    CREDENTIALS key for our google storage and #we pass the name of
    project that we want to read from.
62 os.environ['GOOGLE_APPLICATION_CREDENTIALS'] =
    '/home/pi/.config/gcloud/application_default_credentials.json'
63 client = storage.Client('room-monitoring-c5da7')
64 bucket = client.get_bucket('room-monitoring-c5da7.appspot.com')
65 #Here, we connect to firebase real-time database
66 firebase =
    firebase.FirebaseApplication('https://room-monitoring-c5da7.firebaseio.com/',
    None)
67 #Here, we initialize the pins as input pin with a callback
    function as interrupt
68 #Here, the bouncetime=500 so we can give the sensor enough time to
    reset before calling the interrupt #again
69 GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)
70 GPIO.setup(15, GPIO.IN)
71 GPIO.setup(18, GPIO.IN)
72 GPIO.add_event_detect(15,GPIO.FALLING,

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        callback=exiting,bouncetime=500)
73 GPIO.add_event_detect(18,GPIO.FALLING,
        callback=entering,bouncetime=500)
74 #this will loop forever, it will keep checking the file vision for
    any new images to process(if interrupt #happen it will execute
        the interrupt then come back to continue executing the loop).
75 while True:
76     #Here, we iterate for each image inside the vision file
77     for filenames in os.listdir('/home/pi/Desktop/vision'):
78         time.sleep(0.01)
79     #Here, we initialize the file as image so we can process it using
        SimpleCV library
80     img=Image('/home/pi/Desktop/vision/'+filenames)
81     #Here, we split the time and the state(first part will
        contain the time and the second will contain #the
            state[entring,exiting])
82     state=filenames.split('.')
83
84     #Here, we process the Image for face detection, if face
        is found we increment feature
85     #We use multiple feature to increase the face detection
        accuracy.
86     faces = img.findHaarFeatures('face.xml', min_neighbors=5)
87     if faces:
88         feature+=1
89     face2 = img.findHaarFeatures('face2.xml', min_neighbors=3)
90     if face2:
91         feature+=1
92     face3 = img.findHaarFeatures('face3.xml', min_neighbors=3)
93     if face3:
94         feature+=1
95     face4 = img.findHaarFeatures('face4.xml', min_neighbors=3)
96     if face4:
97         feature+=1
98     face_cv2 = img.findHaarFeatures('face_cv2.xml',
        min_neighbors=3)
99     if face_cv2:
100         feature+=1
101     print(feature)
102 #If we find at least 3 features out of 6 then a human face is

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detected.
103 #we first check number of faces in the images(in case multiple
    people enter/exit at once)
104 #We will add all his/her data to the real-time database and
    increment or decrement the count(number of #people on the room)
    depending on the state.
105 #Finally, we will delete the image from the file so we dont waste
    time in processing it again.
106     if feature>2:
107         if state[1] == 'Entering':
108             count=count+len(faces)
109         elif state[1] =='Exiting':
110             count=count-len(faces)
111         firebase.patch('/log/' ,{'curent_count': count})
112         firebase.patch('/log/'+
            state[0],{'state':state[1],'time':state[0]})
113         Blob = bucket.blob(filenamees)
114         Blob.upload_from_filename(filename='/home/pi/Desktop/vision/'+filenamees)
115         print('entering')
116         feature=0
117         os.remove('/home/pi/Desktop/vision/'+filenamees)
118
119 #If we found less than 3 features, then that means a human is not
    in the picture, so we delate the #image.
120     else:
121         os.remove('/home/pi/Desktop/vision/'+filenamees)

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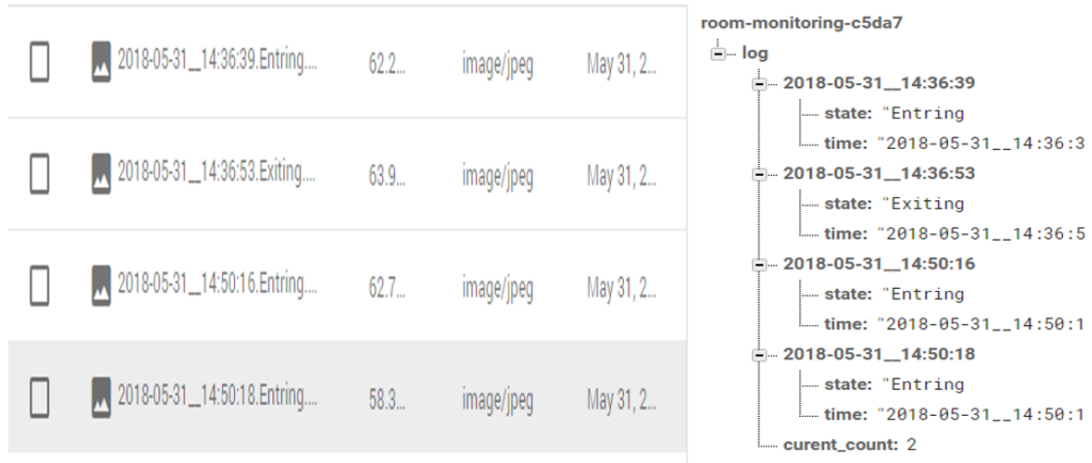


Figure 4: Real-Time Database & Cloud Storage

We used Firebase(real-time database,storage) to save all the acquired data and images. Figure 4 above shows a screen shot of the real-time database and the storage.

4.3 The Mobile Application

After finishing the code of the Raspberry Pi, we start in making the mobile application that can be used to monitor our IOT system. The following code are for the Monitor part of the mobile application. The java code of the Android application is shown downward.

```
1 public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
2     private TextView count; // Display list
3
4     // Fire base code
5     FirebaseDatabase database = FirebaseDatabase.getInstance();
6     DatabaseReference log = database.getReference("log");
7     @Override
8     protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
9
10        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
11        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
12        count = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.count);
13
14        // Read from the database
15        log.child("curent_count").addValueEventListener(new
16            ValueEventListener() {
17            @Override
18            public void onDataChange(DataSnapshot dataSnapshot) {
19                int value = dataSnapshot.getValue(Integer.class);
20                count.setText(Integer.toString(value));
21            }
22
23            @Override
24            public void onCancelled(DatabaseError error) {
25            }
26        });
27    }
```

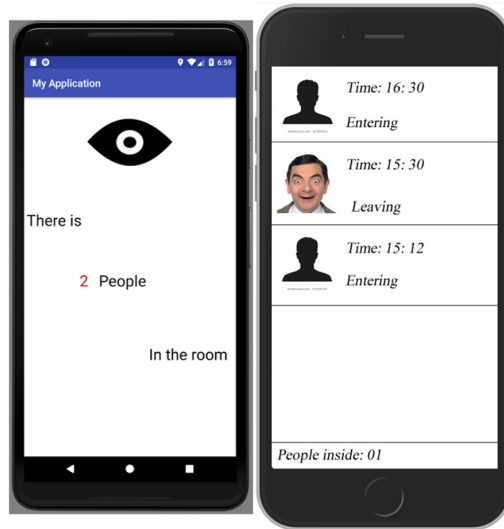


Figure 5: The Mobile Application

We got something simple as shown in figure 5. As we can see, we have two pictures of our app. The picture on the right represents the way our mobile interface should have looked like, but due to not having enough time, we made it simpler which is shown in the left part of the picture.

5 Conclusion

In the end, we learned a lot doing this project. We learned the basis of how IOT works in general and how to implement on a fundamental level, and how we can use it for us to monitor a smart home. Even though we only did a small project compared to other Open-Ended IOT appliances, but still we learned a handful number of tricks to start. We learned how to connect the Raspberry Pi with sensors, also learned how to create a mobile application and connect it to the sensors and the server which helped us in monitoring the data using the app.

6 Appendix

1. The code of Algorithm one.

2. Mobile Application source code

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