

Design and Implementation Intelligent WSN System for Environmental Monitoring Applications

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Abstract: - Wireless sensor network technology has been emerging as a viable solution to many innovative applications like industry, science, transport, civil industry, agriculture and security. A wireless sensor network system that is developed using open source hardware platform called Raspberry pi. The system is low cost and highly scalable both in terms of type of sensors and number of sensor node, which makes it well suited for a wide variety of applications related to environmental monitoring. The design of ZigBee Protocol is investigated using XBee module to establish WSN. A brief introduction to wireless sensor network (WSN) and temperature sensor briefing their characteristics and their applications, wireless crop management in agriculture. Monitoring agricultural environment for various factors such as soil moisture, temperature and humidity along with other factors can be of significance. Crop management system that is capable of watering the different kinds of crops with different amount of water according to their requirement based on environmental parameters of the field soil like moisture and temperature and monitoring the reservoir water level and sending necessary warning messages to concerned authority during water shortage in reservoir. A temperature sensor designed for weather monitoring applications.

Index Terms: WSN, Environmental monitoring Raspberry pi, ZigBee, Temperature sensor.

I. INTRODUCTION

The continuous increase demand of the food requires the rapid improvement in food production technology. At the present era, the farmers have been using the irrigation technique in INDIA through the manual control in which the farmers irrigate the land at the regular intervals. This process sometimes consumes more water or sometimes the water reaches late due to which the crops get dried. Slowed growth rate, lighter. This problem can be perfectly rectified if we use complete autonomous irrigation system in which irrigation takes place only when there is an intense. Requirement of water. Automating farm or nursery irrigation allows farmers to apply the right amount of water at the right time, regardless of the availability of the labor to turn valves on and off.

A. Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN):

Wireless Sensor Networks is a system in which there is 1 to N number of spatially distributed modules called sensor nodes which are used to sense different physical parameters like temperature, pressure and moisture. The data sensed by sensors is sent to the base station using wireless communication standards like ZigBee. From past many years it is been a favorite area of

research of many researches in which we have witnessed different waves of development. As the Wireless Sensor Network system has seen many technological advances, it has become a novel solution for many real life challenges. Because of its simple structure and ease of handling and understanding WSN technology is the most popular technology nowadays which is being used in many applications like military, structural health monitoring, environmental monitoring, and auto mobile etc.



Fig 1: The architecture of Wireless Sensor Network (WSN).

A WSN is a network consisting of numerous sensor nodes with sensing, wireless communications and computing capabilities. These sensor nodes are scattered in an unattended environment (i.e. sensing field) to sense the

physical world. The sensed data can be collected by a few sink nodes which have accesses to infrastructured networks like the Internet where the sensor nodes distributed all over the network for data acquisition. The network will have a main node (coordinator) that control operation of all child nodes. The distributed nodes can be connected in different formats called topology it may be ring, mesh, star and bus topology can communicate each other. The collected data is sent to the end device wirelessly.

B. Characteristics of WSN:

Important characteristics of Wireless Sensor Networks Include

- ❖ Wireless transmission
- ❖ Consists of 1 to thousands of nodes
- ❖ Serial data communication
- ❖ Low power consuming
- ❖ Small size and low cost
- ❖ Different connecting topologies
- ❖ Prone to failures
- ❖ Mobility of nodes
- ❖ Easy to use
- ❖ Scalability to large number of nodes

C. Wireless crop management in agriculture

The crop management in agriculture is an emerging trend from past few years. Since the rainfall in India is uneven and irregular, most of the farmers are migrating to irrigation systems. The percentage of farmers depending on irrigation system is increasing gradually over one decade. The basic concept of irrigation system is based on having a main reservoir and distributing the water to the crops using pipes or sprinkler system.

As the irrigation technology got developed, intensive researches enabled many advanced features in irrigation. Wireless control of irrigation is one such advancement. Wireless irrigation control includes monitoring the crops and controlling them remotely. The soil parameters like temperature, humidity and moisture are measured using respective sensors which are embedded in a microcontroller and sent to the base station using wireless transceivers like motes.

Data transmission uses wireless communication standards like ZigBee. At the base station there will be another microcontroller which is programmed to control whole system. The data from sensor nodes is received at the base station using wireless transceiver and sent to microcontroller, this microcontroller analyze the received from the sensor node that contain the information about

soil parameters and compares them with the pre defined values. After comparing with the predefined values the microcontroller will take necessary actions according to the program. The necessary actions include turning on/off of the motor, sending the message to the concerned authority and controlling sprinklers. A control application is also developed to control the system remotely from any part of the world. The web interface is developed for remote online monitoring and maintenance of the system. The sensor nodes are deployed in the field separated by certain distance between each other and supply will be given through battery.

Base station will have a microcontroller, GSM module and interfaced with many peripherals like monitor, keyboard, LCD display, relay and solenoid valve. Data base application can also be implemented using different tools like Relational Data Base Management System(RDBMS) and can be utilized to plot graphs showing the variation of climatic parameters like temperature and moisture. Many microcontrollers like 8051, Cortex, Arduino have been used for implementation. Transceivers include XBee modules from Digi International and Motes. Most of the existing systems have been implemented using sensor network research platforms such as Cross Bow (now MEMSIC) motes and Tiny OS software framework.

II. RELATED WORK

Sheikh Ferdoush, Xinrong Li, "Wireless Sensor Network System Design using Raspberry Pi and arduino for Environmental Monitoring Applications" [1].

This paper represent design of wireless sensor network is developed using open source hardware platform called Raspberry Pi. This system is low cost and scalable in terms of sensor types and the number of sensor nodes. The 802.15.4 RF transceivers and zigbee protocol modules are used for wireless sensing, actuation system and capable of forming a complex mesh network structure on its own without intervention from user applications program running on the microcontroller. A brief description of sensors network and cyber physical system has focused on the development of enabling the technologies by addressing a lot of technical challenges such as multi hop routing, communication abstractions and operating system(OS), semantic abstractions and storing of data.

G. V. Satyanarayana, SD. Mazaruddin [3] proposed a design to implement remote monitoring of agriculture system. ZigBee is used for wireless communication. Environmental parameters like temperature, moisture and humidity is measured with this

design. This system also has a GPS system to identify the location of field. Solar power is selected to address the power constraints. CC2430 chips are used for ZigBee standard. The system uses Samsung S3C2440 based on ARM 920T core at Central Monitoring Station which supports embedded operating systems like Linux, VxWorks. This design includes SIM100-E GSM/GPRS module for messages transmission. Web data server is used for accessing the information about climate variations. At the end user point service program has written to access servers to obtain latest data from anywhere over the world. The implemented system is tested in 800square meters field. They have also implemented GUI application to allow the uses to access the data and configure the system and track the location of the farm field using GPS system.

Jonathan Jao, Bo Sun and Kui Wu [6] have proposed a design to implement Wireless Sensor Network for precision agriculture. The design is based on using motes transceiver for communication, MDA300CA board for data acquisition purpose and EC-5 soil moisture sensor to sense the moisture content in the soil. They have selected open source embedded operating system software TinyOS 2.1.1 and MViz for development of application. Since power consumption is major concern they have used solar panels and rechargeable battery as power source. The transmission modules used are CC2420 which uses ZigBee 802.15.4 wireless communication standard. They have designed and implemented using Oracles's Virtual Box. SolMaxx OEM rated at 2V and 200mA solar penal provides sufficient power to battery to recharge. Testing the design includes single node experiment and multi node experiment. This research illustrates how to interface external sensors to Micaz through MDA300CA and have presented the driver and environment which is publicly available which mainly concentrates on research areas of TinyOS. The outcome of this work is to detect the moisture content of the soil and show it is being varied with different water saturation.

S.S Patil and V.M Davande [7] have proposed a design to implement Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) to monitor environmental conditions. This design is also based on ZigBee. The sensor nodes consist of microcontroller connected with temperature (LM35), water level (WL400), humidity (SH220) and soil moisture sensors. The design uses 89S52 microcontroller which id of 256x8 bit RAM. The sensors are connected to microcontroller via Analog to Digital Converter (ADC). For software implementation Embedded C programming language is used. In order to implement Graphical User Interface, they have used Visual Basic 6.0 to enable the used to interact with the system. Finally the design is tested in 800sq meter land with 6

sensor nodes and a master node. The design presented enables the user to use less human effort and control the system accurately.

III. SYSTEM DESIGN

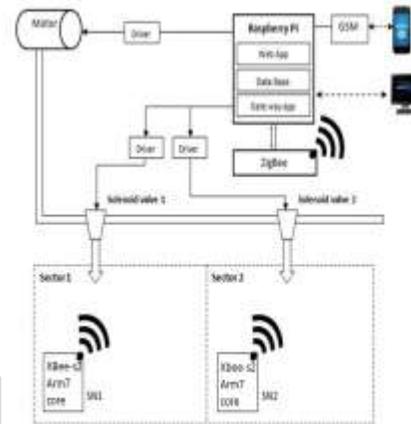


Fig.2: The Block Diagram Of The Proposed System

IV. SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

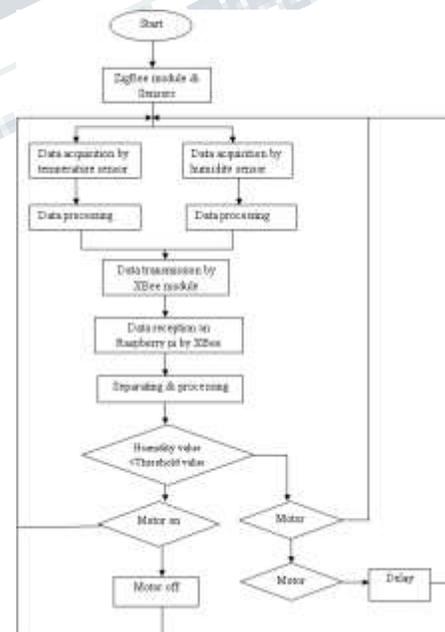


Fig.3: Flow Sequence of the Proposed System

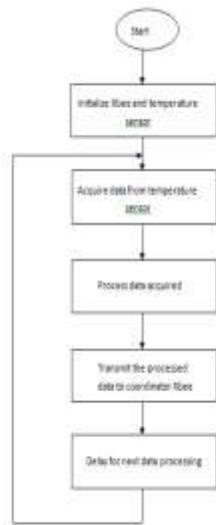


Fig.4: Router Node flow diagram

A. Raspberry Pi

The Raspberry Pi is a series of credit card-sized single-board computers developed in England, United Kingdom by the Raspberry Pi Foundation.

The new computer board features a Broadcom BCM2835 SoC, with a 900MHz quad-core ARM Cortex-A11 CPU and 1 GB of RAM. All Raspberry Pis include the same Video Core IV GPU, and either a single-core ARMv6-compatible CPU or a newer ARMv7-compatible quad-core. They have a MicroSDHC one (models A+, B+, and Pi 2) for boot media and persistent storage. Raspberry pi used for base station implementation, it will store all the information received from X bees and sensors.

B. Zigbee

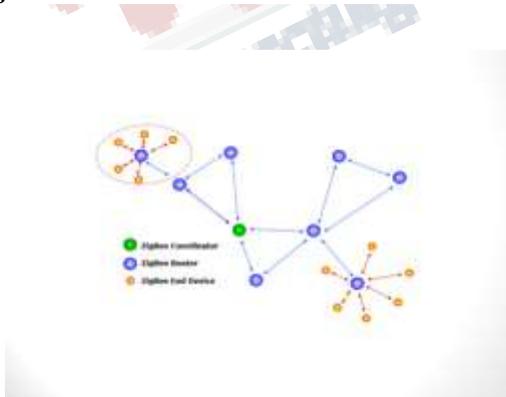


Fig.5: ZigBee Network

ZigBee is a standard for a suite of high level communication protocols based on the IEEE 802.15.4

standard for low power and low data rate radio communications. Zigbee is initiated and maintained by the XCTU software.

The typical application areas of Zigbee include

- ❖ Smart energy monitoring;
- ❖ Health care monitoring;
- ❖ Remote control;
- ❖ Building automation and home automation.

C. Sensors

A sensor is a hardware device that produces a measurable response signal to a change in a physical condition such as temperature, pressure and humidity. The continual analog signal sensed by the sensors is digitized by an analog-to-digital converter and sent to the embedded processor for further processing. Because a sensor node is a micro-electronic device powered by a limited power source, the attached sensors should also be small in size and consume extremely low energy. A sensor node can have one or several types of sensors integrated in or connected to the node.

D. Temperature Sensor

The LM35 can measure temperature, more accurately comparing with a thermostat. The sensor circuitry is sealed and it will not undergo any oxidation process. The LM35 generates a higher output voltage than thermocouples and may not require that the output voltage be amplified. Here is a commonly used circuit. In this circuit, parameter values commonly used are:

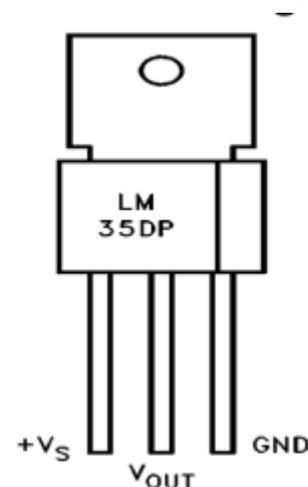


Fig.6: Temperature Sensor (LM35)

Temperature sensor acquire data from the field and it is continuously monitoring with predefined time. The data send from sensor node to Xbee coordinator, these

data collected by Raspberry pi microcontroller. If collected data more than normal value ,GSM send warning messages to concerned authority.

E. XBee S2

XBee is the brand name from Digi International for a family of form factor compatible radio modules. They were based on the 802.15.4-2003 standard designed for point-to-point and star communications. XBee Modules are available in two form-factors; through-hole and surface mount (SMT).The XBee uses 3.3V and has a smaller pin spacing than most breadboards/proto boards. Xbee is a microcontroller made by digi which uses the Zigbee protocol.

Based on IEEE 802.15.4 Standard

- ❖ 802.15.4/Multipoint network topologies
- ❖ 2.4 GHz for worldwide deployment
- ❖ 900 MHz for long-range deployment
- ❖ Low-power sleep modes
- ❖ Multiple antenna options
- ❖ Low power and long range deployment
- ❖ Low Power Consumption
- ❖ Low Data Rate

The Xbees can operate either in a transparent data mode or in a packet-based application programming interface (API) mode. In the transparent mode, data coming into the Data IN (DIN) pin is directly transmitted over-the-air to Raspberry pi without any modification. Incoming packets can either be directly addressed to one target (point-to-point) or it may be star.Xbee can use as either coordinator or router .Different sensors are connected to Xbee Router through wired connection where it is deployed in the field.The collected data from the Router is send to the Xbee coordinator through wsn,these xbees are configured using XCTU new gen software.

F. Soil moisture sensor

Soil moisture sensors measure the water content in soil. A soil moisture probe is made up of multiple soil moisture sensors.



Fig.6: soil moisture sensor

Since analytical measurement of free soil moisture requires removing a sample and drying it to extract moisture. The relation between the measured property and soil moisture must be calibrated and may vary depending on soil type. This Soil Moisture Sensor can be used to detect the moisture of soil or judge if there is water around the sensor. Insert this module into the soil and then adjust the on-board potentiometer to adjust the sensitivity. The sensor would outputs logic HIGH/LOW when the moisture is higher/lower than the threshold set by the potentiometer.

V. RESULT

WEATHER Monitoring Project

Field.1

Current temperature is—57.07



We have designed a temperature sensor, that is continuously monitoring temperature in environment with respect to time. If temperature value more than normal value it will send warning message to concerned authority people.

Done the part of soil moisture level sensing and motor operating in the project

The soil moisture level is continuously collected by the zigbee router node situated in the field and is send to the raspberry pi server unit. The raspberry pi server unit is continuously analyzing the received packets by extracting the soil moisture level information . When the moisture information of a particular part of the field is less than that

of 10 ml/m³ then the motor was made to on and particular valve is made to on and water is flown for some 10 to 15 minutes to the particular part of the field where soil moisture level has become less than that of the threshold

VI CONCLUSION

Wireless sensor network is becoming a popular technology prevalent in most of the applications of various different areas. This paper presented a design and implementation of intelligent wireless network system for environmental monitoring applications. It is efficient system for growing a different crops because it reduces labor saving and minimizes water requirement and also based on environmental condition it will pinch the water for different crops on different growing period. It as limitation that local network viewing only..

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