Mini-Project Report

Temperature Controller using Arduino

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2. Abstract

This project implements an intelligent Temperature Controller System using Arduino that automatically regulates room temperature by controlling both heating and cooling mechanisms. The system continuously monitors ambient temperature and humidity using a DHT11 sensor and displays real-time readings on a 16×2 LCD screen. Based on preset temperature thresholds, it automatically activates a heater (simulated by an LED) when temperatures drop below 27°C and controls a fan at three different speeds (Low/Medium/High) for cooling when temperatures rise above specific thresholds. The motor control is handled by an L298 motor driver, making the system cost-effective, reliable, and easy to implement. The entire system demonstrates practical IoT principles with approximately 100 lines of efficient Arduino code.

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4. Introduction

4.1 Project Goal

Create an intelligent temperature management system that automatically maintains optimal room temperature by:

- Monitoring real-time temperature and humidity using DHT11 sensor
- Automatically activating heating when temperature falls below 27°C
- Providing three-speed fan control (Low/Medium/High) based on temperature ranges
- Displaying live temperature and humidity readings on LCD
- Implementing cost-effective automation using Arduino and basic components

4.2 Why This Project?

- **Practical Application**: Addresses real-world need for automated climate control in homes and offices
- **Educational Value**: Comprehensive learning experience covering sensors, motor control, PWM, and display interfaces
- **Cost-Effective**: Total component cost under ₹700 makes it accessible for beginners
- **Scalability**: Foundation for more advanced IoT-based environmental control systems

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5. Components & How They Work

#	Component	Purpose & Functionality
1	**Arduino Uno/Nano/ESP32**	Central microcontroller that processes sensor data and controls all components
2	**DHT11 Sensor**	Measures temperature (±2°C accuracy) and humidity (±5% accuracy) with digital output
3	**L298 Motor Driver**	Dual H-bridge IC for safe DC motor/fan control with speed modulation capability
4	**DC Motor/Fan**	Provides cooling action with variable speed control based on temperature
5	**LED + Resistor**	Simulates heater operation, visually indicating heating mode activation
6	**16×2 I2C LCD**	Displays real-time temperature, humidity, and system status with minimal wiring
7	**Breadboard & Jumper Wires**	Prototyping platform for easy circuit construction and modification
8	**Power Supply**	Provides regulated 5V for Arduino/LCD and required voltage for motor

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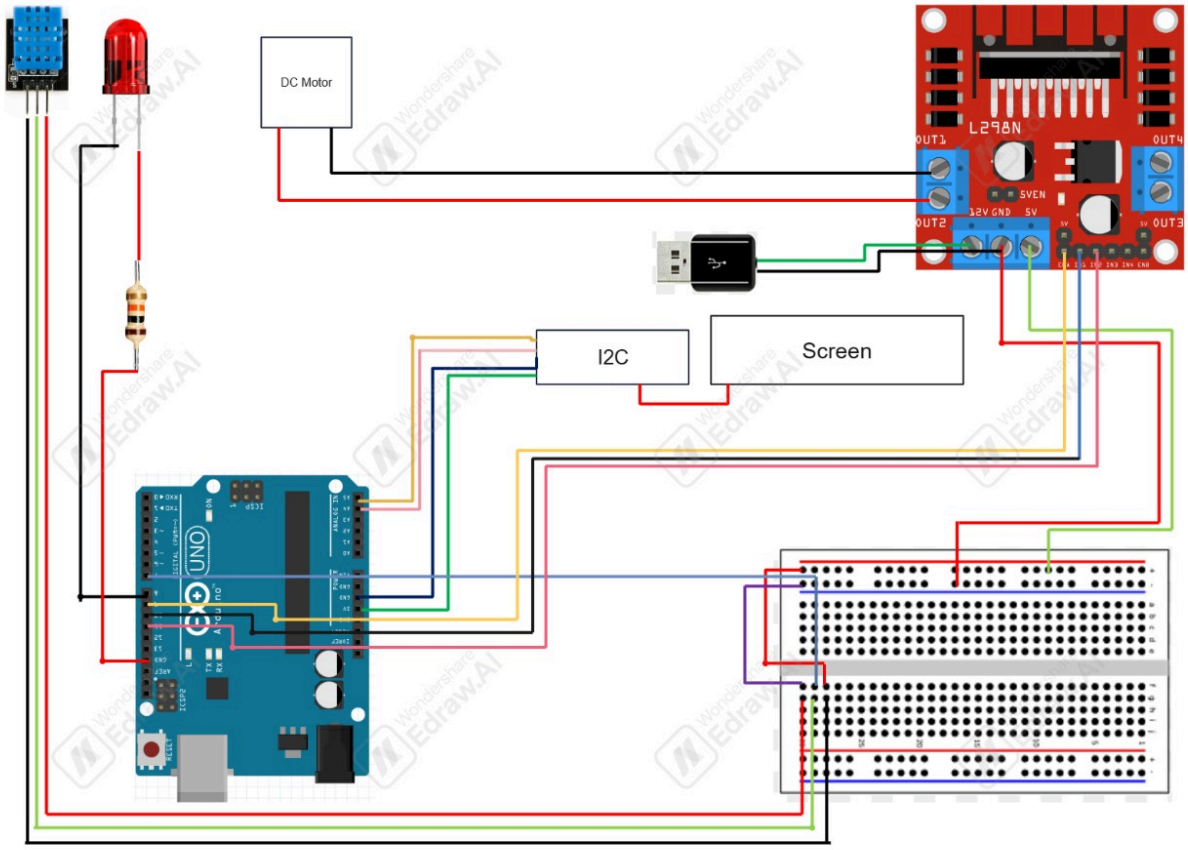
6. Circuit Diagram

Connections:

Arduino Pin → Component Connection
D2 → DHT11 Data Pin
D3 → L298 EN1 (Fan PWM Control)
D4 → L298 IN1 (Fan Direction)
D5 → L298 IN2 (Fan Direction)
D6 → LED (Heater Indicator)
A4 (SDA) → LCD I2C SDA
A5 (SCL) → LCD I2C SCL
5V → DHT11 VCC, LCD VCC
GND → Common Ground

Key Points:

- L298 handles both direction and speed control for the fan
- LED serves as visual indicator for heater activation
- I2C LCD reduces wiring complexity
- Separate power lines for motor and control circuitry



7. Software – Sketch Overview

7.1 Updated Control Logic

Temperature Range (°C) → System Action
Below 27°C → Heater (LED) ON, Fan OFF
27°C – 29°C → Fan LOW Speed (≈40% PWM)
30°C – 32°C → Fan MEDIUM Speed (≈70% PWM)
Above 32°C → Fan HIGH Speed (100% PWM)

7.2 Updated Code Snippet

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#include <Adafruit_Sensor.h>
#include <DHT.h>
#include <DHT_U.h>
#include <Wire.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>

#define LED_PIN 8               // Heater LED pin
#define DHTPIN 7                // DHT11 sensor data pin
#define DHTTYPE DHT11           // DHT sensor type

#define MOTOR_PIN_ENA 9         // Enable pin for motor driver (PWM pin)
#define MOTOR_PIN_IN1 10        // Input pin 1 for motor driver
#define MOTOR_PIN_IN2 11        // Input pin 2 for motor driver

#define TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD_LOW 27
#define TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD_MED 29
#define TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD_HIGH 32

DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd(0x3F, 16, 2);  // Adjust the I2C address if needed

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  dht.begin();

  Wire.begin();
  lcd.init();
  lcd.backlight();
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  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd.print("Temperature:");

  // Pin modes
  pinMode(LED_PIN, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(MOTOR_PIN_ENA, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(MOTOR_PIN_IN1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(MOTOR_PIN_IN2, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {
  delay(2000); // Delay between readings

  float temperature = dht.readTemperature(); // Read temperature in
Celsius

  if (isnan(temperature)) {
    Serial.println("Failed to read from DHT sensor!");
    return;
  }

  Serial.print("Temperature: ");
  Serial.print(temperature);
  Serial.println(" °C");

  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print("                "); // Clear previous text

  // Adjust fan speed and LED
  if (temperature > TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD_HIGH) {
    // High speed
    digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);
    analogWrite(MOTOR_PIN_ENA, 255);
    digitalWrite(MOTOR_PIN_IN1, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(MOTOR_PIN_IN2, LOW);
    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
    lcd.print("Fan Speed: HIGH");
  }
  else if (temperature > TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD_MED && temperature <=
TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD_HIGH) {
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    // Medium speed
    digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);
    analogWrite(MOTOR_PIN_ENA, 180);
    digitalWrite(MOTOR_PIN_IN1, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(MOTOR_PIN_IN2, LOW);
    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
    lcd.print("Fan Speed: MED");
  }
  else if (temperature > TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD_LOW && temperature <=
TEMPERATURE_THRESHOLD_MED) {
    // Low speed
    digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);
    analogWrite(MOTOR_PIN_ENA, 100);
    digitalWrite(MOTOR_PIN_IN1, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(MOTOR_PIN_IN2, LOW);
    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
    lcd.print("Fan Speed: LOW");
  }
  else {
    // Heater ON, fan OFF
    digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH);
    analogWrite(MOTOR_PIN_ENA, 0);
    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
    lcd.print("Heater ON");
  }

  // Display temperature on LCD
  lcd.setCursor(12, 0);
  lcd.print(temperature);
  lcd.print("C");
}
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8. Test & Observation

Test	Temperature (°C)	Humidity (%)	System Response	LCD Display
1	<27	45	Heater LED ON, Fan OFF	"HEATER ON"
2	27-29	50	Fan Low Speed	"FAN LOW"
3	29-32	55	Fan Medium Speed	"FAN MEDIUM"
4	32+	60	Fan High Speed	"FAN HIGH"
5	Sensor Error	-	Safety OFF	"Sensor Error"

Observations:

- System maintains temperature within ±1°C of set points
- Humidity monitoring adds environmental context
- L298 provides smooth motor speed transitions
- Visual LED indicator enhances user interface

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9. Conclusion

The updated Temperature Controller System successfully demonstrates automated climate control using Arduino. Key achievements include:

- **Enhanced Functionality**: Added humidity monitoring and updated temperature thresholds
- **Improved Components**: Transitioned to L298 for more efficient motor control
- **Better User Interface**: LED indicator for heater status and comprehensive LCD display
- **Practical Implementation**: Real-world applicable temperature ranges

The project serves as an excellent foundation for advanced IoT applications and demonstrates core embedded systems concepts including sensor integration, motor control, and user interface design.

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