College Net Wi-Fi Enabled Data Acquisition Network Using Openmoko

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Overview

- Data Acquisition System (DAS)
- Data Acquiring Device
- Openmoko Framework
- Implementation
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Introduction

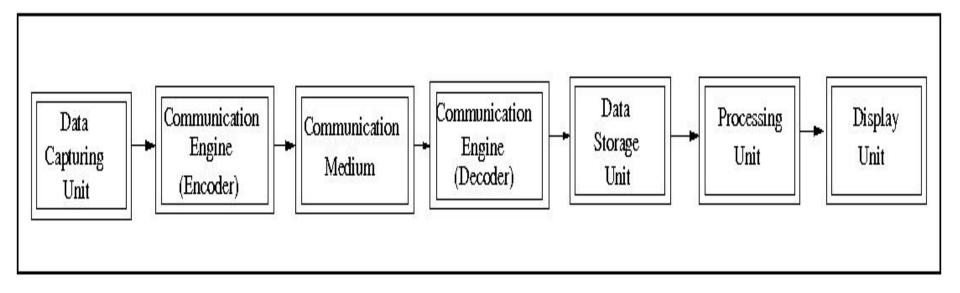
- Secured, automated and user friendly remote DAS
- This project develops a Data acquisition system which can be deployed in NSIT.
- The Data capturing unit is Openmoko, a touch sensitive embedded device.
- Data can be student's record, attendance, remarks or output of some sensors.
- Encryption is implemented for minimizing risk of data disclosure.

Data Acquisition System (DAS)

- Device to measure and log some data or parameters.
- Signals can be digital (called logical signals) or analog signals.
- Data is acquired by using sensors which works automatically or with some human involvement.
- DAS is normally electronic based and made up of hardware and software.
- Hardware part is sensors, cables and electronic components like memory etc.
- Software part is data acquisition logic and the analysis software.

Different Modules of DAS

Main parts are data acquiring unit, communication engine and data processing unit



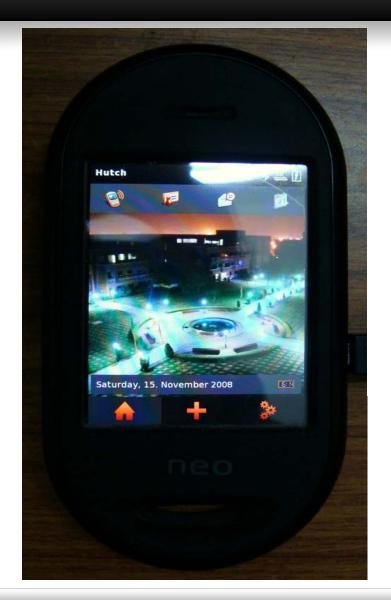
- Data Capturing Unit is Openmoko in this project.
- Communication engine is a program written in C++ and PHP which communicates through TCP/IP protocol.

Different Modules of DAS (cont.)

- Communication medium is wireless through Wi-Fi protocol.
- Data storage unit is a remote server with enough memory to store data digitally in form of database.
- Processing Unit is a computer with sufficient processing power.
- Display unit contains the output either on a computer monitor or in the form of printed results.

Data Acquisition Device

- Device used in this project is called Openmoko.
- Portable, hand held and touch sensitive.
- Runs Linux as operating system on it.
- Completely open source device.
- Can work as a mobile phone also.

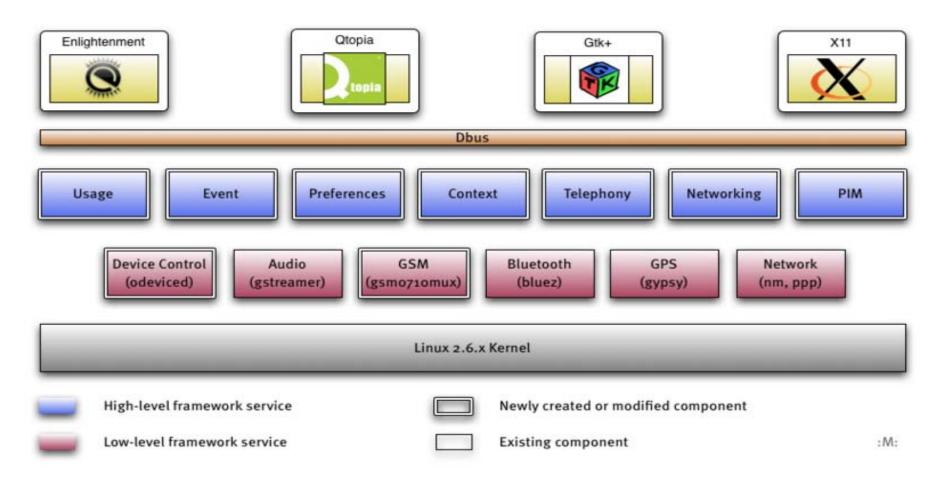


Openmoko Framework (Hardware)

- The hardware specifications are:
- Hardware Electrical
- 400/500 MHz Samsung 2442B Processor/SOC (400 minimum, ARM920T core, ARMv4T)
- 128 MB SDRAM total, 64 MB CPU internal, 64 MB external
- Display (LCD screen)
- resolution: 480 x 640 pixels
- size: 43mm x 58mm (1.7" x 2.27")
- Wi-fi transceiver.
- Bluetooth Module
- GPS/AGPS module support
- GSM/GPRS modules and driver

Openmoko Framework (Software)

Openmoko 2008 Software Architecture



Implementation

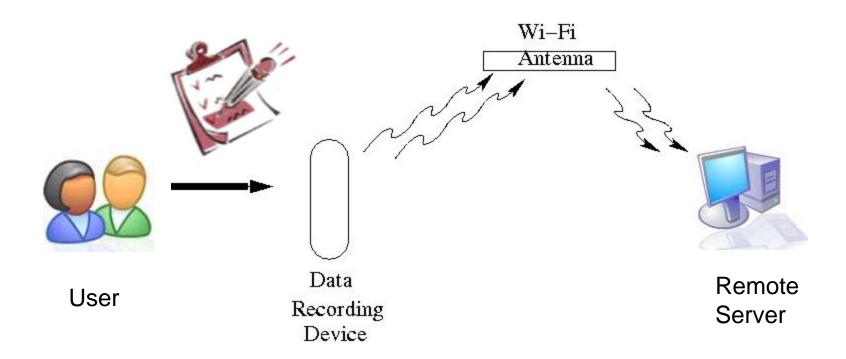
• The design model of this project mainly uses three parts:

Client Model

2. Communication Model

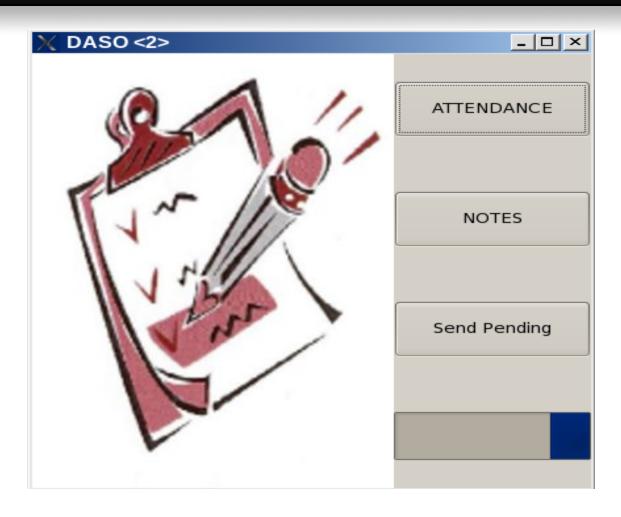
Server Model

Project Overview

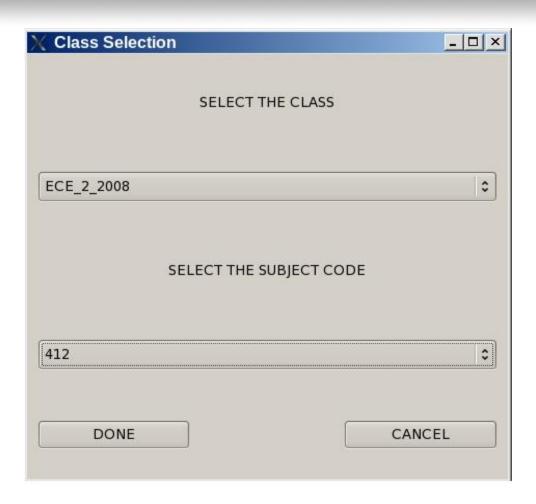


Client Model

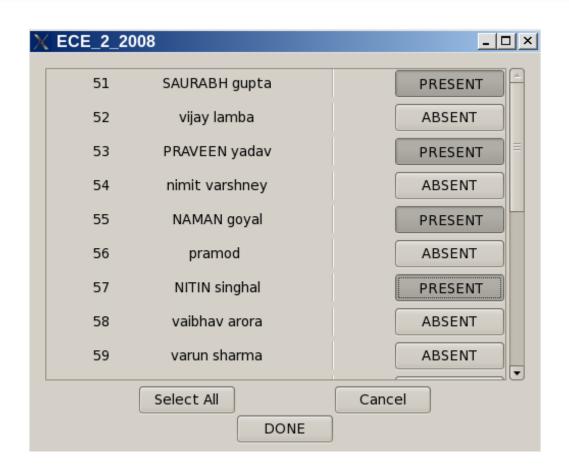
- Consists of GUIs for user
- Attendance can be marked
- Remarks can be added
- Can be directly interfaced with personal computer
- Pending data can be sent by wired and wireless mode any time



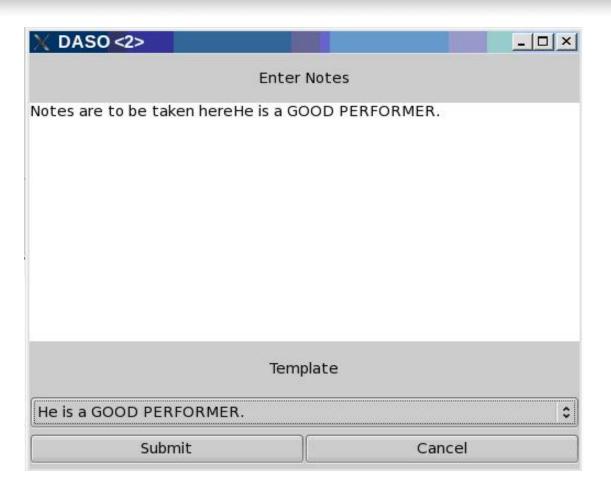
Window for selection of action



Selection of class



Marking the attendance



Writing the remarks

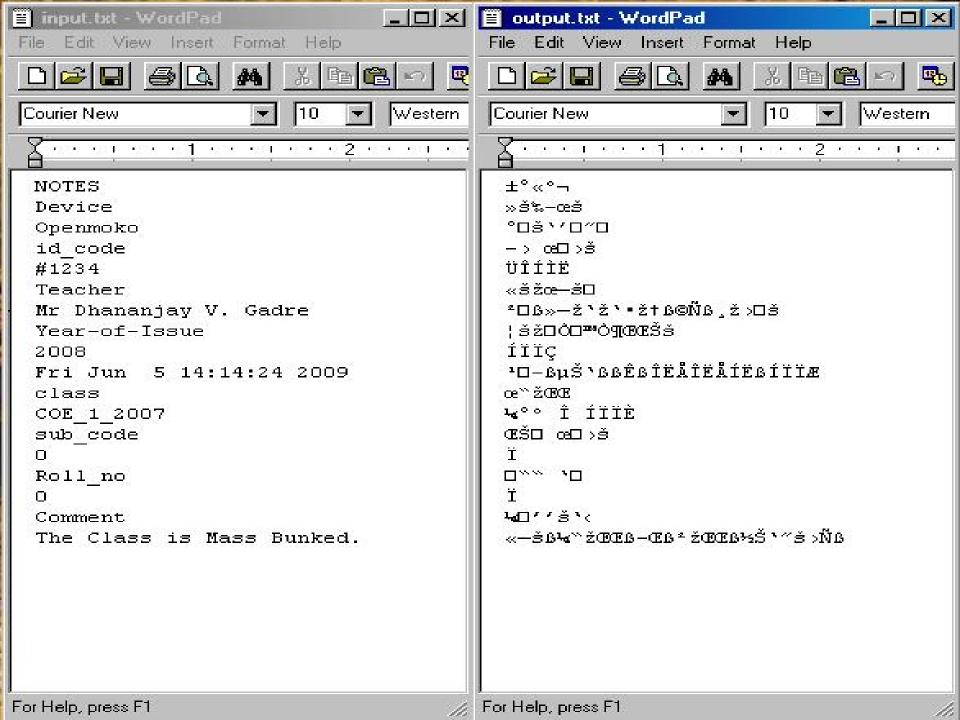
Communication Engine and Protocols

- Communication medium is wireless through Wi-Fi protocol.
- IPv4 TCP/IP protocol used. Packets of Data is sent by socket connection between remote server and Openmoko.
- Communication part is implemented using C++ and PHP programming languages at the network layer.
- Handles data in a robust way. Unsent data is stored locally and sent next time.
- Redundancy is used to prevent data loss.
- Encryption is used for data security.

Encryption

PJW Hash function used

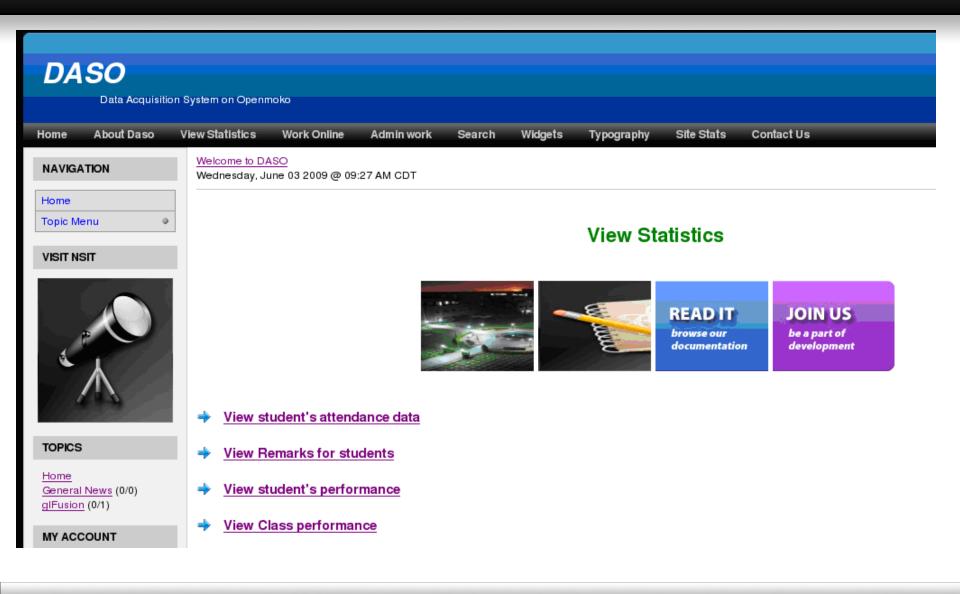
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h = (h << 4) + ki
g = h & 0xf0000000
if (g != 0)
h = h
$$\land$$
 (g >> 24)
h = h \land g

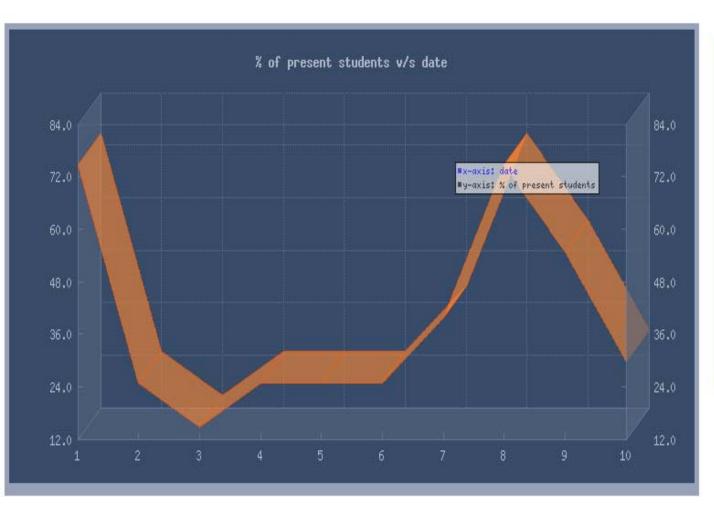


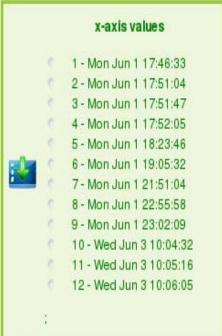
Central Database Storage Server

- Remote storage Device with enough memory to store the data.
- Communicates via Communication Engine with the data capturing unit.
- Operates all the time and remain in a listening mode
- Also Serves as a web server for which supports an intra college website.
- Server uses operating system Linux having a static IP.
- LAMP (Linux-Apache-MySQL-PHP) technology is used for running website.

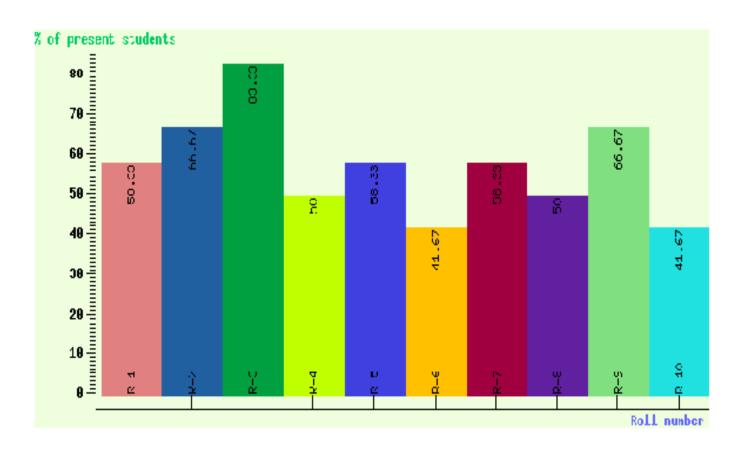
- Developed on the platform of glFusion.
- Uses LAMP technology
- User login feature available
- Work online Feature
- Full statistics and analysis results







Percentage of attendance for each roll number of students.



Features in DASO

- Robustness
- Data Redundancy
- Failure safety mode
- Work online Feature
- Directly communication with personal computer and website
- Full statistics and analysis results

Deployment of DAS in NSIT

- Currently, the project aims to support automatic attendance and notes writing feature.
- An intra college website will operate where all the statistics can be seen.
- Each teacher will have a data capturing device (Openmoko) and an account is provided so that they can access the data website.
- Compete provision for feeding the data to server through PC in case Wi-Fi medium fails.
- Attendance and remarks can be marked on website directly.

Advantages

- Extensible and support plug-ins.
- Independent Modules, can be used in other projects
- No dependencies.
- Standard C++ libraries used. Can be cross compiled on any platform.
- Can be integrated with other applications.
- Can be used with any data acquisition device.
- Openmoko can be interfaced with any sensors.
- Data stored will have proper back up in case of any data loss or failure.

Application of DAS

- Telemetry
- Surveillance
- Experimentation and Calibration
- Disaster Management System, Monitoring and Tracking
- Weather monitoring at Remote Locations

Future Scope

- It can be integrated with *speech recognition module* which will allow to record the data merely by speaking the words. e.g. attendance can be marked simple by speaking the roll number.
- It can be integrated with *Face recognition application*. Attendance can be taken by capturing a picture of the class and faces of the present students are recognized.
- Can be interfaced with analog sensors and transducers and data can be stored and plotted on the display unit.

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