

Digital Assignment

Question 1

Designing a smart home with the mentioned features involves sensors, control units, communication, modules, IOT levels, protocols and APIs. Here's a detailed explanation for each component.

1. Sensors needed for smart home:

- Light Sensor: To detect the ambient light level and adjust lighting accordingly.
- Temp & Humidity Sensors: For climate control and energy efficiency.
- Motion Sensor: For security purpose and automation based on occupancy.
- Door/Window control sensor: To monitor open/closed status for security and management.
- Water Leakage Sensor: To monitor open/closed status for security and management.
- Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Sensor: For early fire detection and safety.



→ Soil moisture sensor: For smart gardening and automated irrigation.

→ Gas sensor: To detect harmful gases for safety purposes

2. Control Units for IOT-based smart home:

→ Central Hub: A central device that connects and manages all the smart appliances and sensors.

→ Microcontrollers/Microprocessors: Embedded in various smart devices to control their functionality.

→ Gateway: To bridge the gap between local sensors and cloud based applications.

→ Smartphones/Smart devices: Used as control interfaces for family members to interact with the smart home.

3. Components of Control Units:

→ Processing Unit: Responsible for executing commands and managing data.

→ Memory: stores data and programs for the control unit.

→ Connectivity Interfaces: To communicate with various sensors and smart appliances.

→ Operating System/Firmware: Controls the operations of the control unit and provides the user interface.



#### 4. Communication Modules:

- Wi-Fi: Used for high-speed communication between devices and the internet.
- Bluetooth: Suitable for short-range communication between devices and the internet.
- Zigbee: A low-powered, wireless mesh network often used in smart homes for devices to devices communication.
- Z-Wave: Another low-power wireless mesh network often used in smart homes for device-to-device communication.

#### 5. IOT Level of Design:

The described scenario represents an IOT level of consumer-centric, home-based IOT. It involves smart appliances and sensors connected to a local network and accessible through individual family members' applications.

#### 6. Protocols & APIs:

- Protocols: The choice of protocols depends on the communication modules used. Wifi enabled devices typically use HTTP/~~HTTPS~~ while Zigbee and Z-wave employ their repetitive product mesh topology.



→ APIs: The smart home platform can provide APIs to allow developers to interact with the devices and create custom applications or integrations.

In conclusions, designing a smart home with the mentioned features requires a thoughtful selection of sensors, control units and communication modules. Integration through IoT levels and the use of appropriate protocols and APIs ensure seamless communication and automation of the smart home environment.

### Question-2

A comparative analysis of short Range Communication Protocols: Bluetooth, Zigbee & Wifi.

→ Network Topology:

a) Bluetooth: It typically uses a point-to-point or multi-point topology, enabling a single master device to connect with up to seven slave devices or more. This topology is suitable for personal area networks (PANs) or small scale applications.



b) Zigbee: It employs a mesh network topology allowing devices to communicate with each other via multiple paths. The mesh topology ensures better coverage and resilience making it suitable for large-scale applications and the IoT scenarios.

c) Wifi: Wi-Fi generally operates in an infrastructure topology where wireless clients connect to a central access point. This topology is well-suited for local area-networks (LANs) and is widely used for internet access and data sharing in homes.

### → Data Transfer Capabilities

a) Bluetooth: Bluetooth supports moderate data transfer rates, typically ranging from 120 Kbps to 250 Kbps.

b) Zigbee: Zigbee offers low data transfer rates usually ranging from 20 Kbps to 250 Kbps. ~~Although its data rate is lower~~

c) Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi provides high data transfer rates, offering speeds up to several gigabits per second.



## → Power Consumption:

- a) Bluetooth: It consumes relatively low power making it suitable for battery operated devices.
- b) Zigbee: It is designed for low-power consumption, making it well-suited for devices that require long battery life.
- c) Wi-Fi: As compared to Bluetooth & Zigbee, Wi-Fi consumes more power making it difficult to use in battery powered devices.

## → Cost:

- a) Bluetooth: Bluetooth tech is widely adopted and relatively cost-effective making it a popular choice for consumer electronics, audio devices and mobile accessories.
- b) Zigbee: More expensive than Bluetooth counterparts due to their additional complexity and support for mesh networking. However, its lower power consumption can offset the higher upfront costs for certain applications.
- c) Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi chips and equipments are generally cost effective, especially considering the economics of scale due to widespread adoption.



## → Application and Justification:

### a) Bluetooth:

- wireless audio devices
- personal fitness tracker
- Smartphone accessories

### b) Zigbee:

- Home Automation
- Industrial automation

### c) Wi-Fi:

- Home and business internet access
- Video streaming and gaming
- Smart cities