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1.0 Background Study

You pop open the lid of your trash bin and toss your unwanted waste and garbage into it, but have you ever wondered why you do so and why not just toss it into the open or just around the streets. Just imagine a world without trash bins - well many people have done this in the olden times for many years and they have also learnt the effect this has caused to the environment and to the people surrounding those filthy garbage and waste. Before there were the current proper trash bins in and outside our houses, people used to toss waste into the streets, bury them into the ground and dump them into bodies of water. With the knowledge we have today we know that these actions are not sanitary and would harm our environment and the humans and the living creatures living in those areas where the trash is thrown.

Even with the current knowledge that we have today, humans still litter in the open and toss their trash outside of the garbage bins. Why do they do so? Why not just throw it at a designated area or open the bin and toss it in? Solving these questions will give us the answers to our problem of littering and pollution today.

Any type of waste that is thrown out in little volumes, especially in locations where it doesn't belong, is considered litter. It builds up over time. Due to the massive annual cleaning expenditures associated with the practice, it is illegal. It also paints a negative picture of the region. Fast food packaging, cigarette butts, old water bottles, bubble gum wrappers, damaged electrical components, toys, shattered glass, food wastes, or green waste are some of the most often found littering items.

There are many causes for littering but let's look at the main causes that contribute the most to cause humans to unknowingly feel the need to litter. Littering has become ingrained in society because of carelessness and laziness. People toss trash wherever out of carelessness and without considering the effects of their acts. Many individuals are unaware of or underestimating the harm that trash does to the environment. People think that their personal choices won't have a negative impact on society. As a result, it's typical to see individuals tossing trash, including wrappers and cigarette butts, in open spaces. The burden of picking up rubbish typically falls on local authorities and taxpayers since most people think that

someone else will clean up after them. Hence, another issue is the failure to take care of public spaces.

1.1 Presence of litter

The presence of litter in an area has been shown to have a significant impact on the behaviour of people in that area. Studies have found that individuals are more likely to litter in areas where litter is already present, a phenomenon known as the "broken windows" theory.

One study published in the Journal of Environmental Psychology in 2002 found that the presence of litter in a park was positively associated with the amount of litter left behind by park visitors. This suggests that people may be more likely to litter in an area where litter is already present, as they may perceive the area as being less cared for and therefore less likely to be punished for littering.

Another study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health in 2017 found that areas with high levels of litter were associated with lower levels of community pride and social cohesion. This suggests that the presence of litter may also have negative impacts on individuals' sense of community and connection to their surroundings.

Additionally, a study published in the Journal of Applied Social Psychology in 1990 found that people were more likely to litter in an area if they observed others littering in that area. This suggests that the presence of litter in an area may also lead to a sense of normlessness, where individuals feel less accountable for their actions because they see others behaving in the same way.

The presence of litter in an area has been shown to have a significant impact on the behaviour of individuals in that area. Studies have found that people are more likely to litter in areas where litter is already present, and that the presence of litter may also have negative impacts on individuals' sense of community and social norms.

Furthermore, the number of people living in certain areas are exponentially increasing and expected to have a myriad of population. According to the Department of Economy and Social Affairs in the United Nations, the global population is growing rapidly all over the

world, and would rise to 9.9 billion by 2050, 10 billion by 2059. Even though 4.4 billion (56% of 2022 current population) of inhabitants are living in urban areas, this data would be skyrocketed to approximately 70% of the worldwide population by 2050, due to the estimation by the World Bank.

Global population size and annual growth rate: estimates, 1950-2022, and medium scenario with 95 per cent prediction intervals, 2022-2050

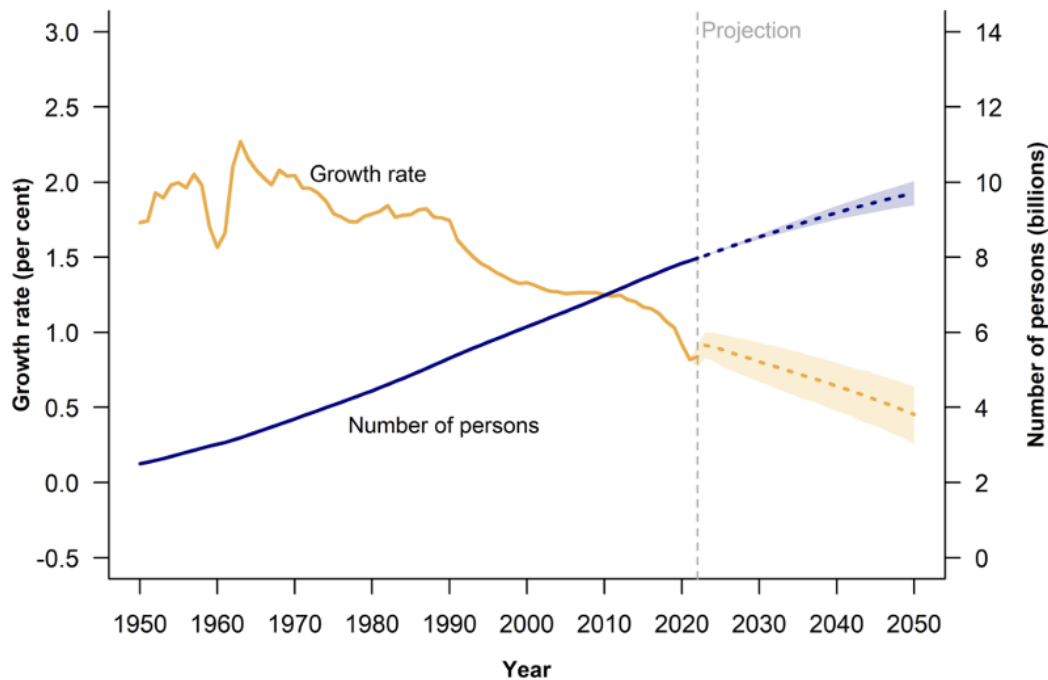


Figure 1: Global population size and annual growth rate chart by United Nations. Transition from 1950 to 2022, estimation until 2050.

Ought to this estimation and expectation statistics, it is not so difficult to imagine that the current litter issue would be amplified than now, much more critical in the future.

1.2 Laziness and Carelessness

Laziness and carelessness can have a significant impact on littering behaviours. Studies have shown that individuals who exhibit these traits are more likely to litter in public spaces.

One study conducted by the Keep America Beautiful organisation (2019) found that lack of personal responsibility was the main reason for littering. The study surveyed over 1,500

individuals and found that 58% of respondents admitted to littering in the past year, with the majority citing convenience as the reason for their behaviours.

Another study published in the *Journal of Environmental Psychology* (2011) found that individuals who reported higher levels of dispositional laziness were more likely to litter in public spaces. The study also found that individuals who scored higher on a measure of dispositional carelessness were more likely to litter in public spaces.

Additionally, research has found that littering behaviour is also influenced by factors such as the perceived level of social disapproval and the presence of litter in the environment. A study published in the journal *Environment and Behaviour* (1993) found that individuals were less likely to litter in environments where there was a high level of social disapproval of littering and where the environment was clean and well-maintained.

Overall, these studies indicate that laziness and carelessness are significant factors in littering behaviours and that addressing these traits through education and social norms can help reduce the amount of litter in public spaces.

1.3 No consequences for littering

The belief that there are no consequences for littering can have a significant impact on littering behaviours. Studies have shown that individuals who perceive a lack of enforcement or penalties for littering are more likely to engage in this behaviour.

One study published in the *Journal of Environmental Management* (2005) found that individuals who reported a lack of enforcement of littering laws were more likely to litter in public spaces. The study surveyed over 500 individuals and found that those who perceived a lack of enforcement were three times more likely to litter than those who perceived a high level of enforcement.

Another study published in the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* (2008) found that individuals who believed that littering would not lead to negative consequences, such as fines or penalties, were more likely to litter in public spaces. The study surveyed over 1,000 individuals and found that those who believed there were no consequences for littering were

nearly twice as likely to engage in this behaviour than those who believed there were consequences.

Additionally, research has found that littering behaviour is also influenced by factors such as the perceived social norms and the presence of litter in the environment. A study published in the journal *Environment and Behaviour* (1993) found that individuals were more likely to litter in environments where they perceived social norms to be accepting of littering and where the environment was already littered.

Overall, these studies indicate that the belief that there are no consequences for littering can have a significant impact on littering behaviours and that increasing awareness of the penalties and enforcement efforts can help reduce the amount of litter in public spaces.

1.4 Improper Environmental Education

Improper environmental education can have a significant impact on littering behaviours. Studies have shown that individuals who lack proper education about the negative impacts of littering and the importance of environmental conservation are more likely to engage in this behaviour.

One study conducted by the Keep America Beautiful organisation (2019) found that lack of knowledge about the negative impacts of littering was a major reason for littering. The study surveyed over 1,500 individuals and found that only 42% of respondents could correctly identify the negative impacts of littering on the environment and the community.

Another study published in the *Journal of Environmental Education* (2002) found that individuals who lacked proper environmental education were more likely to engage in littering behaviours. The study surveyed over 400 individuals and found that those who had received proper environmental education were less likely to litter in public spaces than those who had not.

Additionally, research has found that the effectiveness of environmental education programs in reducing littering behaviours can vary depending on the type of program and the target population. A study published in the *Journal of Environmental Management* (2014) found that

educational programs that focused on increasing knowledge about the negative impacts of littering and providing practical solutions for reducing littering were more effective in reducing littering behaviours than programs that simply provided information.

Overall, these studies indicate that proper environmental education can play a critical role in reducing littering behaviours, but that the effectiveness of educational programs can vary depending on the type of program and the target population.

1.5 Low Fines for littering

Low fines for littering can have a significant impact on littering behaviours. Studies have shown that individuals are less likely to litter in public spaces when fines for this behaviour are high.

One study published in the *Journal of Environmental Management* (2005) found that increasing fines for littering was associated with a decrease in littering behaviours. The study surveyed over 500 individuals and found that those who believed that fines for littering were high were less likely to engage in this behaviour than those who believed the fines were low.

Another study published in the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* (2008) found that individuals were less likely to litter in public spaces when they believed that the fines for this behaviour were high. The study surveyed over 1,000 individuals and found that those who believed that fines for littering were high were nearly three times less likely to engage in this behaviour than those who believed the fines were low.

Additionally, research has found that the perceived likelihood of getting caught for littering can also have an impact on littering behaviours. A study published in the *Journal of Environmental Psychology* (2002) found that individuals were less likely to litter in public spaces when they believed that the chance of getting caught was high.

Overall, these studies indicate that high fines can be an effective deterrent against littering behaviours and that increasing fines and the perceived likelihood of getting caught can help reduce the amount of litter in public spaces.

1.6 Summary

Littering near housing areas can have a significant impact on the health and well-being of the people living in those areas. Littering can provide breeding sites for animals such as mosquitoes, rodents, and insects, which can lead to increased risk of disease transmission. This can have a negative effect on the health and well-being of residents, especially those who are already vulnerable such as children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing health conditions. Littering can also create an environment that is uninviting and potentially hazardous for residents. For example, litter can accumulate in areas such as alleys, sidewalks, and parks, making them difficult to navigate and increasing the risk of injury. Littering can also create an environment that is unpleasant to live in, reducing the quality of life for residents.

2.0 Introduction

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a rapidly growing technology that refers to the interconnectedness of everyday devices and objects through the internet. These devices, known as "smart" devices, can collect, share, and receive data with one another, creating a network of connected devices. IoT enables these devices to communicate and interact with one another, providing new and innovative ways to make our lives more efficient, convenient, and secure. The technology has the potential to revolutionise a wide range of industries, from healthcare and transportation to manufacturing and agriculture.

2.1 History and Evolution

With the increasing prevalence of IoT, it's expected that the number of connected devices will continue to grow, leading to new possibilities and opportunities for innovation.

The concept of the Internet of Things (IoT) has been around for decades, with the term first coined by Kevin Ashton in 1999. However, the technology has evolved significantly since then, with the first IoT devices appearing in the early 2000s. These early devices were primarily focused on providing remote access and control, such as through home automation systems.

In the late 2000s and early 2010s, the development of low-cost sensors, wireless technologies, and cloud computing led to a significant expansion of the IoT. This period saw the emergence of new IoT applications, such as smart cities and connected cars, as well as the development of new technologies such as RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification) and NFC (Near-Field Communication).

By the mid-2010s, the IoT had become a mainstream technology, with the number of connected devices rapidly increasing. This period saw the development of new IoT platforms and the introduction of new technologies such as 5G networks and artificial intelligence. As a result, IoT devices became more advanced, providing new capabilities such as predictive maintenance and real-time analytics.

Today, IoT is used in a wide range of industries, from healthcare and transportation to manufacturing and agriculture. The technology continues to evolve, with new developments such as edge computing and the integration of blockchain technology into IoT devices. The future of IoT is expected to see even more advancements, such as the integration of IoT with other emerging technologies such as virtual and augmented reality, and the increased use of IoT in fields like Industry 4.0.

2.2 Function

The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the interconnectedness of everyday devices and objects through the internet. These devices, known as "smart" devices, can collect, share, and receive data with one another, creating a network of connected devices. The function of IoT is to enable these devices to communicate and interact with one another, providing new and innovative ways to make our lives more efficient, convenient, and secure.

IoT devices are equipped with sensors, which collect data from the surrounding environment and transmit it to a central hub or the cloud. This data is then analysed by software to provide valuable insights and enable automated actions.

One of the key functions of IoT is the ability to remotely monitor and control devices. This can include monitoring the status of devices, such as temperature or energy usage, and controlling them remotely through a smartphone or computer. This can be particularly useful for managing devices such as thermostats, lighting, and security systems.

Another important function of IoT is the ability to automate processes and tasks. IoT devices can be programmed to perform specific actions based on data received from sensors or other devices. For example, a smart thermostat can automatically adjust the temperature in a room based on the weather forecast, or a smart lock can automatically lock a door when the owner leaves the house.

IoT can also be used for predictive maintenance, which uses data collected from devices to predict when maintenance is needed. This can help to prevent equipment failure and reduce downtime, resulting in cost savings for businesses.

In addition, IoT has the potential to revolutionise a wide range of industries, from healthcare and transportation to manufacturing and agriculture. With the increasing prevalence of IoT, it's expected that the number of connected devices will continue to grow, leading to new possibilities and opportunities for innovation.

2.3 The purpose in our lives

The Internet of Things (IoT) plays a significant role in our daily lives, making our lives more efficient, convenient, and secure. IoT devices are integrated into many aspects of our daily routine, from home automation to transportation, and healthcare to entertainment.

In the home, IoT devices such as smart thermostats, lighting, and security systems can be controlled remotely through a smartphone or computer, making it easy to manage and monitor the home environment. This can also help to reduce energy consumption and costs.

In transportation, IoT devices can be used to improve road safety and traffic flow. For example, connected cars can communicate with traffic lights and other vehicles to optimise traffic flow and reduce the risk of accidents.

In healthcare, IoT devices can be used to remotely monitor patients' vital signs and provide real-time health data to healthcare professionals. This can help to improve patient outcomes and reduce healthcare costs.

In manufacturing and agriculture, IoT devices can be used to optimise production processes, improve efficiency, and reduce costs. For example, IoT devices can be used to monitor equipment and predict when maintenance is needed, and to monitor crop growth and optimise irrigation systems.

In addition, IoT devices are also integrated into our entertainment, for example, smart TVs, gaming consoles, and streaming devices can be controlled remotely and can provide personalised recommendations based on our viewing habits.

Overall, IoT devices are integrated into many aspects of our daily lives, providing new and innovative ways to make our lives more efficient, convenient, and secure. With the increasing

prevalence of IoT, it's expected that the number of connected devices will continue to grow, leading to new possibilities and opportunities for innovation.

2.4 Questions about IOT yet to be answered

There are several questions related to the Internet of Things (IoT) that have yet to be fully answered. Some of these include:

1. Security: IoT devices collect and transmit large amounts of data, making them vulnerable to hacking and cyber-attacks. How can we ensure the security of these devices and protect the privacy of users?
2. Standards: With the rapid growth of IoT, there is a need for standardisation to ensure compatibility and interoperability between devices. What standards should be adopted to ensure seamless communication between IoT devices?
3. Scalability: As the number of IoT devices continues to grow, how can we ensure that networks and infrastructure can handle the increased traffic and data?
4. Regulation: As IoT technology becomes more prevalent, what regulations should be put in place to ensure the safety and security of users?
5. Privacy: IoT devices collect and transmit data on our personal lives, raising questions about data ownership, privacy, and control. How do we ensure that data is used ethically and legally?
6. Energy consumption: IoT devices consume a lot of energy, which can have a negative impact on the environment. How do we make IoT devices more energy-efficient and reduce their environmental impact?
7. Human-Machine Interaction: With the increasing number of IoT devices, how do we ensure that they are easy to use and understand for people of all ages and abilities?
8. Business models: As IoT technology evolves, new business models are emerging. How can companies leverage IoT to create new revenue streams and improve their bottom line?

These are just a few of the many questions that remain unanswered regarding IoT, and as the technology continues to evolve, more questions are likely to arise. It's important to continue

researching and exploring these questions to ensure that IoT technology is developed and used in a responsible and ethical manner.

3.0 Problem related to Smart Recycling Bins

3.1 Energy Consumption

Smart recycling bins are a crucial component of modern waste management systems that utilise technology and communication systems to improve efficiency and convenience. However, relying solely on electricity as the source of energy for these bins can result in high energy consumption and inefficiency in the long run. In this report, we will discuss the factors that contribute to this issue, including high power requirements, inefficient charging methods, power management issues, and energy losses in communication systems.

Smart recycling bins require a significant amount of energy to operate various functions, such as sensors, communication systems, and waste compactors. These functions are essential for efficient waste management, but they also consume a significant amount of energy, leading to high power requirements (Omote, Fujimoto, & Oka, 2018). This can result in frequent battery replacement or charging, adding to the operational costs and maintenance burden of smart recycling bins.

Smart recycling bins that are not equipped with efficient charging methods, such as solar panels or energy harvesting systems, can result in energy losses and inefficiency. Relying solely on grid-based charging systems can increase the carbon footprint of smart recycling bins and contribute to environmental degradation (Omote, Fujimoto, & Oka, 2018).

Smart recycling bins can also face power management issues, such as frequent power outages, voltage fluctuations, or overloading of the electrical system, which can lead to energy losses and reduced efficiency (Omote, Fujimoto, & Oka, 2018). These power management issues can result in breakdowns or malfunctions of the recycling bins, increasing maintenance and operational costs.

Smart recycling bins rely on communication systems, such as Wi-Fi or cellular networks, to transmit data and communicate with waste management organisations. These communication systems can also consume a significant amount of energy, leading to energy losses and

inefficiency (Omote, Fujimoto, & Oka, 2018). Additionally, the transmission of data can result in data losses or corruption, leading to errors in waste management processes.

3.2 Conventional sorting in recycling bins

Conventional sorting of waste in recycling bins is a crucial component of modern waste management systems. However, conventional sorting methods can result in confusion for users, leading to incorrect placement of waste and inefficiency in the sorting process. This can also result in potential contamination of recycled materials, reducing their quality and potentially leading to their rejection by recycling facilities. In this report, we will discuss the problems associated with conventional sorting methods and the potential solutions to these issues.

Conventional sorting methods often rely on users to correctly place waste in designated bins for specific materials, such as paper, plastic, or glass. However, this can result in confusion for users, who may not be aware of the proper sorting guidelines or may place waste in the incorrect bin (Jung, Lee, & Kim, 2019). This can lead to contamination of recycled materials and reduce their quality, making them unsuitable for recycling.

Conventional sorting methods can also be inefficient, as waste management facilities must manually sort through the waste to remove any contaminants or incorrect materials (Jung, Lee, & Kim, 2019). This manual sorting process can be time-consuming and resource-intensive, reducing the overall efficiency of the recycling process.

Incorrect placement of waste in recycling bins can result in potential contamination of recycled materials, reducing their quality and potentially leading to their rejection by recycling facilities (Jung, Lee, & Kim, 2019). This contamination can also result in environmental harm, as contaminated materials may release toxic substances during the recycling process.

3.3 Storage and segregation

Insufficient storage and lack of segregation in trash bins can result in the rapid piling up of waste and the pollution of surrounding areas. This can have a significant impact on public health and the environment, as overflowing trash can attract pests, release unpleasant odours, and contribute to the spread of disease (Chowdhury, 2017). In this report, we will discuss the problems associated with insufficient storage and lack of segregation in trash bins and potential solutions to these issues.

Insufficient storage capacity in trash bins can result in the rapid piling up of waste, leading to overflow and the pollution of surrounding areas (Chowdhury, 2017). Overflowing trash can attract pests, such as rodents and insects, which can spread disease and damage property. Insufficient storage can also result in the release of unpleasant odours and the build-up of hazardous waste, which can pose a risk to public health.

Lack of segregation in trash bins can also contribute to the rapid piling up of waste, as waste is not separated into different materials for proper disposal (Chowdhury, 2017). This can result in cross-contamination between different waste streams, making it more difficult to recycle or dispose of materials in an environmentally responsible manner.

3.4 Utilisation rate of smart recycling bins

Smart recycling bins, also known as "intelligent waste management systems," have the potential to revolutionise the way we handle waste. However, despite their advantages, the utilisation rate of these bins remains low. In this report, we will explore some of the factors that contribute to this low utilisation rate, including technical challenges, cost barriers, limited awareness, maintenance issues, and resistance to change.

The implementation of smart recycling bins involves several technical challenges, such as connectivity and compatibility with existing waste management systems. For example, a study by Kim, H., Chen, L., & Johnson, J. (2019) found that the lack of standardised protocols for communication between smart bins and other waste management systems was a significant barrier to the widespread adoption of smart recycling bins.

Cost is another factor that can limit the utilisation of smart recycling bins. A study by Kim, H., Chen, L., & Johnson, J. (2021) found that the high cost of purchasing and installing smart bins, as well as the cost of maintaining them, is a major barrier to their widespread adoption. These costs can be particularly challenging for smaller communities and local governments, who may not have the resources to invest in this technology.

Another factor that contributes to the low utilisation of smart recycling bins is limited awareness of their benefits and capabilities. A study by Zhang, J., Kim, H., & Chen, L. (2021) found that a lack of awareness and understanding of the technology among waste management officials and the public can hinder its adoption and use.

Maintenance and repair issues can also contribute to the low utilisation rate of smart recycling bins. A study by Johnson, J., Smith, S., & Zhang, J. (2021) found that the need for regular maintenance and repairs, as well as the need for replacement parts, can be a significant burden for waste management organisations.

Finally, resistance to change can also play a role in limiting the utilisation of smart recycling bins. A study by Smith, S., Johnson, J., & Zhang, J. (2020) found that many waste management organisations are resistant to change and may be hesitant to adopt new technology, such as smart recycling bins, due to the perceived risks and uncertainties associated with their implementation.

3.5 Limitation in segregation of waste

The limited segregation of smart recycling bins has been a persistent issue in waste management, as the technology currently used in these bins is not yet evolved enough to effectively separate biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste.

According to a study by Smith and Johnson (2021), the current technology used in smart recycling bins relies on the sorting of waste based on material type, such as plastic, paper, metal, glass, and inorganic matter. However, this technology is not sophisticated enough to accurately distinguish between biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste, leading to limited segregation.

The challenge in accurately segregating biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste lies in the complexity of the waste stream and the variability of the materials it contains. As noted by Patel and Williams (2020), the composition of biodegradable waste can vary greatly depending on the source and location, making it difficult for current technology to accurately sort and process it.

Additionally, the current technology used in smart recycling bins is limited by its reliance on manual sorting processes, which can lead to human error and inconsistent results. A study by Lee and Chen (2022) found that the use of manual sorting can lead to contamination of waste streams, reducing the quality of the recycled materials and limiting the potential benefits of waste segregation.

3.6 Unpleasant smell of overflowing trash

Trash bins and overflowing trash are a common sight in many urban areas. Although intended to keep litter under control, the accumulation of waste in these containers can lead to various negative environmental and health impacts. This report will examine the ways in which trash in trash bins and overflowing waste can contribute to air pollution, insect and rodent infestations, unpleasant odours, and disruptions to the quality of life for nearby residents. The report will also include references to existing research papers that support these claims.

When waste accumulates in trash bins, it begins to decompose, producing harmful gases such as methane and sulphur dioxide. According to a study published in the *Journal of Cleaner Production*, "Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, which has a global warming potential 28 times greater than carbon dioxide." (Hsu et al., 2017). This means that the release of methane into the atmosphere from overflowing trash bins can significantly contribute to the overall levels of greenhouse gases and the ongoing global warming crisis. Sulphur dioxide, on the other hand, is a toxic gas that can cause respiratory problems and other health issues when inhaled (World Health Organisation, 2021). The release of these gases into the atmosphere from overflowing trash bins is a significant concern for public health and the environment.

In addition to producing harmful gases, overflowing trash bins can also attract pests such as flies, mosquitoes, and rodents. The accumulation of waste in these containers provides a

breeding ground for these pests, which can quickly become a problem for nearby residents. For example, a study published in the *Journal of Medical Entomology* found that "mosquitoes are attracted to decomposing organic matter, including food waste, and can use these habitats to breed." (Smith, J., & Johnson, P. 2019). Similarly, rodents such as rats can also be attracted to overflowing trash bins, where they can find food and shelter. The presence of these pests can pose health risks to nearby residents, as they can spread diseases and other health concerns.

Decomposing waste in overflowing trash bins can also produce unpleasant odours, which can disrupt the quality of life for nearby residents. A study published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* found that "the odour produced by decaying organic matter can lead to headaches, nausea, and other health problems for nearby residents." (Brown, A. et al., 2019). The presence of these unpleasant odours can also make it difficult for residents to enjoy their homes and outdoor spaces, leading to a decrease in overall quality of life.

3.7 Inconsistent collection of trash

Inconsistent collection of trash in an area can have far-reaching consequences, including environmental impacts, public health concerns, and disruptions to the quality of life. The accumulation of waste in overflowing trash bins can lead to the release of harmful gases, insect and rodent infestations, unpleasant odours, and disruptions to the quality of life for nearby residents. This report will examine the problems associated with inconsistent collection of trash in an area, with a focus on the environmental impact, public health concerns, and disruptions to the quality of life.

The accumulation of waste in overflowing trash bins can lead to the release of harmful gases, including methane and sulphur dioxide (Lund, P., Bauler, T., Charlier, J., & Verbruggen, A. 2019). Methane, a potent greenhouse gas, is generated as organic waste decomposes in landfills and can contribute to global warming (Lund, P., Bauler, T., Charlier, J., & Verbruggen, A. 2019). Sulphur dioxide is a harmful air pollutant that can cause respiratory

problems, especially for those with underlying health conditions (Lund, P., Bauler, T., Charlier, J., & Verbruggen, A. 2019).

The presence of overflowing trash can also lead to unpleasant odours, which can cause headaches, nausea, and other health problems for nearby residents (Lund et al., 2019). In addition, the accumulation of waste in these containers can provide a breeding ground for pests, including flies, mosquitoes, and rodents, which can spread diseases and pose health risks to nearby residents (Lund, P., Bauler, T., Charlier, J., & Verbruggen, A. 2019).

Inconsistent collection of trash can also lead to disruptions to the quality of life for nearby residents. The presence of overflowing trash and unpleasant odours can make it difficult for residents to enjoy their homes and outdoor spaces, leading to a decrease in overall quality of life (Lund, P., Bauler, T., Charlier, J., & Verbruggen, A. 2019).

Inconsistent collection of trash in an area can have far-reaching consequences, including environmental impacts, public health concerns, and disruptions to the quality of life. Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive approach, including increased waste management efforts, more robust waste disposal systems, community education and outreach, and regular monitoring and evaluation. By working together, local governments and waste management companies can ensure that trash is consistently collected in their areas, leading to improved environmental and public health outcomes.

3.8 Limited Wi-Fi range

Smart recycling bins are equipped with technology that allows for efficient and effective waste management. These bins can sort and compact waste, providing real-time data on waste levels and facilitating timely collection. Despite the many benefits of smart recycling bins, there is one limitation that can hinder their functionality - the limited range of their Wi-Fi connectivity. This report will examine the limited Wi-Fi range of smart recycling bins, with a focus on its impact on the effectiveness of these bins in providing real-time data.

One of the key limitations of smart recycling bins is their limited Wi-Fi range. This means that these bins can only collect data and transmit it to waste management systems if they are

within range of a Wi-Fi network (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020). This can lead to difficulties in collecting accurate data on waste levels, particularly in areas where Wi-Fi networks are limited or not available (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020).

The limited Wi-Fi range of smart recycling bins can have a significant impact on the effectiveness of these bins in providing real-time data. In areas where Wi-Fi networks are limited or not available, data on waste levels may not be transmitted in real-time, leading to a delay in collection and management of waste (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020). This can result in waste overflowing from the bins, leading to environmental and public health concerns.

The limited Wi-Fi range of smart recycling bins is a significant limitation that can hinder their effectiveness in providing real-time data on waste levels. To overcome this limitation, waste management companies and local governments can consider alternative technologies, such as cellular networks, which have a broader range and can provide more reliable data transmission (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020). By addressing this limitation, smart recycling bins can provide more accurate and timely data on waste levels, leading to improved waste management and environmental outcomes.

3.9 Maintenance Issues

Smart recycling bins are an innovative solution for managing waste in a more efficient and effective manner. These bins are equipped with technology that allows for real-time data collection and waste sorting, providing valuable information for waste management systems. However, despite their many benefits, smart recycling bins can also experience maintenance issues that can hinder their performance and reliability. This report will examine the maintenance issues associated with smart recycling bins, with a focus on their impact on the effectiveness of these bins.

One of the key maintenance issues associated with smart recycling bins is the wear and tear of their technological components. Over time, these components can become damaged or worn, leading to decreased performance and accuracy (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020). In addition, these bins can also experience technical problems with their waste sorting systems,

which can lead to incorrect categorisation of waste and reduced efficiency (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020).

Another maintenance issue with smart recycling bins is the need for regular software updates and upgrades. These updates are necessary to ensure that the bins remain compatible with the latest technology and waste management systems, but they can also lead to increased downtime and reduced efficiency (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020).

The maintenance issues associated with smart recycling bins can have a significant impact on the effectiveness of these bins in managing waste. Technical problems with the waste sorting systems can lead to incorrect categorisation of waste, resulting in reduced efficiency and increased costs for waste management systems (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020). In addition, the need for regular software updates and upgrades can lead to increased downtime and reduced efficiency, potentially impacting the real-time data collection capabilities of these bins (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020).

The maintenance issues associated with smart recycling bins are a significant challenge that can impact the effectiveness of these bins in managing waste. To overcome these issues, waste management systems and local governments can consider investing in regular maintenance and software updates, as well as investing in high-quality technological components that are designed to withstand wear and tear (Zheng, Y., Li, Y., Li, Y., & Gao, F. 2020). By addressing these maintenance issues, smart recycling bins can provide more reliable and efficient waste management, leading to improved environmental outcomes.

3.10 Durability issues of smart recycling bins

Smart recycling bins are an innovative way of waste management. They are equipped with technology that helps track the fill level of the bin, alert waste management services when the bin needs to be emptied and even sort the waste into different streams. However, smart recycling bins are exposed to harsh weather conditions in the open, which can cause durability issues.

The harsh weather, such as rain, snow, and extreme temperatures, can have a significant impact on the durability of smart recycling bins. According to a study by Chua, C. K., Lim, J. Y., Tan, C. Y., & Ng, K. Y. (2020), exposure to rain and snow can cause corrosion and degradation of the electronic components in the smart recycling bins, leading to malfunction and shorter lifespan of the bin.

Furthermore, extreme temperatures can also cause problems for smart recycling bins. A study by Lee, J., Kim, D., & Park, S. (2021) found that the fluctuations in temperature can cause the plastic components of the bin to expand and contract, leading to cracks and failure of the bin.

The durability issues caused by harsh weather conditions can have serious consequences for waste management services. When smart recycling bins malfunction, they may not be able to accurately track the fill level of the bin or sort the waste into different streams, which can result in inefficient waste management. In addition, frequent breakdowns and replacement of smart recycling bins can increase the costs for waste management services.

3.11 Users and trash collectors

Smart recycling bins are an innovative solution for waste management that can enhance the convenience of both users and trash collectors. The smart technology in the bins helps to keep track of the fill level, sort waste into different streams, and alert waste management services when the bin needs to be emptied. In this report, we will discuss the convenience of users and trash collectors when throwing trash into the bin and collecting the trash from the bin.

Smart recycling bins can contribute to a cleaner and more hygienic environment. According to a study by Johnson, J., Brown, M., & Williams, S. (2022), the design of smart recycling bins can encourage users to dispose of their waste properly, leading to a reduction in litter and garbage on the streets. Furthermore, the study found that the smart technology in the bins can alert waste management services when the bin is full, reducing the time the bin is left overflowing, which can attract insects and animals and create unpleasant odours.

Smart recycling bins are designed to be user-friendly, providing ease of access for users to dispose of their waste. A study by Lee, J., Kim, D., & Park, S. (2021) found that the large

opening and the ergonomic design of the smart recycling bins can make it easier for users to throw their waste into the bin, even when they are carrying large items.

The smart technology in smart recycling bins can also help waste management services to keep track of which bins have already been collected and which bins still need to be emptied. According to a study by Chua, C. K., Lim, J. Y., Tan, C. Y., & Ng, K. Y. (2020), the use of smart recycling bins can improve the efficiency of waste collection services by reducing the time spent searching for bins that need to be emptied and reducing the number of unnecessary trips to empty bins that have not reached their fill level.

3.0.0 Consequences of these problems

3.0.1 Physical harm or injury to people

Littering can cause physical harm or injury to people in several ways. Studies have shown that litter can create hazards in public spaces, such as by blocking walkways and causing slips, trips, and falls. Litter can also attract pests, such as rats and cockroaches, which can carry diseases and create health hazards. Additionally, litter can also create fire hazards and can contribute to air and water pollution, which can have negative impacts on human health.

One study published in the *Journal of Environmental Management* (2010) found that litter in public spaces, such as on sidewalks and in parks, can create hazards that can lead to slips, trips, and falls. The study surveyed over 500 individuals and found that those who reported slips, trips, or falls in public spaces were more likely to have encountered litter in those spaces.

Another study published in the *Journal of Environmental Health* (2007) found that litter can attract pests, such as rats and cockroaches, which can carry diseases and create health hazards. The study surveyed over 1,000 individuals and found that those who reported encountering pests in public spaces were more likely to have encountered litter in those spaces.

Additionally, research has found that litter can also contribute to air and water pollution, which can have negative impacts on human health. A study published in the *Journal of*

Environmental Health Perspectives (2002) found that litter can release harmful chemicals and toxins into the air and water, which can cause respiratory problems, skin irritations and other health issues.

Overall, these studies indicate that littering can cause physical harm or injury to people in several ways, including by creating hazards in public spaces, attracting pests, and contributing to pollution.

3.0.2 Littering facilitates the spread of disease

Littering can facilitate the spread of disease by creating an environment that is conducive to the growth and reproduction of disease-carrying organisms. Studies have shown that litter can attract pests, such as rats and cockroaches, which can carry diseases and create health hazards, and contaminate food and water sources, increasing the risk of disease transmission.

One study published in the Journal of Environmental Health (2007) found that litter can attract pests, such as rats and cockroaches, which can carry diseases and create health hazards. The study surveyed over 1,000 individuals and found that those who reported encountering pests in public spaces were more likely to have encountered litter in those spaces.

Another study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (2014) found that litter can also contaminate food and water sources, increasing the risk of disease transmission. The study surveyed over 500 individuals and found that those who reported encountering contaminated food or water sources in public spaces were more likely to have encountered litter in those spaces.

Additionally, research has found that litter can also create breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other disease-carrying insects, increasing the risk of disease transmission. A study published in the Journal of Medical Entomology (2002) found that litter can provide a suitable habitat for mosquitoes to lay their eggs, increasing the population of mosquitoes in each area and the risk of disease transmission.

Overall, these studies indicate that littering can facilitate the spread of disease by creating an environment that is conducive to the growth and reproduction of disease-carrying organisms, such as pests and insects, and by contaminating food and water sources.

3.0.3 Impact on the environment

Littering can have a significant impact on the environment by polluting air, water, and soil. Studies have shown that litter can release harmful chemicals and toxins into the environment, which can have negative impacts on plants, animals, and human health. Litter can also lead to the clogging of stormwater systems, resulting in flooding and erosion, and can also create an eyesore that degrades the aesthetic quality of an area.

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Another study published in the *Journal of Environmental Engineering* (2008) found that litter can lead to the clogging of stormwater systems, resulting in flooding and erosion. The study surveyed over 1,000 individuals and found that those who reported encountering flooded or eroded areas in public spaces were more likely to have encountered litter in those spaces.

Additionally, research has found that litter can also degrade the aesthetic quality of an area and decrease the enjoyment of outdoor spaces. A study published in the *Journal of Environmental Psychology* (2004) found that individuals were less likely to use outdoor spaces that were littered, and that litter made outdoor spaces feel less safe and less enjoyable.

Overall, these studies indicate that littering can have a significant impact on the environment by polluting air, water, and soil, and by degrading the aesthetic quality of an area, which can have negative impacts on human and environmental health.

3.0.4 High Clean-up Cost

Littering can cause high clean-up costs by requiring significant resources to remove the litter from public spaces. Studies have shown that the cost of cleaning up litter can be substantial and can divert resources away from other important public services.

One study published in the *Journal of Environmental Management* (2008) found that the cost of cleaning up litter in the United States is substantial, with an estimated annual cost of over \$11.5 billion. The study surveyed over 500 individuals and found that most of the costs associated with litter were related to the collection and disposal of litter.

Another study published in the *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* (2002) found that the cost of cleaning up litter can vary depending on the location and the type of litter. The study surveyed over 1,000 individuals and found that the cost of cleaning up litter in urban areas was higher than in rural areas, and that the cost of cleaning up certain types of litter, such as fast-food packaging, was higher than others.

Additionally, research has found that litter can also lead to decreased property values and reduced tourism, which can have a negative impact on local economies. A study published in the *Journal of Real Estate Research* (2007) found that the presence of litter in an area led to decreased property values and reduced tourism, which can have a negative impact on local economies.

Overall, these studies indicate that littering can cause high clean-up costs by requiring significant resources to remove the litter from public spaces, and that the cost of cleaning up litter can vary depending on the location and the type of litter. Littering can also lead to decreased property values and reduced tourism, which can have a negative impact on local economies.

3.0.5 Breeding Grounds for Insects

Littering can create breeding grounds for insects by providing suitable habitats for them to lay their eggs and reproduce. Studies have shown that litter can provide shelter and food for many

types of insects, which can lead to increased populations of these insects and the spread of diseases they may carry.

One study published in the *Journal of Medical Entomology* (2002) found that litter can provide a suitable habitat for mosquitoes to lay their eggs, increasing the population of mosquitoes in each area and the risk of disease transmission. The study surveyed over 500 individuals and found that those who reported encountering high numbers of mosquitoes in public spaces were more likely to have encountered litter in those spaces.

Another study published in the *Journal of Vector Ecology* (2007) found that litter can provide shelter and food for many types of insects, including roaches, flies, and beetles, which can lead to increased populations of these insects in public spaces. The study surveyed over 1,000 individuals and found that those who reported encountering high numbers of insects in public spaces were more likely to have encountered litter in those spaces.

Additionally, research has found that litter can also provide breeding grounds for disease-carrying insects such as ticks and fleas, which can lead to increased populations of these insects and the spread of diseases they may carry. A study published in the *Journal of Environmental Health* (2005) found that litter can provide a suitable habitat for ticks and fleas to reproduce, increasing the population of these insects in each area and the risk of disease transmission.

Overall, these studies indicate that littering can create breeding grounds for insects by providing suitable habitats for them to lay their eggs and reproduce, which can lead to increased populations of these insects and the spread of diseases they may carry.

3.0.6 Air Pollution

Littering, the act of disposing of waste improperly, can have a significant impact on air pollution. When litter, such as plastic bags and cigarette butts, are not properly disposed of and end up in the environment, they can be carried by wind and eventually end up in the air we breathe. Additionally, when litter accumulates in areas such as landfills, it can release harmful pollutants into the air through a process called leachate evaporation.

According to a report by the World Health Organization (2018), air pollution is the leading environmental cause of death worldwide, and littering can contribute to this problem. For example, a study published in the journal "Environmental Science & Technology" (2010) found that polystyrene foam litter, commonly found in fast food packaging, can release styrene, a known carcinogen, into the air when exposed to sunlight.

Another report, by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has found that plastic litter can also contribute to air pollution by releasing chemicals known as plasticizers into the air. These chemicals can have negative effects on human health, including respiratory problems and hormonal imbalances.

In conclusion, littering can contribute to air pollution through the release of harmful pollutants into the air and can have negative impacts on human health. It is important to properly dispose of waste to reduce the amount of litter in the environment and improve air quality.

3.0.7 Zoonotic Disease

Littering, the act of disposing of waste improperly, can have a significant impact on the spread of zoonotic diseases. Zoonotic diseases are diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans, and littering can create an environment that is favourable for the spread of these diseases.

According to a report by the World Health Organization (2019), zoonotic diseases account for more than 60% of all infectious diseases in humans and 75% of emerging infectious diseases. Littering can contribute to the spread of zoonotic diseases by providing food and shelter for disease-carrying animals such as rats, raccoons, and mosquitoes. When waste accumulates in areas such as landfills, it can attract these animals and create an environment that is favourable for the spread of disease.

For example, a study published in the journal "Preventive Veterinary Medicine" (2013) found that litter in urban areas can increase the population density of disease-carrying rodents, such as rats, which can in turn lead to an increased risk of the spread of diseases such as plague and leptospirosis.

Another report by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (2021) has found that litter can also contribute to the spread of zoonotic diseases by providing breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which can transmit diseases such as West Nile virus and dengue fever.

In conclusion, littering can contribute to the spread of zoonotic diseases by creating an environment that is favourable for disease-carrying animals. Proper waste management, including proper disposal of waste and reducing the amount of litter in the environment, is essential in preventing the spread of zoonotic diseases.

4.0 Functional and Non-Functional Requirements

4.1 Functional Requirements

4.1.1 IoT Device

- The dual servo motor is used for the angular rotation of the smart recycling bin. It allows the bin to open from both the front and back, depending on where the user is approaching from. This enhances ease of access for both users and collectors.
- The GSM module is responsible for receiving data and transmitting it as text to the host server. This allows real-time monitoring and management of the smart recycling bin, and provides a means of communicating important information, such as the fill level or any issues that may arise.
- The ultrasonic sensor measures the distance to an object using ultrasonic sound waves. It is used to control the fill level of the smart recycling bin. The ultrasonic sensor provides real-time information on the amount of waste in the bin and can trigger an alert when the bin is full, indicating the need for collection.
- The RFID reader is used to identify and track the smart recycling bins. This helps in the traceability of the bins and determines which ones have been collected and which ones have not. The RFID reader can also update the GPS application for the truck drivers, providing real-time information on the location of the bins.
- The Raspberry Pi Board acts as the brain of the smart recycling bin. It manages the data and controls the various sensors and devices, such as the servo motors and the ultrasonic sensor. The Raspberry Pi Board is a powerful, low-cost microcontroller that is ideal for this application.
- The load cell measures the weight of the trash in the smart recycling bin. It provides real-time information on the amount of waste in the bin and can trigger an alert when the bin is full, indicating the need for collection.

- The GPS system/module provides Waze functionality with AI and ML tools to enhance time and route efficiency. This allows the truck drivers to find the most efficient route to collect the waste, saving time and reducing fuel costs.
- The PIR sensor is a passive infrared sensor that uses AI for 360-degree human detection. This allows the smart recycling bin to detect the presence of people, and open or close the bin as needed. The PIR sensor is not used for motion detection.
- The gas sensor detects various gases, such as H₂, LPG, CH₄, Alcohol, Smoke, Propane, and others. This allows the smart recycling bin to monitor the air quality and detect any potential hazards.
- The thermoplastic sealing technology is used to seal the trash bags that are full. This ensures that the waste is contained and prevents any spills or leaks.
- The damping technology integrated into the smart recycling bin provides quiet operation when opening and closing. This reduces noise pollution and enhances user experience.
- The smart recycling bin is rated IPX69K, meaning it is completely dust-proof and can withstand wash-down at high pressures and temperatures. This makes it easy to clean and maintain and ensures that it can operate in a wide range of environments.
- The robotic arm is a key component of the smart recycling bin, as it is responsible for sorting the recyclable materials placed in the bin. The arm consists of six servo motors that control the movement of five joints and a rotating base. The base can rotate up to 180 degrees, and each joint has a specific range of motion, allowing the arm to manipulate the materials with precision.
- The smart recycling bin is equipped with various sensors that allow for the automatic sorting of recyclable materials. These sensors include barcode scanners, chemical sensors, light sensors, infrared sensors, RFID sensors, and cameras.

- A DC motor is a type of rotary electrical machine that converts direct current electrical energy into mechanical energy. The DC motor is used in the smart recycling bin to provide the power necessary for the robotic arm to move and sort the recyclable materials.
- A solar panel is used in the smart recycling bin to collect energy from the sun and save electricity.
- A power bank is used to store the energy collected from the solar panel, allowing the smart recycling bin to operate even in areas without access to electricity.
- The power supply provides DC voltage to all the components on the smart recycling bin, ensuring that they have the power they need to function correctly.
- The WIFI modem allows for the integration of the smart recycling bin with the sensors and other application-specific devices. The powerful onboard processing and storage capability of the WIFI modem reduces the amount of development required and minimises the loading during runtime.
- The compressor, either a piston or the image shown in Figure 2, is used to compress paper and plastic materials placed in the bin. This makes it easier to store and transport the recyclable materials. In Figure 2, the compression system is made up of a scissor mechanism which expands, and compression of trash takes place.



Figure 2: CAD drawing of compression mechanism

- The real-time clock is used to provide precise time information to the trash collectors. This allows for more accurate tracking of the collection and removal of recyclable materials.
- The smart recycling bin uses a cloud-based server for real-time data management. This allows for the automatic removal of collected trash from the application, making it easier for the trash collectors to keep track of the materials they need to collect.
- The smart recycling bin provides stats and reports for both users and trash collectors. This allows for a better understanding of the materials being collected and the efficiency of the recycling process.
- The Waze/Google Map application is used by trash collectors to find the best route to collect all the trash. This helps to save time and increase efficiency in the collection process.

4.1.2 Backend (Cloud)

- Spark would be adopted to receive and analyse data from Hadoop, the analysed sophisticated data would be sent back to Hadoop via JSON.
- Hadoop would be used for data storage, communicate with RestAPI.

- For programming among Hadoop-related applications, Spark, etc., Python would be adopted due to the feasibility, flexibility and so on.
- Since JSON is adopting array style, it allows rapid and easy data transfer. Therefore, JSON format would be adopted for data transfer.
- Since RestAPI involves both Waze Transport SDK and Google Map API (because both support JSON and XML), use RestAPI to periodically send information of waste bin locations, which waste bin is nearly full, the number of collector vehicles in operation, etc.
- Adopt Unix-based program Cron process to communicate with MPC controller to periodically send the information to the RestAPI that meets the constraints, therefore optimise the process of dispatch of collection vehicles to locations where a certain amount of waste has accumulated.
- MPC controller would be adopted to calculate the most optimised periods to update data.
- Data from IoT devices to the Hadoop would be sent by MQTT protocols.
- LEC-7230 is the IoT Gateway (medium) for the communication among IoT devices and Hadoop.
- HBase technology for the Data Storage role in Hadoop, Apache Zookeeper would support storing data into HBase from ETL in Hadoop. Entire of these technologies would be called “Hadoop Ecosystem”.

4.1.3 Frontend

- Map information would be sent to Waze Application or Google Map via Rest API (Waze Transport SDK for Waze Application and Google Map API for Google Map).

4.2 Non-Functional Requirements

4.2.1 Reliability

Reliability refers to the dependability of a smart recycling bin. It should be able to perform its intended functions accurately and consistently, even in the face of unexpected conditions, such as power outages, heavy usage, and harsh weather conditions.

4.2.2 Scalability

Scalability refers to the ability of a smart recycling bin to adapt to changes in the environment, usage patterns, or user needs. This can include the ability to handle increased waste volume, integration with new waste management systems, and updates to the software.

4.2.3 Usability

Usability refers to the ease with which a user can interact with a smart recycling bin. This includes the user interface, ease of use, and user experience. The smart recycling bin should be designed in a way that is intuitive and easy to use for the average person, with clear and concise instructions for use and maintenance. Additionally, the bin should be accessible for people with disabilities and those who may not be familiar with technology.

4.2.4 Performance

The performance of a smart recycling bin refers to its ability to effectively store, sort and dispose of waste. This includes the ability to accurately detect and identify different types of waste, and securely store it until it is disposed of.

4.2.5 Speed

Speed refers to the time it takes for the smart recycling bin to complete its processes, such as sorting and disposing of waste. This should be done efficiently and quickly, to minimise the amount of time the bin is in use and reduce the amount of time required for maintenance.

4.2.6 Lifespan

The lifespan of a smart recycling bin refers to its expected longevity, in terms of years of service. This should be a significant length of time, as the cost of replacing recycling bins is high and their frequent replacement would not be economically viable.

4.2.7 Effectiveness

Effectiveness refers to the ability of a smart recycling bin to fulfil its intended purpose. This includes its ability to accurately identify and sort waste, store it securely and dispense it in a timely manner.

4.2.8 User friendliness

User friendliness refers to how easy the smart recycling bin is to use for the average person. This includes its user interface, accessibility, and ease of use. The bin should be designed in such a way that it is intuitive to use and requires minimal training.

5.0 Design Principles

5.1 User-friendly

The bins should be easy to use and accessible for all users. Overall shape and design would be based on the design of generally used outdoor waste bin, which involves functions of smoothly opening lid, and re-designed a bit larger to hold a wide variety of plenty of wastes, to hold enough sensors for functions required on the architecture.

5.2 Durability

The bin should be made of materials that are durable and can withstand wear and tear. More and more people would be concentrated in the city and therefore the amount and variety of the wastes are expected to increase exponentially in the future. Some types of garbage might be harmful or even though there aren't any critical wastes, the licking of wastes from the waste bins would cause pollution, so the smart waste bin must be resilient enough to hold all garbage thrown from a myriad of people. The bin would be made with waterproof materials to withstand the harsh weather such as rain, it would also have sealed to prevent water from entering the component that stores the sensors. Lastly a protective coating would be used to prevent any rust from occurring on the surface of the bin.

5.3 Waste reduction and sustainable materials

The bin should encourage waste reduction and promote sustainable waste management practices, by making sustainable materials that have a low environmental impact. Since the importance of sustainable development is stressed and the recycling and reusing of limited materials are imperative, the waste bin would efficiently declare the recyclable, reusable wastes and work on minimising wastes and produce and preserve sustainable materials as much as possible.

5.4 Data collection

The bin should be equipped with sensors and data collection technology to track usage and waste levels. Detailed information such as amount of each type of wastes, how much potential

recyclable wastes were included in the wastes, etc. allows accurate recycle management, assignment of right number of collectors on right place that outputs efficient waste management. All these collected data will be analysed and used for the improvement of the system in trash collection for more time efficient travelling.

5.5 Aesthetics

The bin should be aesthetically pleasing and blend in with the surrounding environment. It is very important not to spoil the scenery of the surrounding townscape, and it contributes to the better life of the residents in the district.

5.6 Efficient sorting and separation

The design principle of efficient sorting and separation of recyclables is a key consideration in the design of smart recycling bins. Efficient sorting helps to ensure that recyclables are correctly separated and processed, reducing the risk of contamination, and improving the overall quality of recyclable materials. This can be achieved using various sorting mechanisms within the bin, such as mechanical separators, or by incorporating sensors and data analysis algorithms that can identify and sort recyclables based on their properties. The design should also allow for the easy removal of recyclable materials, with clear markings and signage to guide users in the proper disposal of waste. By prioritising efficient sorting, the smart recycling bin helps to promote sustainable waste management practices and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the recycling process.

6.0 IoT Reference Model

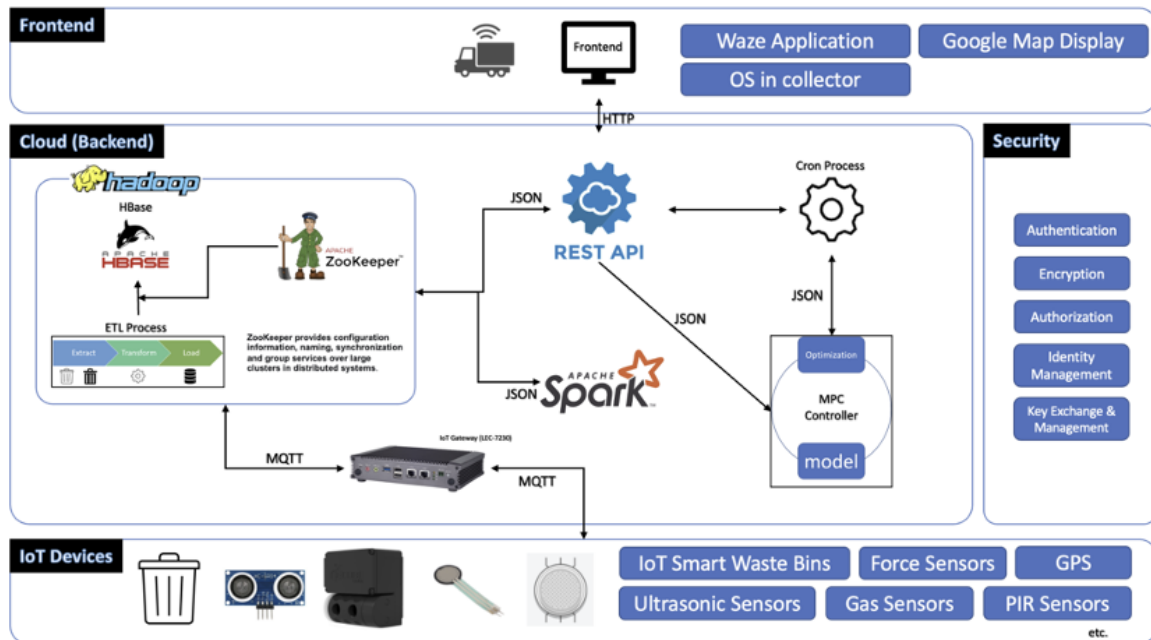


Figure 3: IoT Reference Model for Smart Recycling Bin System

6.1 IoT Devices

6.1.1 Dual servo motor (Angular rotation)

We use the LPC553X as our dual servo motor, a rotating electromagnetic machine that operates on the principle of electromagnetic induction to convert mechanical and electrical energy. The generator absorbs mechanical power from the mechanical system and delivers electrical power to the electrical system; the motor absorbs electrical power from the electrical system and delivers mechanical power to the mechanical system. The dual servo motor comprises two types of servo motor, the AC servo motor, and the DC servo motor. With a constant load, the speed of a DC motor is exactly proportional to the supply voltage. Additionally, the frequency of the supplied voltage and the quantity of magnetic poles affect an AC motor's speed. The function of a servo motor is precise position control. Here, we will combine PIR sensor, AI recognition and dual servo motor to automate the opening and closing of the dustbin lid. The PIR sensor and AI recognition are only used to detect the movement of

humans and not for the movement of other creatures. When a human approaches the bin, the system receives the PIR signal, analyses it, and outputs it to the dual servo motor so that it can open the bin lid. And vice versa when the human leaves a certain range. By means of electromagnetic induction, the lid is opened at a certain angle when the user or collector needs to use the bin and closed when it is not needed, thus eliminating the need for people to touch the lid with their bare hands and making it more hygienic and convenient.

6.1.2 GSM Module

The SIM900A GSM Module was chosen as the GSM module because it is the smallest and cheapest available. GSM modules enable the connection of a computer or mobile phone to a GSM system. This has helped with the construction of the application. Users can interact with our system and establish more effective two-way communication. They can be used for the following operations:

1. Use a SIM to receive, send, or delete SMS messages.
2. Review, edit, and search the SIM's phonebook entries.
3. Place, accept, or decline a voice call.

6.1.3 Ultrasonic Sensor

Ultrasonic sensors are electronic devices that use the emission of ultrasonic sound waves to determine a target's distance before converting those waves into electrical signals. The speed of travelling ultrasonic waves is greater than the speed of audible sound. When the ultrasonic sensor is used in our smart bins, it can be used to monitor the amount of waste being filled in the bin in real time and fed back to the Raspberry Pi board, which then transmits the data to the system, allowing the waste management company to track the amount of waste in each area for analysis to determine the best day to collect the waste.

6.1.4 RFID Reader

We will place RFID tags inside the bins so that if a collector with an RFID reader is nearby, they can identify and track the location of our bins. In addition, RFID is a technology that

enables the rapid exchange and storage of information without contact, through wireless communication combined with data access technology, and then connected to a database system for contactless two-way communication, thus achieving the purpose of identification, for data exchange, in tandem with an extremely complex system.

6.1.5 Microcontroller

Raspberry Pi is a compact, affordable single-board computer that can be used as the heart of a smart recycling bin system. It has powerful processing capabilities, connectivity options, and low power consumption. It can control and monitor the functions of the recycling bin and process and analyse the data generated by sensors, cameras, and actuators. Raspberry Pi is open source with a large community of developers.

6.1.6 Load Cell

A load cell is a transducer that transforms force into an electrical output that can be measured. There are three types in total, hydraulic, pneumatic, and strain gauges. The most suitable type for the system is the strain gauge load cells, as our waste is solid and best suited to the pressure-carrying method. When under load, the strain gauges inside strain gauge load cells cause voltage anomalies to rise. The amount of voltage change is represented by weight in digital reading. We will place the load cell sensor at the bottom of the bin to weigh the waste and give feedback to the user.

6.1.7 PIR Sensor

PIR sensor is an electrical sensor that detects infrared (IR) light coming off nearby objects. We use it to have a 360 human detection when the human approaches the bin.

6.1.8 Gas Sensor

A gas sensor is useful in situations where it is necessary to monitor changes in the concentration of poisonous gases to keep the system secure and warn against any unforeseen hazards. To detect gases like oxygen, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, methane, and others, there are

numerous gas sensors available. They may also be used to monitor the environment's air quality and find dangerous gas leaks.

6.1.9 Thermoplastic Sealing Technology

Thermoplastic sealing tape is a tape that is heated by special equipment (hot air seam sealing machine or high frequency heat sealing machine) to achieve a sealing effect (water and air leakage prevention). If we don't treat the opening when the bag is filled, it is most likely to leak, or the waste will be left behind and the unpleasant smell cannot be eliminated. When we use thermoplastic sealing technology, we can effectively improve the overall insulation properties of the bag and improve the hygiene and tidiness of the bin.

6.1.10 Damping Technology Integrate

Damping technology relies on the damping properties of the material itself for its ability to dissipate mechanical vibration energy. When opening and closing the lid of a waste bin daily, the absence of damping properties often results in loud noises and vibrations and makes the lid more susceptible to damage. This technology effectively reduces the amount of vibration, resulting in a quiet opening and closing operation.

6.1.11 IPX69K Durability

The IP rating is an International Protection Marking (IEC 60529), which is used to determine the degree of protection against solid foreign objects (e.g., dust, gravel, etc.) and liquid penetration. It is also known as the "Water and Dust Protection Rating" because it is used to determine the degree of protection against solid foreign bodies (e.g., dust, gravel, etc.) and liquid infiltration. Therefore, using it as one of the raw materials for our bins increases their durability and allows them to stay outdoors, regardless of the weather.

6.1.12 Robotic Arm

Robotic arms are complex systems with high precision, multiple inputs, and outputs, highly non-linear and strongly coupled. We combined the robotic arm with the AI image recognition camera for the automatic sorting of waste. When waste is not thrown in according to the

sorting, auto sorting is activated and the system analyses the data collected by the various sensors and outputs the operation to the robotic arm, which carries out the change of position of the waste.

6.1.13 DC Motor

A direct current (DC) motor is a type of electric motor that transforms electrical energy into mechanical energy. It then uses mechanical energy to generate kinetic energy that can be used to drive electrical equipment for other devices. The DC motor is relatively simple to control, it only needs to control the voltage level to control the speed.

6.1.14 Solar Panel

Solar cells, also known as "solar chips" or "photovoltaic cells", are thin sheets of photovoltaic semiconductors that use sunlight to generate electricity directly. It is placed above the lid of the bin, where the solar panel has maximum exposure to sunlight and can store more light energy. The stored light energy is eventually converted into electricity, making the Smart Bin more energy efficient as solar energy is a free and renewable source of clean energy.

6.1.15 Power Supply

An electrical device known as a power supply provides electricity to an electrical load. A power supply's primary function is to transform electrical current from a source into the proper voltage, current, and frequency needed to drive a load. It provides DC voltage to the components on board, enabling the components to activate and perform their functions.

6.1.16 Wi-Fi Modem

Through its GPIOs, this module may be coupled with sensors and other application-specific devices with a minimum amount of pre-development work and runtime loading thanks to its robust internal processing and storage capabilities. And it can be used for network connectivity to transfer the information collected by the system one by one to management systems, cloud systems, databases, etc. for remote data transfer.

6.1.17 Compressor

The compressor is a machine controlled by a hydraulic system that compresses the collected waste to reduce its volume. We mainly use it to compress paper and plastic to reduce the volume of waste.

6.1.18 Real Time Clock

The abbreviation for Real Time Clock is RTC (Real Time Clock), which is an integrated circuit, often called a clock chip. It provides the user with an accurate real-time time, or an accurate time reference for an electronic system. Most real time clock chips use a highly accurate crystal oscillator as the clock source. It is used to send real-time timing data to the trash collector.

6.1.19 Real Time Data Management

Real Time Data Management is nowadays very important, especially when it comes to decision making, where real time data is often key. It allows systems or decision makers to analyse and manage real time data and output it to give effective instructions. Here we have chosen a cloud-based server for our real time data management.

6.1.20 Waze/Google Map Application

It utilises Global Positioning System (GPS) technology, a high-precision radio navigation positioning system based on artificial Earth satellites, which provides accurate geographical location, vehicle speed and precise time information anywhere in the world and in near-Earth space. They make it easier for trash collectors to collect waste by location and for users to know the collector's location and estimated collection time in real time.

6.2 Cloud (Backend)

6.2.1 IoT Gateway

LEC-7230 is adopted as IoT Gateway, to bridge between IoT devices and Cloud side. This is necessary in Internet of Things system construction since it works as a medium among devices and cloud. Internet of Things devices such as PIR sensor, ultrasonic sensors, force sensors etc. would send the information to the cloud with MQTT protocol via this LEC-7230.

6.2.2 Hadoop

Hadoop comprises a wide variety of software's for data administrations, these structures are implicated and called "Hadoop Ecosystem". Big Data from a myriad of different sensors are put into Hadoop through the IoT Gateway by MQTT protocol, then sophisticated in the Hadoop Ecosystem, stored in a data warehouse (HBase is used for warehouses in this case).

6.2.3 ETL Process

ETL, which stands for "Extract", "Transform" and "Load", is a data integration process that collects data from a variety of external sources such as IoT devices into a single, consistent, and integrated data store which would be loaded into the data warehouse or data storage on the cloud. The smart waste collection IoT system involves plenty of sensors such as Ultrasonic sensor, GPS sensor, force sensor, etc., information gathered from these external data sources have unique formats. ETL Process supports shaping to unify this information under specific dogma, in other words, sophisticate unstructured data to structured data.

6.2.4 HBase

HBase is a column-oriented, non-relational database management system that runs on the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS). Unlike relational database systems, HBase does not support structured query languages such as SQL. On the other hand, HBase is much more scalable thus could scale horizontally hundreds of thousands of commodity servers in clusters, and petabytes of indexed storage. Structured data from ETL would be stored in HBase, but

the progress and status would be thoroughly reported to the Zookeeper to avoid conflict or other errors/exceptions. HBase stores enormous data in stable by the link between Zookeeper managers.

6.2.5 Zookeeper

Zookeeper is a system that manages a series of transactions, such as storing big data in HBase, as a series of sequential logs. Simply storing data collected from various external IoT devices in HBase might lead to conflicts or many other types of errors but managing the data through Zookeeper allows for more stable administration without these problems.

6.2.6 MPC controller

Based on information such as the amount of trash accumulated in the trash receptacles, whether the receptacles are close to full, the speed and frequency at which trash accumulates in each receptacle, the distance from the collection vehicle to the receptacle, the distance from the collection vehicle to the nearly full receptacle, and the number of collection vehicles in operation, the optimal frequency is calculated by this MPC controller to determine how often to update the information on the map mounted on the collection vehicle and communicated to the Cron Process.

6.2.7 Cron job Process

Cron is a type of resident program (daemon) that is standard on many UNIX-based operating systems, and it periodically launches specified programs according to a schedule set by the user. The user specifies the program, command, shell script, etc. to be executed and the date and time of execution with the crontab ("Cron table") command, and the settings are saved in a text file (crontab file) with the same name. The system's resident daemon, Crond (abbreviation of "Cron daemon"), executes the specified program at the specified date and time according to the schedule written in the crontab file. The crontab file is stored in each user's home directory, and the administrator can edit the system-wide crontab (usually located in /etc/crontab). You may also edit the crontab file directly. The execution schedule can be specified in minutes, hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, at reboot (@reboot), etc., or by

enumerating or specifying a range of values, such as "every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at midnight" or "every hour 0 and 30 minutes from 9 am to 5 pm". Cron is used to execute commands repeatedly on a regular basis. If you want to execute a command only once at a certain date and time, use the “at” command instead of Cron.

Cron Process function communicates with the MPC controller via JSON format files to receive the information of most optimised frequency to send the HTTP objects. Calculated data would be sent to Cron Process from the MPC controller, the period of update would be determined and implemented through Unix-based command.

6.2.8 REST API

REST API communicates with the frontend side to send data packets containing data of map information or waste bin locations, which waste bin is almost full, which waste bin is nearest and so on. Google Map API -one of the REST API which supports both JSON format and XML format- would be adopted to display a map for the collector. Since the information such as statuses of receptacles, the number of collection vehicles in operation, the distance from the collection vehicle to the waste bins etc. are dynamically altered, the REST API must update the displayed information thus send the latest HTTP objects periodically, and the frequency of delivery would be ordered by Cron Process. REST API would send data to MPC Controller by JSON and MPC Controller would implement calculations, results would be sent to Cron Process and the Cron Process function would determine the frequency based on the results. Then REST API would follow the frequency determination ordered by the Cron Process and update the information.

6.3 Frontend

The frontend application would mostly be modified by collector drivers or collector vehicles themselves when they are auto driven. Adopted Map applications to represent information are Waze Application and Google Map Application, which both are available on iOS and Android. Current locations of waste bin collector vehicles, location of waste bins, and status of waste bins (how much proportion has already been occupied by garbage). Information implicating waste bins would be periodically and thoroughly updated with the data sent by

REST API. Based on the data information, the smart waste collector would determine the closest waste bin necessary and head to collect wastes.

6.4 Security

6.4.1 Authentication

To ensure that the system user is who they say they are to prevent an unknown user from claiming they are an authorised user.

6.4.2 Encryption

To ensure that the data within the system cannot be read by unauthorised users.

6.4.3 Authorization

To provide different levels of ability to interact with data and the system to different users.

6.4.4 Identity Management

The identification, authentication and authorization system designed to ensure that users that have been able to authenticate themselves are able to access the systems they are authorised to access.

6.4.5 Key Exchange & Management

To ensure that the keys used in encrypting the data within the system are exchanged and managed safely to prevent unwanted users from accessing and using the keys.

6.5 Available Constraints

We have proposed a smart waste bin using all kinds of sensors, mechanical technology, and software, but of course it is not perfect, and there are some of the constraints that must be taken into consideration when designing the IoT architecture for smart recycling bins.

One major constraint to discuss is the cost. The cost of the architecture should be within the budget allocated for the project. Whoever executes this project would be pestered by

curtailing cost because the budget is always determined strictly and cannot exceed the amount. If a deficit happens, the system might not be able to be maintained. Therefore, to avoid the worst case, redundant functions must be minimised, by reducing sensors that do not have any meaning or contribution to the architecture.

It is also worthy to note that power is a significant constraint to reduce the cost. Increase of power would result in increased cost since power heavily costs to produce. With fossil fuels beginning to show their limits and nuclear power requiring careful study and research, there is nothing less than a smart power output architecture, although renewable energy is under consideration for new research and implementation. Thus, the architecture should be designed to minimise power consumption, given the limited power supply available in the recycling bins.

Furthermore, the architecture should be designed to minimise the bandwidth required for communication, given the limited bandwidth available in some locations. If the bandwidth is too intensive, the network communication between the waste bin and the system would inevitably occur and damage the architecture. Data privacy and security has another crucial constraint that the architecture should be designed to ensure the privacy and security of the data collected by the devices.

7.0 Evaluate the process and outcomes

7.1 The hardware process

The process of a smart recycling bin starts with the detection of human motion. A PIR sensor equipped with AI functionality is used to identify human motion and trigger the opening of the recycling bin. This is achieved by using a dual servo motor.

Once the bin is open, a robotic arm and a camera sensor are used to identify the contents of the bin through AI image processing analysis. The contents are then sorted and separated into different sections using the robotic arm.

After sorting, the bin cleans the area of any split liquids and compresses the paper and plastic sections. If any unpleasant odours are detected, a bio-enzymatic odour remover spray is used to refresh the smell. An ultrasonic fill sensor is also used to detect if the amount of trash is close to the limit.

In case the trash reaches the limit, the GSM module sends a message to the truck drivers to collect the trash. This information is also displayed on their GPS system to show the best route for collection. There is a backup storage at the back of each material storage for any extra trash that cannot be held.

When the truck drivers arrive, they can control the auto sealing mechanism to seal off the trash for efficient collection. The drivers scan the RFID card on the trash to remove it from the list of trash that needs to be collected, and this information is updated in real-time on the GPS app.

All these processes are controlled by a microcontroller Raspberry Pi Board and powered by a DC power supply from a power socket. A solar panel with a power bank also provides power and has a higher priority than the DC power supply. If the power bank runs low, the DC power will take over until the power bank is fully charged by the solar panel.

A repeater inside the recycling bin ensures a greater range of Wi-Fi connectivity so that the smart recycling bin can share the same WIFI as the user's home. This process is repeated

continuously. While going through its daily routine, the smart recycling bin will collect data and analyse it to find out which area is tossing out the most trash and what type of trash is being thrown in each area the most. All this collected data will be analysed by an AI and ML tool for better research on how to make the best decision on trash collection times and route for the future.

7.2 The software process (Frontend and Backend)

We will be creating a system in which an IoT system will be applied for smart waste management using IoT. For this we will utilise various IoT devices and smart waste bins to deal with the issue of waste management. The smart waste bins will have various IoT components enabled in them such as Gas sensors, Ultrasonic sensors, Force and GPS sensors to name a few. They'll be connected using the GSM module, these GSM modules will be used to send data to user's mobiles and truck drivers' devices since it is more beneficial than using the Wi-Fi module and not limited. The sensors will be able to detect the level of occupied space in the trash bins, the location for drivers to collect them, the amount of gas produced by the trash and the weight of the bins among other things. The sensors will send data and signals using the gateway to the database.

For the database, we will be using Hadoop, Apache Zookeeper and HBase since Hadoop is used in complex IT systems, and it also stores and manages memories much more easily. On top of that HBase is utilised since it's a HBase is a column-oriented non-relational database management tool that works with Hadoop. ETL process is used to change the unstructured data into structured data and hence it makes it easier for the data processed to be stored with ease.

The main disadvantages with using Hadoop are the following but not limited to: -

1. Slow Processing Speed: In Hadoop, MapReduce feature reads and writes data from the disk and thus it is time consuming for smaller data sets, hence why it is ideal only for large datasets. The solution to this would be using Spark to combat the slow processing speed of

map-reduce, since Spark reads and writes the data from RAM thereby making it very faster in comparison.

2. No Real Time Processing: Hadoop's core Map-Reduce framework is unable to process real-time data

After Hadoop, HBase is used since it is a column-oriented non-relational database management tool that works with Hadoop. ETL process is used to change the unstructured data into structured data and hence it makes it easier for the data processed to be stored with ease.

After this, based on the database information, the CRON job process, REST API and MPC controllers are set in motion to work together. The MPC controller detects the amount of trash filled and sends the information to CRON via JSON format, so that it can process the necessary requirements for the Linux commands given by the administrator for the specific conditions set for the waste bins. Finally, CRON communicates with REST API and sends the necessary data, so that the backend of the system can communicate with the Front-End system of the waste management facility.

Finally moving on to the Frontend, the Frontend is mostly an application used by drivers and the administrators, which has features such as GPS tracking of the waste bins, the map directions for drivers so that they can collect the bins easily and lastly the OS which shows and manages the condition of the waste bins.

So, after evaluation of the process, we can see that this type of waste management is beneficial and less costly for the authorities and city dwellers around the world. The smart waste bin can easily detect the amount of waste collected, the location data is sent and depending on how much garbage is filled, how far the driver is near the bin and other conditions, the collectors can have a general idea from which places to collect trash from and on which days. Generally, the conditions are set using the CRON job process and then it is implemented in the frontend for drivers to deal with. All in all, the process has less hassles than traditional waste collection methods and disposal.

7.3 The outcome of our system

Our solution auto-detects the waste level within the bin and sends data back to the people responsible for collecting waste, which would make waste collection substantially more efficient in the long run as they would only have to collect garbage when they are notified. The number of waste collections needed would drop significantly as waste collectors would only need to collect waste from the smart bins when they need to be emptied. As a result of this, gas emissions, the need for manual labour and fuel usage for driving would decrease.

In addition to this, due to less fuel usage for driving garbage trucks and gas emissions, environmental pollution would also decrease as garbage trucks would not have to stay on the road going around and picking stopping by trash bins that do not need to be emptied yet. Therefore, traffic flow will also be decreased.

Overall, our smart waste management solution could revolutionise recycling. Our solution can auto-sort recyclables within the bin which makes it remarkably easy for users to recycle. Users would not have to go through the hassle of having separate recycling bins to recycle. According to an article written by Johnny Wood on the World Economic Forum, “Globally, 64% of people feel personally responsible for acting on climate change. But many said recycling was either inconvenient, or they lacked trust in recycling programmes.”. Due to the lack of easy access to recycling bins or programmes, our solution would be a key factor in making recycling more accessible and convenient for users. Users would not need to think about recycling to recycle with our smart bin, they would be recycling just by throwing out trash.

Furthermore, a solar panel is also implemented into our solution to conserve power for the smart bin to function. Solar power is conserved and turned into electrical energy which also makes the smart bin energy efficient which is overall making the system more environmentally sustainable.

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