

ARM Controller based Remote Health Monitoring and Home Automation System

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Abstract:- The aim of the project is to come up with a Remote Health Monitoring System and Home Automation System that can be made with locally available sensors with a view to make it affordable. Hence the proposed architecture collects the sensor data through ARM7 microcontroller and the data is displayed through the website that helps Doctors or the guardian to assess the condition of the patient and it enables the doctor or the guardian to control the Home automation system.

The first part being, detection of patient's vitals using sensors, second for sending data to server and the last part was providing the detected data for remote viewing. Remote viewing of the data enables a doctor or guardian to monitor a patient's health progress away from hospital premises. Thus, with the use of sensors, we can reduce human errors as well as the occupied space in the room is also reduced due to the size of the system.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Internet-connected devices are acquiring vast potential as it pushes our daily life forward towards automation, and the rapid drop in price for typical components allows people to innovate new products. It is the combination of embedded systems, sensors, software and this can be also referred to as internet of everything. As health is one of the most important issues nowadays. At the same time, the internet is now easily available for mobile technologies, which makes remote observance in everything more popular. When a patient gets admitted to a hospital or in other location under observation of medical assistant, the relatives of the patients are anxious about his/her health situation throughout all the time. The combination of ARM Microcontroller has solved this situation by a new innovative technology in healthcare system through which it is also possible to monitor the health condition of the patient remotely. ARM Microcontroller is a platform which offers a complete environment on a tiny platform at a very low cost, and it also permits interfacing services and actuators through the general-purpose I/O pins. In this proposed system, patient's ECG, Pulse rate, room body temperature, body movement and home automation appliances are measured. Instant conveyance of the health information of the patient to the relatives will make the hospital management more responsible and liable for their works. Hospital management typically uses huge machines to measure the health data of the patients. On the other hand, we can be able to measure the health data using e-Health Sensor Platform in ARM Microcontroller. This might be employed in the hospitals yet as home. Moreover, it will additionally decrease the cost of health observance and the space of the room. We have tried to develop a health monitoring system to acquire the data and share the information with the health units and relatives by remotely monitoring through the internet. To do this, Advanced RISC Machines, ARM7 TDMI LPC 2148 Microcontroller collects the health data of the patients from the sensors and it is displayed on the website. For the security and safety issues, a role-based user authentication system is also available in the system to access the information.

2. HARDWARE SYSTEM





2.1 Power Supply

This section is meant for supplying Power to all the sections mentioned above. It basically consists of a Transformer to step down the 230V ac to 9V ac followed by diodes. Here diodes are used to rectify the ac to dc. After rectification, the obtained rippled dc is filtered using a capacitor Filter. A positive voltage regulator is used to regulate the obtained dc voltage.

2.2 ARM7TDMI

ARM is a family of instruction set architectures for computer processors based on a reduced instruction set computing (RISC) architecture developed by British company ARM Holdings. A RISC-based computer design approach means ARM processors require significantly fewer transistors than typical processors in average computers. This approach reduces costs, heat and power use. A simpler design facilitates more efficient multi-core CPUs and higher core counts at lower cost, providing higher processing power and improved energy efficiency for servers and supercomputers. The ARM7TDMI processor has two instruction sets, 32-bit ARM instruction set and 16-bit Thumb instruction set. The ARM7TDMI processor is an implementation of the ARMv4T architecture.



Fig 2: ARM7TDMI (LPC2148)

2.3 Liquid-crystal display

Liquid crystal displays (LCDs) have materials, which combine the properties of both liquids and crystals. Rather than having a melting point, they have a temperature range within which the molecules are almost as mobile as they would be in a liquid, but are grouped together in an ordered form similar to a crystal. It is a flat panel display, electronic visual display that uses the light modulation properties of liquid crystals. Liquid crystals do not emit light directly. LCDs are available to display arbitrary images or fixed images which can be displayed or hidden, such as preset words, digits, and 7-segment displays as in a digital clock.

2.4 MEMS

MicroElectroMechanical Systems (MEMS) is the integration of mechanical elements, sensors, actuators, and electronics on a common silicon substrate through microfabrication technology. While the electronics are fabricated using integrated circuit (IC) process sequences (e.g., CMOS, Bipolar, or BICMOS processes), the micromechanical components fabricated compatible are using "micromachining" processes that selectively etch away parts of the silicon wafer or add new structural layers to form the mechanical and electromechanical devices. MEMS promises to revolutionize nearly every product category by bringing silicon-based microelectronics together with micromachining technology, making possible the realization of complete systems-on-a-chip. MEMS is an enabling technology allowing the development of smart products, augmenting the computational ability of microelectronics with the perception and control capabilities of micro sensors and micro actuators and expanding the space of possible designs and applications.



Fig 3: MEMS IC

2.5 Pulse sensor

Pulse sensor is also called as Heart Beat Sensor. This heart beat sensor is designed to give digital output of heat beat when a finger is placed inside it. When the heart detector is working, the top-most LED flashes in unison with each heartbeat. This digital output can be connected to microcontroller directly to measure the Beats Per Minute (BPM) rate. It works on the principle of light modulation by blood flow through finger at each pulse.

2.6 THERMISTOR

The word thermistor is an acronym for thermal resistor, i.e., a temperature sensitive resistor. It is used to detect very small changes in temperature. The variation in temperature is reflected through appreciable variation of the resistance of the device. Thermistors with both negative-temperaturecoefficients (NTC) and positive temperature coefficient (PTC) are available, but NTC thermistors are more common. The negative-temperature coefficient means that the resistance increases with the increase in temperature.







2.7 GSM

Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) is a set of ETSI standards specifying the infrastructure for a digital cellular service.

The network is structured into a number of discrete sections:

- Base Station Subsystem the base stations and their controllers explained
- Network and Switching Subsystem the part of the network most similar to a fixed network, sometimes just called the "core network"

GSM was intended to be a secure wireless system. It has considered the user authentication using a pre-shared key and challenge-response, and over-the-air encryption. However, GSM is vulnerable to different class of attacks, each of them aiming a different part of the network.



Fig 5: SIM800L GSM / GRPS module

2.8 DC fans

DC technology has become much more sophisticated in recent years, and it can now be applied to both residential and industrial ceiling fans. DC fans have motors that rely on permanent, built-in magnets in order to attract and repel a rotor around an axis joined with invertors. DC technology is much newer than AC technology, which means there are fewer options available.

3. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have successfully proposed a remote health monitoring system and home automation system by offering alarm notification. It could reduce the human error. The most important feature in this system is that the health condition of the patient could be monitored from the home as well and necessary action could be taken during semimajor ailment. The probability of human error while acquiring the data could be effectively reduced as sensors are used for health data measurement. The proposed system would also provide automatic appliance control which makes the environment comfortable for the patient. Another beneficial part is the alert notification to the respective authority of the patient, and health data monitoring through the website which allows performing their regular task.

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