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Abstract

This project presents a Smart Home Safety and Alert System designed to detect gas leakage, monitor door activity, and identify power status using Arduino-based sensors. The system uses an MQ-2 gas sensor to measure gas concentration and generates an alert when the value crosses a predefined safety threshold. A reed switch is used to detect door openings, while a relay-based sensing circuit monitors the presence of mains power. When any abnormal condition is detected-such as gas leakage, door intrusion, or power failure-the system activates a buzzer for immediate local warning and automatically sends SMS notifications to the owner through a GSM module. This ensures continuous monitoring and quick response, even when the user is away from home. The project enhances home safety by providing real-time alerts, reducing risk, and offering a simple, low-cost solution that can be implemented in households for daily protection.

Keywords:

- Gas detection
- Door monitoring
- GSM alert system
- Home safety
- Arduino
- Power failure alert

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INTRODUCTION

A Smart Door SMS Alert System is a security-based system designed to monitor door activity and instantly notify the user through an SMS message. The system uses sensors to detect events such as door opening or unauthorized access and sends real-time alerts to a registered mobile number. This helps improve safety by allowing users to monitor their premises remotely, even without an internet connection. Such systems are commonly used in homes, offices, and restricted areas to enhance security and provide timely alerts.

1.1 Brief history of attendance system

Early attendance systems initially used manual registers to record entry and exit, which were slow and error-prone. With automation, electronic door sensors and GSM technology enabled automatic attendance recording and SMS alerts. This evolution led to smart door SMS alert systems that offer accurate and real-time attendance monitoring.

1.2 Modern Biometric system

Modern biometric systems in smart door SMS alert systems use fingerprint or face recognition to verify authorized users. Once authenticated, the door unlocks and an SMS alert is sent to the registered mobile number. This provides secure access control and real-time monitoring.

Chapter 2

Problem Statement

Users feel unsafe because they do not get alerts when the door opens in their absence

2.1 Description

A smart door SMS alert system is designed to detect door access and immediately notify the user through an SMS message. It uses sensors and a controller to monitor entry and exit in real time. This system enhances security and allows remote monitoring without the need for internet connectivity.

2.2 Challenge Statement

Traditional door security and attendance systems lack real-time alerts and are prone to unauthorized access. There is a need for a reliable system that can instantly notify users via SMS when door activity occurs.

Chapter 3

3.1 Design Thinking Process

- a. Empathize: Understand user needs such as security, real-time alerts, and remote monitoring of door access.
- b. Define: Identify the problem of unauthorized access and lack of instant notification in traditional door systems.
3. Ideate: Generate solutions using door sensors, microcontrollers, and GSM modules for SMS alerts.
4. Prototype: Develop a working model that detects door activity and sends SMS notifications.
5. Test: Evaluate the system for accuracy, response time, and reliability, and improve based on feedback.

3.2 Methodology

The smart door SMS alert system monitors door activity using sensors connected to a microcontroller. When the door is opened or accessed, the controller processes the signal and triggers a GSM module. An SMS alert is then sent instantly to the registered mobile number for real-time notification.

3.2 Prototype Description

The prototype of the smart door SMS alert system consists of a door sensor connected to a microcontroller and a GSM module. When the door is opened or closed, the sensor detects the change and sends a signal to the controller. The controller processes this information and triggers the GSM module to send an SMS alert to the registered mobile number, demonstrating real-time door monitoring and notification.


```
const int PIN_RELAY_NC = 4;
```

```
const int PIN_BUZZER = 5;
const int PIN_LED = 6;

// Threshold
int MQ2_THRESHOLD = 400;
int MQ2_EMERGENCY = 70;

// Timers
unsigned long lastDoorSMS = 0;
unsigned long lastSmokeSMS = 0;
unsigned long lastPowerSMS = 0;
unsigned long SMS_GAP = 60000;

bool gsmConnected = false;

// -----

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);
  sim.begin(9600);

  pinMode(PIN_REED, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(PIN_RELAY_NC, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(PIN_BUZZER, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(PIN_LED, OUTPUT);

  digitalWrite(PIN_BUZZER, LOW);
  digitalWrite(PIN_LED, LOW);

  Serial.println("Booting System...");
  delay(1000);

  gsmConnected = initializeSIM();

  if (!gsmConnected)
    Serial.println("GSM NOT REACHABLE — Normal mode");
  else
    Serial.println("GSM CONNECTED — SMS enabled");

  Serial.println("System Ready!");
}

// -----

void loop() {

  unsigned long now = millis();
  int mq = analogRead(PIN_MQ2);
  // ----- GAS SENSOR BUZZER ALERT (mq > 70) -----
  if (mq > 70) {
```

```
digitalWrite(PIN_BUZZER, HIGH); // Buzzer ON
```



```
} else {
    digitalWrite(PIN_BUZZER, LOW);    // Buzzer OFF
}

bool doorOpen = digitalRead(PIN_REED);
bool powerPresent = (digitalRead(PIN_RELAY_NC) == LOW);

Serial.print("Gas: ");
Serial.print(mq);
Serial.print(" | Door: ");
Serial.print(doorOpen ? "OPEN" : "CLOSED");
Serial.print(" | Power: ");
Serial.println(powerPresent ? "ON" : "OFF");

// Smoke
// ----- GAS / SMOKE ALERTS -----
if (mq >= MQ2_THRESHOLD && mq < MQ2_EMERGENCY) {
    // Normal gas detection
    Serial.println("⚠ GAS DETECTED!");

    if (now - lastSmokeSMS > SMS_GAP) {
        lastSmokeSMS = now;
        if (gsmConnected) sendSMS("Warning: Gas detected in the house!");
    }
}

// EMERGENCY LEVEL
if (mq >= MQ2_EMERGENCY) {
    Serial.println("🚨 EMERGENCY GAS LEVEL!");

    // Fast buzzer warning
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        digitalWrite(PIN_BUZZER, HIGH);
        delay(100);
        digitalWrite(PIN_BUZZER, LOW);
        delay(100);
    }

    if (now - lastSmokeSMS > SMS_GAP) {
        lastSmokeSMS = now;
        if (gsmConnected)
            sendSMS("🔥 EMERGENCY! Gas level above 70! Immediate attention needed!");
    }
}
```

```
// Door
static bool lastDoorState = false;
if (doorOpen != lastDoorState) {
    lastDoorState = doorOpen;
```

```
if (doorOpen == HIGH && now - lastDoorSMS > SMS_GAP) {
    lastDoorSMS = now;
    triggerAlarm(4);

    if (gsmConnected)
        sendSMS("Door opened!");
}

}

// Power
// ----- POWER ALERT + LED INDICATION -----
static bool lastPowerState = true;

// LED always follows power state
if (powerPresent) {
    digitalWrite(PIN_LED, HIGH); // power ON → LED ON
} else {
    digitalWrite(PIN_LED, LOW); // power OFF → LED OFF
}

if (powerPresent != lastPowerState) {
    lastPowerState = powerPresent;

    if (!powerPresent) { // power OFF
        Serial.println("⚠ POWER FAILURE!");
        if (now - lastPowerSMS > SMS_GAP) {
            lastPowerSMS = now;
            triggerAlarm(4);
            if (gsmConnected) sendSMS("POWER FAILURE: Running on battery.");
        }
    }

    else { // power ON
        Serial.println("🔌 POWER RESTORED");
        if (now - lastPowerSMS > SMS_GAP) {
            lastPowerSMS = now;
            if (gsmConnected) sendSMS("Power restored at home.");
        }
    }
}

delay(250);
}
```

//

bool initializeSIM() {
 unsigned long start = millis();
 Serial.println("Connecting to GSM...");

```
while (millis() - start < 15000) {
    sim.println("AT");
    delay(500);

    if (sim.find("OK")) {
        sim.println("AT+CMGF=1");
        delay(500);
        return true;
    }
}

return false;
}

// -----
void sendSMS(String msg) {
    sim.println("AT+CMGF=1");
    delay(300);
    sim.print("AT+CMGS=\"");
    sim.print(OWNER_NUMBER);
    sim.println("\"");
    delay(300);
    sim.println(msg);
    delay(300);
    sim.write(26);
    delay(2000);
}

// -----
void triggerAlarm(int times) {
    for (int i = 0; i < times; i++) {
        digitalWrite(PIN_BUZZER, HIGH);
        digitalWrite(PIN_LED, HIGH);
        delay(300);
        digitalWrite(PIN_BUZZER, LOW);
        digitalWrite(PIN_LED, LOW);
        delay(150);
    }
}
```

Chapter 5

Results and Analysis

User Testing & Feedback:

Testing Procedure:

1. Users operate the door normally (open/close).
2. Verify if the system detects the door event accurately.
3. Check whether the SMS alert is sent promptly to the registered mobile number.

Feedback Collection:

1. Users assess response time of alerts.
2. Evaluate ease of installation and usage.
3. Check reliability and accuracy of detection.
4. Suggestions for additional features like multiple users or app integration.

Observations:

1. System successfully sends instant SMS alerts.
2. Users find it convenient for remote monitoring.
3. Minor delays in SMS delivery may occur depending on network strength.

Improvements Based on Feedback:

1. Integrate app notifications along with SMS.
2. Support multiple phone numbers for alerts.
3. Enhance sensor sensitivity and reduce false triggers.

Chapter 6

Conclusion & Future Work

Conclusion:

The Smart Door SMS Alert System provides a reliable and real-time solution for monitoring door access. By combining sensors, a microcontroller, and a GSM module, it ensures instant notifications, enhancing security and convenience for users. The system is simple, effective, and suitable for homes, offices, and restricted areas.

Future Work:

Integrate mobile app notifications along with SMS alerts.
Add support for multiple users and multiple doors.
Incorporate advanced biometric authentication like face or fingerprint recognition.
Enable cloud-based monitoring and data logging for analysis.
Include additional security features such as alarms or remote locking mechanisms.

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 Download: Embedded Systems And Internet of Things Notes (PDF)

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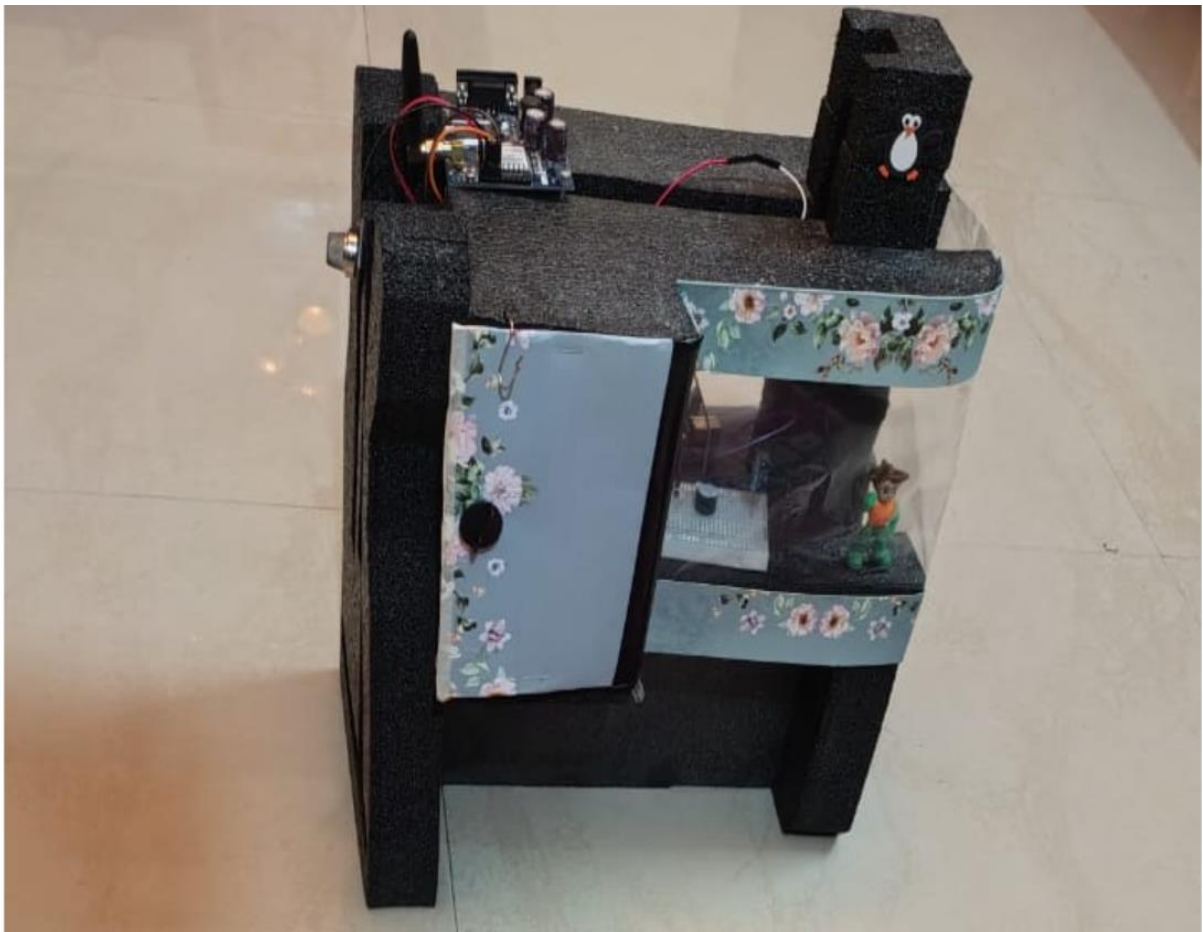


Fig 7.2 components picture

