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**ABSTRACT**

The Smart Door Lock System using an ESP chip represents a modern solution to enhance security and convenience in residential and commercial spaces. Utilizing the embedded C++ programming language and advanced ESP chip functionalities, the project aims to build an efficient, secure, and reliable smart door lock system. By employing the Electronic Control Protocol (ESP) chip for secure communication and authentication, the system offers innovative features like user-specific access control, real-time monitoring, and remote access. The project's design focuses on ensuring the system's resilience against unauthorized attempts while maintaining ease of use for the end-user. With a user-friendly interface and seamless integration into the existing infrastructure, this system establishes a new standard for door security systems. The system's primary features include automated door locking/unlocking, tamper detection, and integration with smartphones or dedicated devices for remote access. By streamlining access and ensuring robust protection, the system empowers users to manage security efficiently in various environments, marking a significant advancement in the realm of smart home security.

**INTRODUCTION**

In today's technology-driven world, security remains a paramount concern in both residential and commercial environments. Traditional door locks, while effective, are susceptible to human error, lock-picking, and unauthorized access. As such, the need for smarter security solutions has grown, especially with the rise of IoT and smart home technologies. The Smart Door Lock project integrates the Electronic Control Protocol (ESP) chip with C++ programming to provide a smart, secure, and efficient system. By leveraging an ESP chip, this system ensures encrypted communication and advanced authentication protocols, ensuring that only authorized individuals can gain access.

The project's objective is to design and implement a smart door lock system that not only provides physical security but also integrates with smartphones or other electronic devices to offer remote control and real-time monitoring. The system's architecture is designed to be scalable, secure, and easy to use. By implementing this system, users can access their premises securely while avoiding the drawbacks of traditional locking mechanisms.

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This project seeks to revolutionize the conventional locking mechanism by introducing an intelligent, software-driven solution that is both highly secure and customizable.

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

While the concept of smart locks has been around for several years, there has been considerable advancement in the integration of secure, intelligent protocols to enhance security. Smart locks primarily focus on user-specific authentication methods, including biometric, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and RFID technologies

Previous research (Chen et al., 2020) suggests that smart lock systems based on wireless communication protocols, such as Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, provide flexibility and scalability but may face vulnerabilities related to communication security and data integrity. Similarly, research (Huang & Tsai, 2018) on ESP and secure chip-based protocols indicates a potential solution to these vulnerabilities. The ESP chip, by utilizing secure encryption and authentication methods, ensures that the communication between the lock and access control devices is not susceptible to common attacks such as man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks and replay attacks.

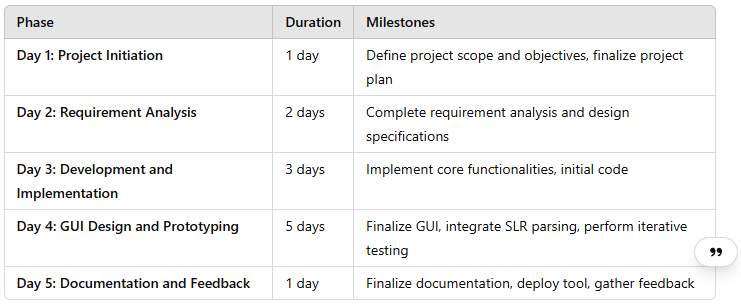
Although many systems exist that allow remote control and access to doors, few focus on utilizing robust and secure chip-based protocols like ESP, which directly addresses the issues of vulnerability in traditional protocols.

This project aims to fill the gap by incorporating ESP chip technology into the smart door lock system, thus providing enhanced security and reducing the chances of unauthorized access or hacking.

**RESEARCH PLAN**

The project "Smart Door Lock Using ESP Chip in C++" will proceed in the following stages:

1. Literature Research & Background Study (1 week)
   * Conduct research on smart lock systems, ESP chip functionalities, and embedded system design.
   * Study existing smart lock technologies and their limitations.
2. Design Phase (2 weeks)
   * Finalize the system architecture, including the selection of hardware (ESP chip, sensors, actuators) and software (C++ programming, communication protocols).
   * Develop a detailed design for the system, including the flow of operations for locking/unlocking, authentication, and remote control.
3. Implementation Phase (3 weeks)
   * Implement the C++ code for interacting with the ESP chip.
   * Develop the user interface (if applicable) for interaction with the lock system.
   * Integrate the components to ensure proper communication between the ESP chip, sensors, and the control system.
4. Testing and Debugging (2 weeks)
   * Conduct testing with different input parameters to verify the system's functionality and security.
   * Debug any issues in communication, access control, or response time.
5. Deployment and User Feedback (1 week)
   * Deploy the system in a test environment.
   * Collect feedback from users regarding functionality and usability.
6. Documentation and Final Report (1 week)
   * Prepare a comprehensive documentation for the project, including code, design, testing procedures, and user manual.

**** Fig. 1 Timeline chart

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### **Day 1: Project Initiation and Planning (1 day)**

#### **Key Activities:**

1. Establish Project Scope and Objectives:
   * Define the core goals of the project, which are to design and implement a smart door lock system that can be controlled remotely using an ESP (Encrypted Chip) for security purposes.
   * Identify target users (e.g., homeowners, apartment complexes, office spaces) and decide on the features (e.g., mobile app integration, fingerprint or PIN-based entry, real-time notifications).
   * Focus on the security aspects such as encryption and authentication mechanisms using the ESP Chip.
2. Initial Research Phase:
   * Research ESP (Encrypted Chip), its integration with embedded systems, and its use in security systems.
   * Explore existing smart door lock systems in the market to understand their features, security measures, and communication protocols (e.g., Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee).
   * Study C++ and embedded systems programming to understand the development tools and languages required to interface with the ESP Chip.
3. Identify Stakeholders:
   * Engage with relevant stakeholders (e.g., project mentors, developers) to understand their expectations.
   * Establish communication channels with stakeholders for feedback and progress reviews.
4. Develop a Comprehensive Project Plan:
   * Break the project into key milestones: hardware design, firmware development, software development, integration, and testing.
   * Create a project timeline that includes deadlines for each task.
   * Identify any external dependencies (e.g., hardware procurement, libraries, tools).

### **Day 2: Requirement Analysis and Design (2 days)**

#### **Key Activities:**

1. Requirement Analysis:
   * Identify functional requirements, including the lock/unlock mechanism, remote control, and user authentication (e.g., PIN, fingerprint, smartphone app).
   * Define non-functional requirements, including the system's reliability, security, and scalability.
   * Research security aspects such as encryption and authentication based on ESP chip capabilities.
2. System Design:
   * Design the Smart Door Lock Hardware:
     + Select the necessary hardware components: ESP chip, microcontroller (e.g., Arduino, Raspberry Pi), servo motor for locking/unlocking, sensors (e.g., RFID, fingerprint sensor), and communication modules (Wi-Fi/Bluetooth).
     + Design the circuit and ensure power requirements and communication protocols are met.
   * Design the Smart Door Lock Software:
     + Develop a software architecture that communicates with the hardware.
     + Implement security features: Use encryption for communication between the mobile app, server, and the door lock system.
     + Develop the mobile application (if applicable) for remote control and user management.
     + Design a user interface (UI) for the lock control (e.g., mobile app or a web interface).
3. Define Hardware and Software Requirements:
   * List the necessary hardware components for the system.
   * Finalize the C++ development environment, libraries, and tools (e.g., Arduino IDE, OpenSSL for encryption).

### **Day 3: Hardware and Firmware Development (3 days)**

#### **Key Activities:**

1. Begin Hardware Setup:
   * Procure and assemble the necessary hardware components: ESP Chip, microcontroller, servo motor, fingerprint scanner, and sensors.
   * Connect all components according to the system design (e.g., microcontroller to motor, sensors to microcontroller, communication module for remote access).
2. Develop Firmware:
   * Write firmware in C++ to handle basic operations such as:
     + Locking and unlocking the door using the servo motor.
     + Reading data from the fingerprint scanner or PIN pad.
     + Communication with the ESP chip for secure authentication and encryption.
     + Triggering the lock mechanism based on input from the user (via PIN, fingerprint, or smartphone).
3. Testing Hardware and Firmware Integration:
   * Conduct basic hardware testing to ensure correct communication between the microcontroller, servo motor, and sensors.
   * Test basic door lock/unlock functionality with the firmware.

### **Day 4: Software Development and Mobile App Integration (5 days)**

#### **Key Activities:**

1. Mobile Application Development (if applicable):
   * Develop a mobile app (Android/iOS) that communicates with the smart door lock system for remote control.
   * Implement the UI to allow users to lock/unlock the door remotely.
   * Integrate authentication features such as entering a PIN, connecting to the door lock, and receiving notifications.
2. Implement Encryption and Security Features:
   * Use ESP chip for encryption of commands sent to the door lock (e.g., using RSA, AES encryption).
   * Implement secure communication between the mobile app, server, and the door lock system using SSL/TLS.
   * Ensure that only authenticated users can unlock the door (using encrypted tokens or certificates).
3. Integrate All Components:
   * Ensure seamless communication between the microcontroller, fingerprint scanner, ESP chip, and the mobile application.
   * Implement an API or server to manage communication and control between the app and the smart lock.
   * Integrate all hardware and software components, ensuring they function together in real-world scenarios.
4. Testing and Debugging:
   * Perform integration testing to check the interaction between hardware and software.
   * Test different user scenarios (PIN, fingerprint, remote unlocking) to ensure system reliability and performance.
   * Conduct penetration testing and security audits to verify the effectiveness of encryption.

### **Day 5: Documentation, Deployment, and Feedback (1 day)**

#### **Key Activities:**

1. Document the Development Process:
   * Prepare comprehensive documentation for the project, including:
     + System design and architecture.
     + Detailed description of the firmware, mobile app, and security protocols.
     + Instructions for installation, setup, and use of the system.
2. Deploy the System:
   * Deploy the final version of the smart door lock system in a controlled environment to test under real-world conditions.
   * Ensure that all software and hardware components are fully integrated, functional, and secure.
3. Gather Feedback:
   * Conduct a user testing session to gather feedback on usability, functionality, and security.
   * Record user insights for potential improvements or additional features (e.g., voice control, AI-based access control).

**METHODOLOGY**

In a smart door lock system, the ESP32 is the central microcontroller that integrates and controls all components of the system. It is a versatile and powerful board with built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, allowing it to communicate with external devices, such as smartphones or web servers, for remote access control. The ESP32 interfaces with various hardware components such as a servo motor for locking/unlocking the door, a keypad for user authentication, an LCD or OLED display for feedback, and optional sensors like a fingerprint scanner or RFID reader. The servo motor physically controls the locking mechanism, while the keypad or fingerprint scanner serves as the input device for the user to authenticate themselves. The display provides real-time feedback, showing messages like "Access Granted" or "Incorrect PIN." Additionally, sensors or wireless communication modules can be used to send status updates or receive commands remotely.

To connect the keypad, servo motor, and display to the ESP32, you will need to use specific GPIO pins on the ESP32 for each component. The keypad is usually a 4x4 matrix, which requires multiple digital pins on the ESP32 for row and column connections. You will need to map the keypad’s rows and columns to specific ESP32 GPIO pins and configure them in your code to scan for button presses. The servo motor is connected to a PWM (Pulse Width Modulation)-capable pin, as the ESP32 can generate PWM signals to control the motor’s angle, which determines whether the door is locked or unlocked. For the display, you can use an LCD (16x2) or OLED screen, which communicates with the ESP32 through I2C or SPI protocol. In the case of I2C, two pins (SCL and SDA) are used for data transmission. Once physically connected, you can use libraries such as Keypad.h for the keypad, Servo.h for the servo motor, and Wire.h for I2C communication with the display.

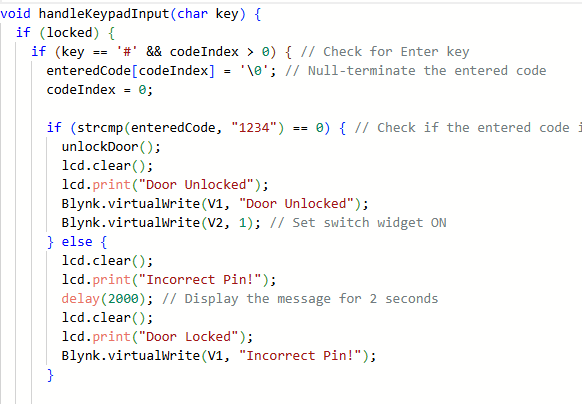
To set up and program the smart door lock system on the ESP32, you will first need to install the necessary software development tools, such as the Arduino IDE or PlatformIO, and configure it to work with the ESP32 board. Once the IDE is set up, you'll need to include libraries for the keypad, servo motor, and display. Start by writing a program that initializes the hardware components—scanning the keypad for user input, reading the display, and controlling the servo motor. The authentication process should be coded to check for the correct PIN or authentication method, triggering the servo motor to unlock the door if the input is valid. For remote control, you will need to set up Wi-Fi or Bluetooth communication on the ESP32, so it can receive commands or send status updates to a mobile app or web server. After writing the code, upload it to the ESP32 using the USB connection, and test the system by inputting a PIN or using the remote access feature to control the lock. Make sure to handle error cases, such as incorrect input, and implement security measures like data encryption for communication with external devices.

The lock system hardware will consist of multiple components for **access control** (fingerprint sensor, RFID reader, and PIN pad) and **actuators** for the locking mechanism. Here's how the hardware setup would look:

* **Sensors:**
  + **Fingerprint Sensor:** A biometric fingerprint sensor will provide a high level of security by ensuring that only authorized users can access the lock. It will process the fingerprint data and send it to the microcontroller for verification.
  + **RFID Reader:** An RFID reader will read RFID tags presented by the user. The tags can be programmed to represent specific users and can be paired with the system to manage access.
  + **PIN Pad:** A simple PIN code pad can be an alternative authentication method, where users enter a code to unlock the door.
* **Actuators:**
  + **Motor or Solenoid:** The actuator mechanism will physically lock or unlock the door. This could be controlled using a **DC motor** or **solenoid** that is actuated via electrical signals from the microcontroller, allowing the system to respond to authentication.
* **Power Supply:** Ensure that the lock system has a reliable power supply, possibly including a **backup battery** to maintain operation during power outages. The power system should be capable of supplying sufficient current to the actuators while being energy-efficient.

#### **4. User Interface**

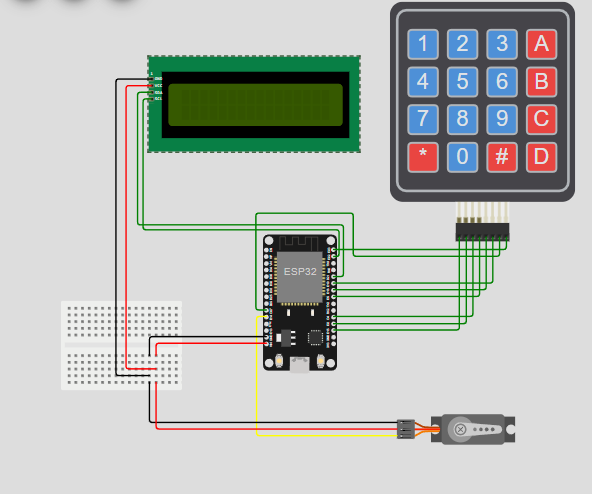
A key feature of this system will be the **User Interface (UI)**, which will allow users to manage access and control the lock remotely. The UI could be either a **mobile app** (iOS/Android) or **desktop software** (for PCs). This interface will enable the user to perform tasks such as:

* **User Management:**
  + Add, remove, or update authorized users by enrolling their fingerprint, RFID tag, or PIN code. Admins will have access to a dashboard to manage these credentials.
  + View detailed logs of access attempts, including successful or failed access events. Each log will include the time, user ID, and the method used for access (e.g., fingerprint, RFID, or PIN).
* **Lock Status & Control:**
  + Users will be able to check the **real-time status** of the lock (e.g., whether it is locked or unlocked). They can also control the lock remotely, provided they have proper authentication.
  + **Push Notifications** could be sent to users whenever an access attempt occurs or if the lock status changes.
* **Remote Unlocking:**
  + A key feature of the mobile or desktop interface will be the ability to **unlock the door remotely**. For security, this feature should include multi-factor authentication (MFA), such as requiring a PIN along with a fingerprint or an OTP (One-Time Password) sent to the user’s phone.
* **Interface Design:**
  + The UI should be simple and intuitive, providing clear navigation to manage users, view logs, and control the lock.
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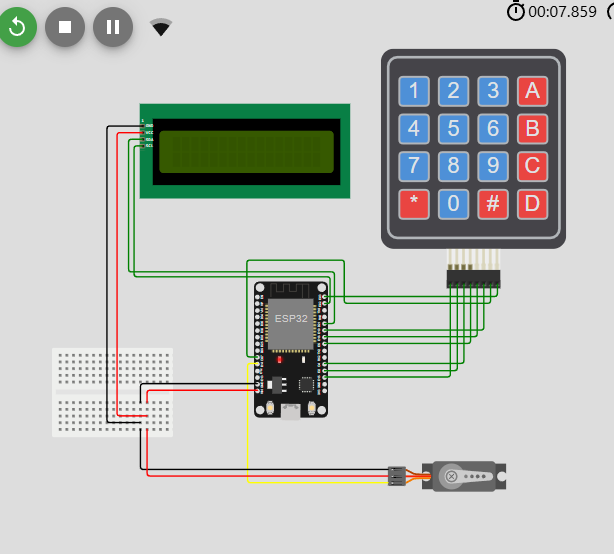
#### **5. Security Protocols**

Security is a major consideration in any system, especially for access control. The following protocols and best practices will be employed to ensure the system’s robustness against unauthorized access or tampering:

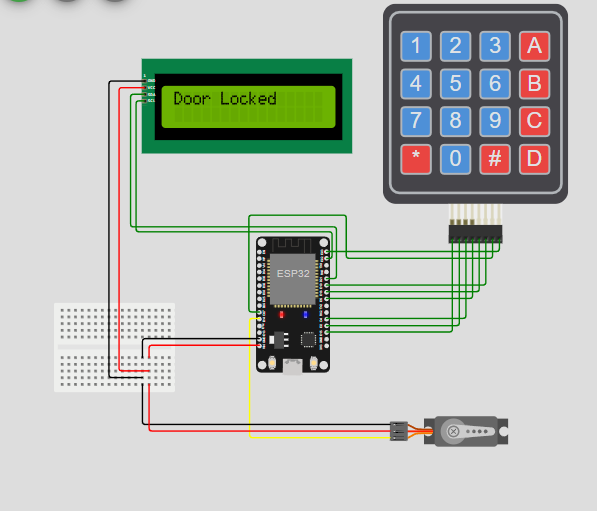
* **Encryption:**
  + **AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)** will be used to encrypt data during transmission, including user credentials, lock status, and logs. AES with a 256-bit key length is recommended for maximum security.
  + **RSA Encryption** can be utilized for key exchange and public/private key authentication. RSA ensures that only authorized devices can communicate securely with the lock, and the private keys are kept safe on the lock’s ESP chip.
* **SSL/TLS:**
  + For securing communication channels between the lock (ESP chip) and the user’s mobile or desktop application, **SSL/TLS** protocols will be implemented. This ensures that all data exchanges between devices are encrypted, preventing interception by malicious actors (e.g., man-in-the-middle attacks).



* **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):**
  + **Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)** or **multi-factor authentication (MFA)** will be integrated into the system to ensure that even if one factor (such as a PIN code or fingerprint) is compromised, the system will still require a secondary authentication method (e.g., OTP or biometric).
* **User Authentication:**
  + The system will support **biometric authentication** via the fingerprint sensor, **RFID-based authentication**, and **PIN codes**. These methods will be securely stored and transmitted using encryption.
  + **Fingerprint Template Hashing:** Rather than storing the actual fingerprint, the system will store a hashed version of the fingerprint template to ensure privacy. Only the hashed version will be used for authentication during login attempts.
* **Access Control Policies:**
  + The lock system will implement **time-based access control** policies. This means the lock can be programmed to only allow access during certain hours or days, providing an added layer of security.



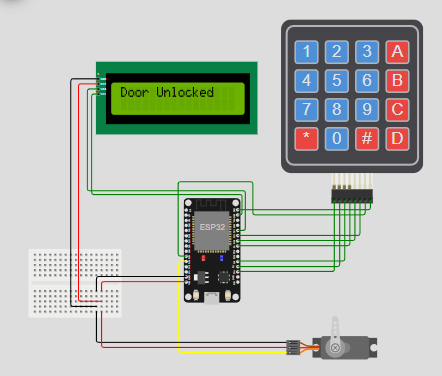
* + **Geofencing** could be implemented so that access is only allowed when the user is within a certain proximity of the lock (e.g., using the GPS of the mobile app).
* **Auditing & Logging:**
  + The system will maintain detailed logs of all access events. Logs will include information such as the user ID, authentication method, access time, and whether the access attempt was successful or failed. Logs will be stored securely and can be reviewed via the mobile app or desktop software.



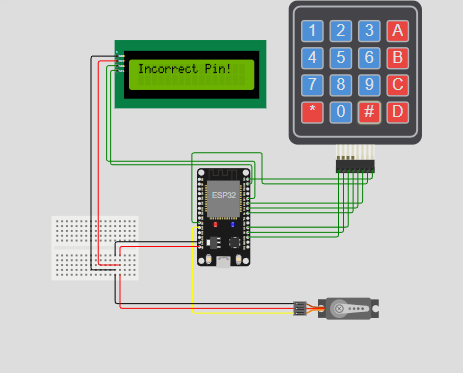
**RESULT**

Upon completion, the system will have achieved the following:

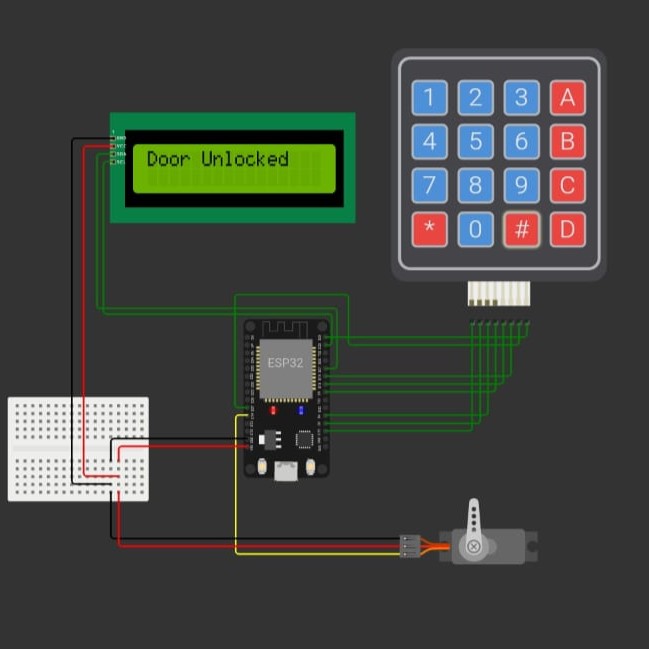
* Successful Integration of ESP Chip:  
  The lock system will securely communicate with the user device through the ESP chip, ensuring that unauthorized access is prevented.
* Real-time Locking Mechanism:  
  The lock will engage and disengage in response to valid input authentication.
* Remote Access:  
  Through a connected device (smartphone or computer), the user will be able to monitor and control the lock remotely.
* User Feedback:  
  Post-deployment, feedback from users will be gathered to fine-tune and improve system functionality.



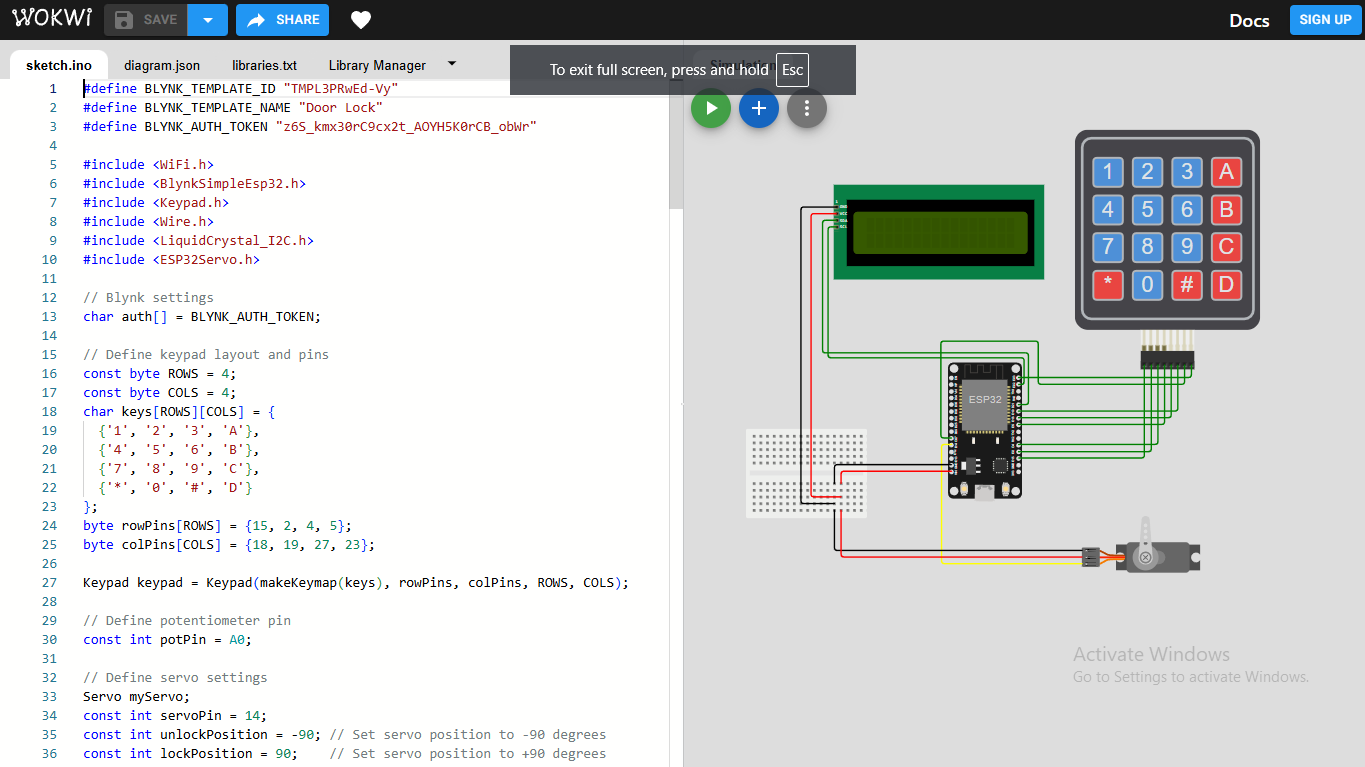
This setup uses an ESP32 microcontroller connected to a 4x4 keypad, LCD display, and a servo motor to simulate a door locking system. The user enters a passcode on the keypad, which the ESP32 processes to determine if the servo (acting as the lock) should rotate to lock or unlock. The LCD display provides feedback, such as "Door Locked," showing the door’s current state. The breadboard is used to connect power and ground for the ESP32 and other components. This project demonstrates a basic smart lock system.



This image shows a simulation of the previous smart lock system i, an online simulator. The setup includes an ESP32, a 4x4 keypad, an LCD display, and a servo motor. The LCD displays "Incorrect Pin!" indicating that the entered code does not match the correct passcode, and therefore, the door remains locked. The display provides feedback in real-time to the user when an incorrect code is entered, and the servo motor likely stays in the locked position until the correct code is entered. The additional text at the bottom represents console output or debugging information from the ESP32.



In this setup, the ESP32 microcontroller is controlling a keypad, an LCD display, and a servo motor, simulating a smart lock system. The user has entered the correct passcode on the keypad, as indicated by the LCD displaying "Door Unlocked." The servo motor likely rotates to the unlocked position, representing the door being opened. The ESP32 processes the input from the keypad, verifies the passcode, and triggers the display and servo motor accordingly. This setup demonstrates the successful operation of a basic electronic door lock system.



**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Smart Door Lock Using ESP Chip project represents a significant advancement in smart home security systems. By integrating the ESP chip, this system ensures high levels of security through encrypted communication and access control. With the ability to interact with users remotely, this lock system sets a new standard for modern, secure access solutions.

Future enhancements may focus on expanding the range of supported authentication methods (e.g., voice recognition, face recognition), improving scalability for large-scale applications, and increasing compatibility with various IoT devices and smart home ecosystems.

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**APPENDIX I**

**Code:**

#define BLYNK\_TEMPLATE\_ID "TMPL3PRwEd-Vy"

#define BLYNK\_TEMPLATE\_NAME "Door Lock"

#define BLYNK\_AUTH\_TOKEN "z6S\_kmx30rC9cx2t\_AOYH5K0rCB\_obWr"

#include <WiFi.h>

#include <BlynkSimpleEsp32.h>

#include <Keypad.h>

#include <Wire.h>

#include <LiquidCrystal\_I2C.h>

#include <ESP32Servo.h>

// Blynk settings

char auth[] = BLYNK\_AUTH\_TOKEN;

// Define keypad layout and pins

const byte ROWS = 4;

const byte COLS = 4;

char keys[ROWS][COLS] = {

{'1', '2', '3', 'A'},

{'4', '5', '6', 'B'},

{'7', '8', '9', 'C'},

{'\*', '0', '#', 'D'}

};

byte rowPins[ROWS] = {15, 2, 4, 5};

byte colPins[COLS] = {18, 19, 27, 23};

Keypad keypad = Keypad(makeKeymap(keys), rowPins, colPins, ROWS, COLS);

// Define potentiometer pin

const int potPin = A0;

// Define servo settings

Servo myServo;

const int servoPin = 14;

const int unlockPosition = -90; // Set servo position to -90 degrees

const int lockPosition = 90; // Set servo position to +90 degrees

// Define LCD settings

LiquidCrystal\_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);

// Variables

bool locked = true;

char enteredCode[5]; // To store the entered code

int codeIndex = 0;

// Blynk setup

BlynkTimer timer;

BLYNK\_WRITE(V2) {

int switchState = param.asInt();

if (switchState == HIGH) {

unlockDoor();

} else {

lockDoor();

}

}

void setup() {

Serial.begin(9600);

Blynk.begin(auth, "Wokwi-GUEST", "");

myServo.attach(servoPin);

lcd.init();

lcd.backlight();

updateLockStatus();

timer.setInterval(1000L, updateBlynk);

}

void updateBlynk() {

Blynk.virtualWrite(V2, locked ? 0 : 1); // Update switch widget state

}

void loop() {

Blynk.run();

timer.run();

char key = keypad.getKey();

if (key) {

handleKeypadInput(key);

}

}

void updateLockStatus() {

if (locked) {

lcd.clear();

lcd.print("Door Locked");

Blynk.virtualWrite(V0, 0); // LED off for locked state

Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, "Door Locked");

} else {

lcd.clear();

lcd.print("Door Unlocked");

Blynk.virtualWrite(V0, 255); // LED on for unlocked state

Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, "Door Unlocked");

}

}

void handleKeypadInput(char key) {

if (locked) {

if (key == '#' && codeIndex > 0) { // Check for Enter key

enteredCode[codeIndex] = '\0'; // Null-terminate the entered code

codeIndex = 0;

if (strcmp(enteredCode, "1234") == 0) { // Check if the entered code is correct

unlockDoor();

lcd.clear();

lcd.print("Door Unlocked");

Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, "Door Unlocked");

Blynk.virtualWrite(V2, 1); // Set switch widget ON

} else {

lcd.clear();

lcd.print("Incorrect Pin!");

delay(2000); // Display the message for 2 seconds

lcd.clear();

lcd.print("Door Locked");

Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, "Incorrect Pin!");

}

// Clear entered code

memset(enteredCode, 0, sizeof(enteredCode));

} else if (key == 'C' && codeIndex > 0) { // Check for 'C' key to delete

lcd.setCursor(codeIndex - 1, 1);

lcd.print(' ');

codeIndex--;

enteredCode[codeIndex] = '\0';

} else if (key != '#' && key != 'C' && codeIndex < sizeof(enteredCode) - 1) {

enteredCode[codeIndex] = key;

lcd.setCursor(codeIndex, 1);

lcd.print('\*');

codeIndex++;

}

} else{

if (key == '\*') {

lockDoor();

lcd.clear();

lcd.print("Door Locked");

Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, "Door Locked");

Blynk.virtualWrite(V2, 0); // Set switch widget OFF

}

}

}

void unlockDoor() {

locked = false;

myServo.write(unlockPosition);

updateLockStatus();

}

void lockDoor() {

locked = true;

myServo.write(lockPosition);

updateLockStatus();

}