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USING RASPBERRY PI**

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## ABSTRACT

Automation is becoming popular due to its numerous benefits. Smart online switching refers to the control of home appliances and domestic features by local networking or data (Internet). Artificial Intelligence provides us the framework to go real-time decision and automation for Internet of Things (IoT). The work deals with discussion about different intelligent home automation systems and technologies from a various features standpoint. The work focuses on concept of home automation where the monitoring and control operations are facilitating through smart devices installed in residential buildings. Heterogeneous home-automation systems and technologies considered in review with central controller based (Arduino or Raspberry pi), web based, email based, Bluetooth-based, mobile-based, SMS based, ZigBee based, Dual Tone Multi Frequency-based, cloud-based and the Internet with performance.

This project presents the overall design of Electronic Appliance Automation System (EAAS) with low cost and wireless system. This system is designed to assist and provide support in order to eradicate or reduce the daily movement in the due course of switching on and off electrical appliances in homes, office, industries. Also, the smart home concept in the system improves the standard living at home. The switch mode and voice mode are used to control the home appliances.

The main control system implements wireless technology to provide remote access from smart phone. The design remains the existing electrical switches and provides more safety control on the switches with low voltage activating method. The switches status is synchronized in all the control system whereby every user interface indicates the real time existing switches status. The system intended to control electrical appliances and devices in house with relatively low cost design, user-friendly interface and ease of installation.

**Keywords:** Internet, Local Area Network, Wi-Fi, Raspberry pi.

# CHAPTER ONE

## 1.0 Introduction

Due to the advancement of wireless technology, there are several different of connections are introduced such as GSM, WIFI, and Bluetooth. Each of the connection has their own unique specifications and applications [2]. Among the four popular wireless connections that often implemented in automation projects, WIFI is being chosen with its suitable capability. The capabilities of WIFI are more than enough to be implemented in the design [5]. Also, most of the current laptop/notebook or Smartphone come with built-in WIFI adapter. It will indirectly reduce the cost of this system.

This project forwards the design of electronic appliance automation system using Raspberry pi, a credit sized computer. Raspberry pi provides the features of a mini computer, additional with its GPIO pins where other components and devices can be connected [1]. GPIO registers of raspberry pi are used for the output purposes. We have design a power strip that can be easily connected to GPIO Pins of the Raspberry pi.

The appliances are connected to the input/output ports of Raspberry pi along with the power strip and their status is passed to the raspberry pi [4]. The android running OS in any phone connected to a network can access the status of the home appliances via an application. It presents the design and implementation of automation system that can monitor and control home appliances via android phone or tablet.

## 1.1 General background of the study

More and more devices of our daily life are computer based. This trend can be seen in many different areas of home equipment. Most communication systems, including landline phones, cellphones, and -obviously- the Internet, are based on electronic components that run specifically designed programs.

IoT is generally a scenario where network connectivity and computing capability was extended to objects, sensors and all items normally not considered as computers can exchange, generate and consume data with minimal human intervention. Rapid growth in technologies enhanced the growth of IoT Environment and it was already developed in Industrial Wireless sensor Network.

The concept of combining computers, sensors, and networks to monitor and control devices has existed for decades and the projections for the impact of IoT on the Internet and economy are impressive, with some anticipating as many as 100 billion connected IoT devices and a global economic impact of more than \$11 trillion by 2025

The “Automation” concept has existed for many years. The terms “Smart”, “Intelligent Home” followed and has been used to introduce the concept of networking appliances and devices in the house. Home automation Systems (HASs) represents a great research opportunity in creating new fields in engineering, and Computing.

HASs includes centralized control of lighting, appliances, security locks of gates and doors and other systems, to provide improved comfort, energy efficiency and security system. HASs becoming popular nowadays and enter quickly in this emerging market. However, end users, especially the disabled and elderly due to their complexity and cost, do not always accept these systems. Due to the advancement of wireless technology, there are several different of connections are introduced such as GSM, WIFI, and Bluetooth. Each of the connection has their own unique specifications and applications. Among the four popular wireless connections that often implemented in HAS project, WIFI is being chosen with its suitable capability.

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Automation is a technique, method, or system of operating or controlling a process by electronic devices with reducing human involvement to a minimum. The fundamental of building an automation system for an office or home is increasing day-by-day with numerous benefits. Industrialist and researchers are working to build efficient and affordability automatic systems to

monitor and control different machines like lights, fans, AC based on the requirement. Automation makes not only an efficient but also an economical use of the electricity and water and reduces much of the wastage.

IoT grant to people and things to be connected Any-time, anyplace, with anyone, ideally using any network and any service. Automation is another important application of IoT technologies. It is the monitoring of the energy consumption and the Controlling the environment in buildings, schools, offices and museums by using different types of sensors and actuators that control lights, temperature, and humidity.

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## **1.2 Problem statement**

Today people are looking at ways and means to better their life-style using the latest technologies that area available. Any new facility or hope appliance that promises to enhance their life-style is grabbed by the consumers. The more such facilities and appliances are added, it becomes inevitable to have easy and convenient methods and means to control and operate these appliances. Conventional wall switches are located in different parts of a houses, offices, industries among others and thus necessitates manual operations like to switch on or off these switches to control various appliances. It gets virtually impossible to keep track of appliances that are running and also to monitor their performances.

In this case, our electronic appliance automation system or control system is to address these routines of moving in order to switch on and off of different electronics be it in office, home, industry among others cheaply. In addition, the available systems have been too costly to install unlike ours that only calls for installing some modules at the site, the on logs on our platform and controls all devices as he or she pleases.

### **1.3 Objectives of the study**

#### **1.3.0 Main objective**

- The main objective of this research project is to design and develop an automation system to eradicate the numerous movements involved in switching on and off the different appliances like lights, Televisions, air conditioners, among others

#### **1.3.1 Specific objective**

- To find out how appliance automation is done.
- To interface Raspberry pi with other components.
- To write the python and assemble the nod-red code.
- To gather requirements needed to develop an appliance automation system
- To design, develop and implement an appliance automation system.

### **1.4 Research Questions**

- How to find out how appliance automation is done.
- How to interface Raspberry pi with other components.
- How to write the python and assemble the nod-red code.
- How to gather requirements needed to develop an appliance automation system
- How to design, develop and implement an appliance automation system.

## **1.5 Significance of the study**

### **Environmental**

The system is not harmful to the environment as there is no pollution or an emission of radiation related to it.

Saves a lot of energy

### **Industrial**

The designed system prototype is as well suitable for industrial security lights control in an automation manner, whereby one needs not to go to control room in order to switch the lights on and off which as well saves energy as at times lights can be forgotten on which consumes a lot of power hence higher bills for power.

### **Academics.**

It increases the best way of using technology in day to day life.

The project can also be used for literature review by researchers in regard to use and advancements in appliance automation system.

## **1.6 New features in the system**

It amalgamates appliances and gives their control to any specific peoples through devices like

Smart phones remotely.

This system cuts down the costs of its installation making it affordable by almost everybody in a way that one just needs to have a smart phone, let us install some electrical gadgets and circuits then our client log on to our online platform then accesses his or her appliances registered on one's account assigned by us once one purchases our automation system.

## **1.7 Scope of the study**

The study was carried out at the school of engineering and applied sciences (SEAS).

### **1.7.0 Geographical scope**

The system is accessible with in the school of engineering and applied sciences (SEAS) found in Kampala International University.

### **1.7.1 Time scope**

The project took a period of 6 month.

### **1.7.2 Content scope**

This project mainly focused on the content covering the design, development and implementation of an electronic appliance automation system (EAAS).



## CHAPTER TWO

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.0 Introduction

In this chapter, the research, location and analysis of the existing knowledge related to the subject of inquiry are explored and cited. It ventures into the relationship of the proposed research for purposes of good representation and critical review of the existing literature.

Electronic appliance automation system (EAAS) was the term used in this chapter to refer to internet-based remote control of electronic appliances like fans, Television, Ovens, Percolators among others in homes, offices, industries for remote control of security lights.

With the development of new electronic technologies and their integration with older, traditional building technologies, smart home is at last becoming a real possibility. At first "home computer" was an experimental system in 1966, then in the early 1980's the smart home automation was initiated as a project of the National Research Center of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) with the cooperation of a collection of major industrial partners. Even though smart home is not a new term for science society but it's still far more away from people's vision and audition. Because recently various work is done with the design and general overview of the possible remote access approaches for controlling devices, or in cases of simulating the smart home itself.

The design and implementation of an off-the-shelf Smart Home remote control application has been limited to simply the computer applications and just in cases mobile and web applications development. The "smart home" technology is one realization of home automation ideals using a specific set of technologies. It's a home that has highly advanced automatic systems for lighting, temperature control, security, appliances and own power generation system using sun tracking solar panel. The smart house gets two parallel power sources. As a result, it makes smart house more reliable and less power consumable nowadays.

## **2.1 Existing related systems**

### **Internet Based Monitoring**

Internet monitoring is one of the common approaches for remote monitoring. Many researchers have worked in field of Internet based remote monitoring. (Saito et al., 2016) developed home gateway system for interconnecting home network consisting of IEEE 1394 AV network and X10 power line home automation network with Internet. This provided remote access functions from Internet for digital AV appliances like Digital Video Camera, Digital VCR connected to IEEE 1394 network and home appliances like TV, desk lamp, electric fan connected to X10 controller. (Al-Ali and Al-Rousan) developed Java based home automation system via World Wide Web. The home appliances were controlled from ports of embedded system board connected to PC based server at home. (Alkar and Buhur, 2017) implemented Internet based wireless flexible solution where home appliances are connected to slave node.

The slave nodes communicate with master node through RF and master node has serial RS232 link with PC server. The nodes are based on PIC 16F877  $\mu$ c. PC server is formed of a user interface component, the database and the web server components. An Internet page has been setup running on a Web server. The user interface and the Internet front end are connected to a backend data base server. The control of devices is established and their condition is monitored through the Internet.

### **GSM-SMS Based Monitoring**

With the wide spread use of cellular networks, this approach is also popular when small amount of data is to be transferred through the network. Extensive work has been carried out by researchers using this approach especially in medical field. (Chen Peijiang and Jiang Xuehua, 2018) describe a remote monitoring system based on SMS of GSM. The system includes two parts which are the monitoring center and the remote monitoring station. The monitoring center consists of a computer and a TC35 GSM communication module.

The computer and TC35 are connected by RS232. The remote monitoring station includes a TC35 GSM communication module, a MSP430F149 MCU, a display unit, various sensors, data gathering and processing unit. (Scanail et al., 2006) developed a tele-monitoring system, based on short message service (SMS), to remotely monitor the long-term mobility levels of

elderly people in their natural environment. Mobility is measured by an accelerometer-based portable unit, worn by each monitored subject. The portable unit houses the Analog Devices ADuC812S microcontroller board, Falcon A2D-1 GSM modem, and a battery-based power supply. Two integrated accelerometers are connected to the portable unit through the analog inputs of the microcontroller. Mobility level summaries are transmitted hourly, as an SMS message, directly from the portable unit to a remote server for long-term analysis. Each subject's mobility levels are monitored using custom-designed mobility alert software, and the appropriate medical personnel are alerted by SMS if the subject's mobility levels decrease. (Jiang et al., 2008) proposed a system for early diagnosis of hypertension and other chronic diseases.

The proposed design consists of three main parts: a wrist Blood Pressure (BP) measurement unit, a server unit and a terminal unit. Blood Pressure is detected using data acquired by sensors intelligently using DSP microchip.

### **Remote Monitoring using Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)**

Bluetooth, WiFi, Zigbee technologies: Many Wireless Technologies like RF, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and Zigbee have been developed and remote monitoring systems using these technologies are popular due to flexibility, low operating charges, etc.

Today Wireless Sensor Network are used into an increasing number of commercial solutions, aimed at implementing distributed monitoring and control system in a great number of different application areas. (Wijetunge et al., 2018) designed a general purpose controlling module designed with the capability of controlling and sensing up to five devices simultaneously.

The communication between the controlling module and the remote server is done using Bluetooth technology. The server can communicate with many such modules simultaneously. The controller is based on ATmega64 microcontroller and Bluetooth communication TDK Blu2i (Class 1) module which provides a serial interface for data communication.

The designed controller was deployed in a home automation application for a selected set of electrical appliances. (Kanma et al., 2017) proposed a home appliance control system over Bluetooth with a cellular phone, which enables remote-control, fault-diagnosis and software-

update for home appliances through Java applications on a cellular phone. The system consists of home appliances, a cellular phone and Bluetooth communication adapters for the appliances. The communication adapter hardware consists of a 20MHz 16bit CPU, SRAM and a Bluetooth module. The communication adapter board is connected to the home appliance and to the cellular phone through serial ports. The appliances can communicate with the cellular phone control terminal via Bluetooth SPP. (Sung-Nien Yu and Jen-Chieh Cheng) proposed a wireless patient monitoring system which integrates Bluetooth and WiFi wireless technologies.

The system consists of the mobile unit, which is set up on the patient's side to acquire the patient's physiological signals, and the monitor units, which enable the medical personnel to monitor the patient's status remotely. The mobile unit is based on AT89C51 microprocessor. The digitized vital-sign signals are transmitted to the local monitor unit using a Bluetooth dongle. Four kinds of monitor units, namely, local monitor unit, a control center, mobile devices (personal digital assistant; PDA), and a web page were designed to communicate via the WiFi wireless technology. (Flammini et al.) suggested a novel architecture for environmental tele-monitoring that relies on GSM for sampling point delocalization, while on-field nodes implement local subnets based on the DECT technology.

Local subnets contain two major blocks; Acquisition Station (AS) where sensors and actuators are located and Transmitting Module (TM), i.e., the module that handles several measurement stations and sends data to the control center (CC). Each AS acts as a data logger, storing in its internal memory device field data; communications between AS and TM are cyclic (round robin), with a cycle time of about 1–10 min. On the contrary, communications between TM and CC occur once a day for data-logging purposes, while alarms or threshold crossings are communicated asynchronously by means of Short Message Service (SMS).

Prototypes have been realized to interface with temperature (T, AD590 from analog devices), humidity (RH, HumireIHM1500), and carbon monoxide (CO, Figaro TGS2442) sensors. DECT Siemens module MD32 and GSM module MC35 were used. AS was based on Microchip's PIC18F452 microcontroller and TM was designed using 32-bit ARM-based microcontroller from Samsung (S3F441FX).

## **2.2 Review IoT development platforms.**

### **2.2.0 Raspberry Pi**

It is a credit-card-sized single microcontroller computer. Python as the main programming language. It is easy to learn and suitable for real world applications. There are two main types of pi first one is Model A has 256Mb RAM, one USB port and no network connection and Model B has 512Mb RAM, 2 USB ports and an Ethernet port.

It has a Broadcom BCM2835 system on a chip which includes an ARM1176JZF -S 700 MHz processor, Video Core IV GPU, and an SD card.

The chip specifically provides HDMI and there is no VGA support.

The Raspberry Pi allows peripherals and expansion boards to access the CPU by exposing the in and outputs. The production board has a 26-pin 2.54mm (100mil) expansion header, arranged in a 2x13 strip. They provide 8 GPIO pins plus access to I2C, SPI, UART), as well as +3V3, +5V and GND supply lines. Pin one is column 0 on the bottom row. Voltage levels are 3v3. There is no over-voltage protection on the board - the intention is that people interested in serious interfacing will use an external board with buffers, level conversion and analog I/O rather than soldering directly onto the main board.

It is also possible to reconfigure some of the pins to provide a second I2C interface. Kernel boot messages go to the UART at 115200bps.

### **2.2.1 Arduino**

It is a microcontroller board, not fully computers. In this, written codes are simply executed without any obstacle. It is an 8 bit Atmel AVR Microcontroller which comprises of 32K and 512K of onboard flash memory, 2K of RAM, runs at 884MHz clock speeds with voltages of 2.7V-12V. programming is done using C and carries no operating system.

The code is written in the computer and then sent through USB cable for execution. Its construction simply covers digital input-output pins that are between 9-54 AND 6-12 analog input pins. Its power consumption is less than 0.5 watt.

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **METHODOLOGY**

#### **3.0 Introduction**

This chapter presents the description of methods that were used to achieve the objectives of the proposed system. It focuses on detailed description of the data collection techniques that were employed in coming up with the proposed system. The chapter also looks at the relevant tools and research approaches that were taken in analyzing, planning, design and implementation of the system.

#### **3.1 Sampling methods**

In this report we used purposive and stratified random sampling.

According to Ashley Crossman, introduction to sociology of Social Sciences (2017) A purposive sample is a non-probability sample that is selected based on characteristics of a population and the objective of the study. We used purposive sampling to get the sample for the study from receptionists, secretaries, directors and deans because of their small size and projected reliable information that we would get from them. Because the student population was big, in thousands of numbers, we used simple random sampling method to get the sample size from students. This is because Stratified random sampling is a method of sampling that involves the division of a population into smaller groups known as strata. In stratified random sampling, the strata are formed based on members' shared attributes or characteristics. These subsets of the strata are then pooled to form a random sample.

These subsets of the strata are then combined to form a random sample.

##### **3.1.1 Sample size**

In this research project we used purposive and stratified random sampling techniques due to the large population or samples that the research covers. These include the different departments in the school and also the different homes to check on the adaptability of our proposed system.

The study population was divided into strata for easy for easy manipulation then later computed to represent the entire target population of the research study.

Now suppose we have a population size  $N$  divided into  $K$  strata. We take a stratified random sample with  $n_i$  observations in the  $i$ th stratum, which has population size  $N_i$  and population proportion of attributes equal to  $P_i$ . Let  $p_i$  be the sample proportion in the  $i$ th stratum. Our overall sample size is  $n = \sum E_i$  and the “pooled” estimate of  $p$ , strata, weights the sample proportion from each stratum according to the population size from the strata.

### **3.2 Data Collection Methods.**

The following methods were used during data collection: Observation, Interviewing and focused group discussion as our research methods. we were able to gather raw data from different hospitals and the general public of school of computing and information technology where existing details on the current system were obtained. Verbal interview techniques were used to interview peoples from the different areas of Kampala district.

### **3.3 Focused group discussions.**

A focus group discussion was held between some peoples for example at the school and the team members to whom the issue seemed relevant. This was because it provided space to discuss particular topics in context where people are allowed to agree or disagree with each other, thereby enabling us to identify or spot out the core values that were be implied in our system.

#### **3.3.1 Interviewing.**

For the purposes of this research, in depth interviews were carried out. In depth interviews are personal and unstructured interviews, whose aim is to identify participant’s emotions, feelings, and opinions regarding a particular research subject.

The main advantage of personal interviews is that they involve personal and direct contact between interviewers and interviewees, as well as eliminate non-response rates, but interviewers need to have developed the necessary skills to successfully carry an interview.

### **3.3.2 Observation.**

The mode of operation of different electronic appliances were noted being manual for example the switching on and off of lights in offices at the school of computing and information technology.

### **3.4 Approaches to the system development.**

The system development life cycle (SDLC) we chose to use was the spiral model and aspects of risk analysis. This is because the spiral model is a risk-driven process model generator for software projects. Based on the unique risk patterns of a given project, the spiral model guides a team to adopt elements of one or more process models, such as incremental, waterfall prototyping.

We also used different aspects from other models like prototyping which helped us come up with system definition and analysis, data flow diagrams (DFD) were used to show the flow of data in the system.

Due to the variances to be encountered in that process, the system was developed using spiral model approach due to its flexibility during development processes. A key concept of the spiral approach is the focus on Risk. Although there are many choices about what to focus on in each iteration, the spiral model recommends identifying risk factors that must be studied and mitigated. Iterations are used to divide a very large, complex problem into smaller, more easily managed problems. Each small problem is solved in turn until the large problem is solved.

### **3.5 System development life cycle (SDLC)**

At Rocky Mountain Outfitters, one of Barbara Halifax's initial jobs as the project manager for the customer support system project is to make decisions about the approach used to develop the system. All of the options described under this subheading are open to her. We will not describe her final decisions, though, because we use the customer support system example throughout this text as we present more details about all approaches.

Systems analysts solve business problems. For problem-solving work to be productive, it needs to be organized and goal oriented. Analysts achieve these results by organizing the work into projects. A project is a planned undertaking that has a beginning and an end and that produces a desired



result or product. The term system development project describes a planned undertaking that produces a new information system. Some system development projects are very large, requiring thousands of hours of work by many people and spanning several calendar years.

Many system development projects are smaller, lasting a month or two. For a system development project to be successful, the people developing the system must have a detailed plan to follow.

Success depends heavily on having a plan that includes an organized, methodical sequence of tasks and activities that culminate with an information system that is reliable, robust, and efficient.

One of the key, fundamental concepts in system development is the systems development life cycle. Businesses and organizations use systems to support all the many, varied processes that a business needs to carry out its functions. There are many different kinds of information systems, and each has its own focus and purpose in supporting business processes. Each one of these information systems has a life of its own, and we, as system developers, refer to this idea as the life cycle of a system.

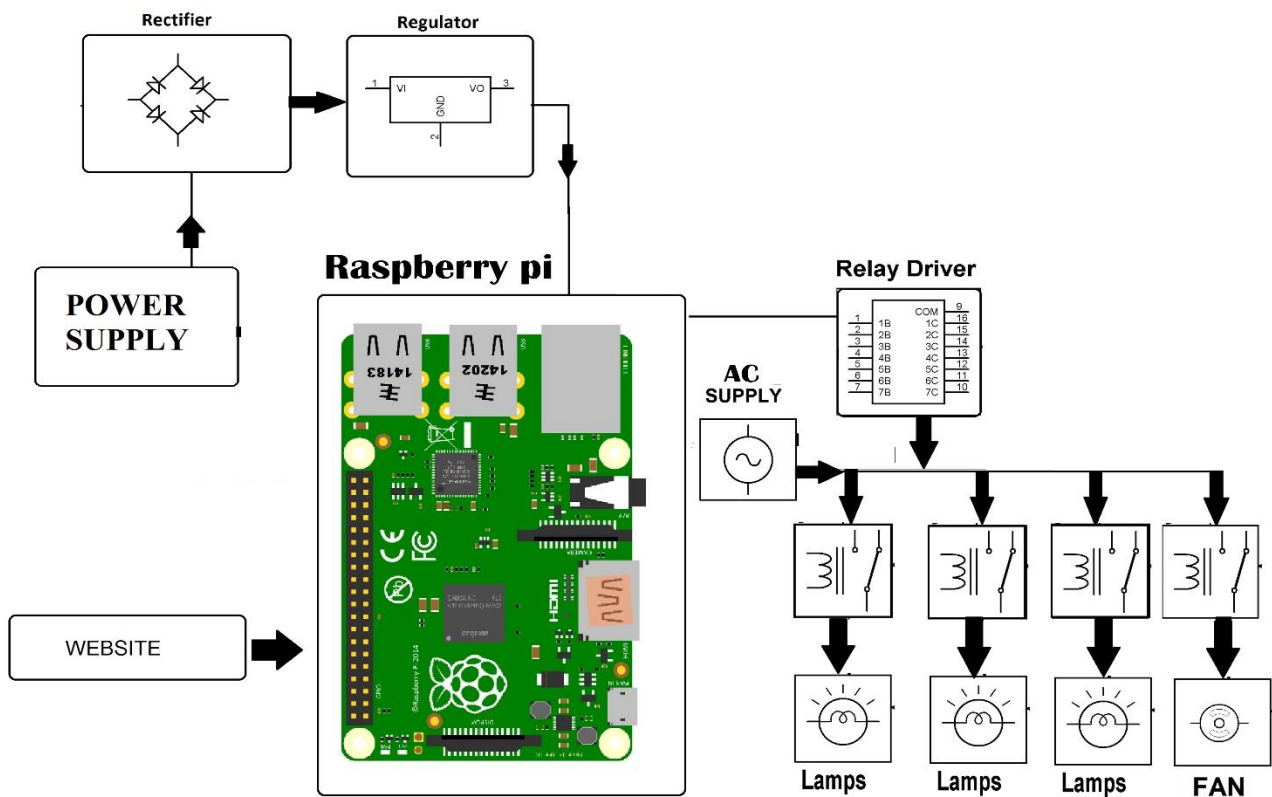
During the life of an information system, it is first conceived as an idea; then it is designed, built, and deployed during a development project; and finally it is put into production and used to support the business. However, even during its productive use, a system is still a dynamic, living entity that is updated, modified, and repaired through smaller projects. This entire process of building, deploying, using, and updating an information system is called the systems development life cycle, or SDLC.

In today's diverse development environment, many different approaches to developing systems are used, and they are based on different SDLCs. As you might suppose, some approaches have been used for a long time and have varying rates of success. In the ever-changing world of information technology, new and unique approaches to building systems have emerged, which also have varying success rates. Although it is difficult to find a single, comprehensive classification system that encompasses all of the approaches, one useful technique is to categorize SDLC approaches according to whether they are more predictive or adaptive.

These two classifications represent the end points of a continuum from completely predictive to completely adaptive these four groups of activities planning, analysis, design, and implementations are sometimes referred to as phases and they are the elements that provide the framework for managing the project.

Another phase, called the support phase includes the activities needed to upgrade and maintain the system after it has been deployed. The support phase is part of the overall SDLC, but it is not normally considered to be part of the initial development project.

### 3.5 The block diagram



**Figure 1:** block diagram

# The Circuit Diagram

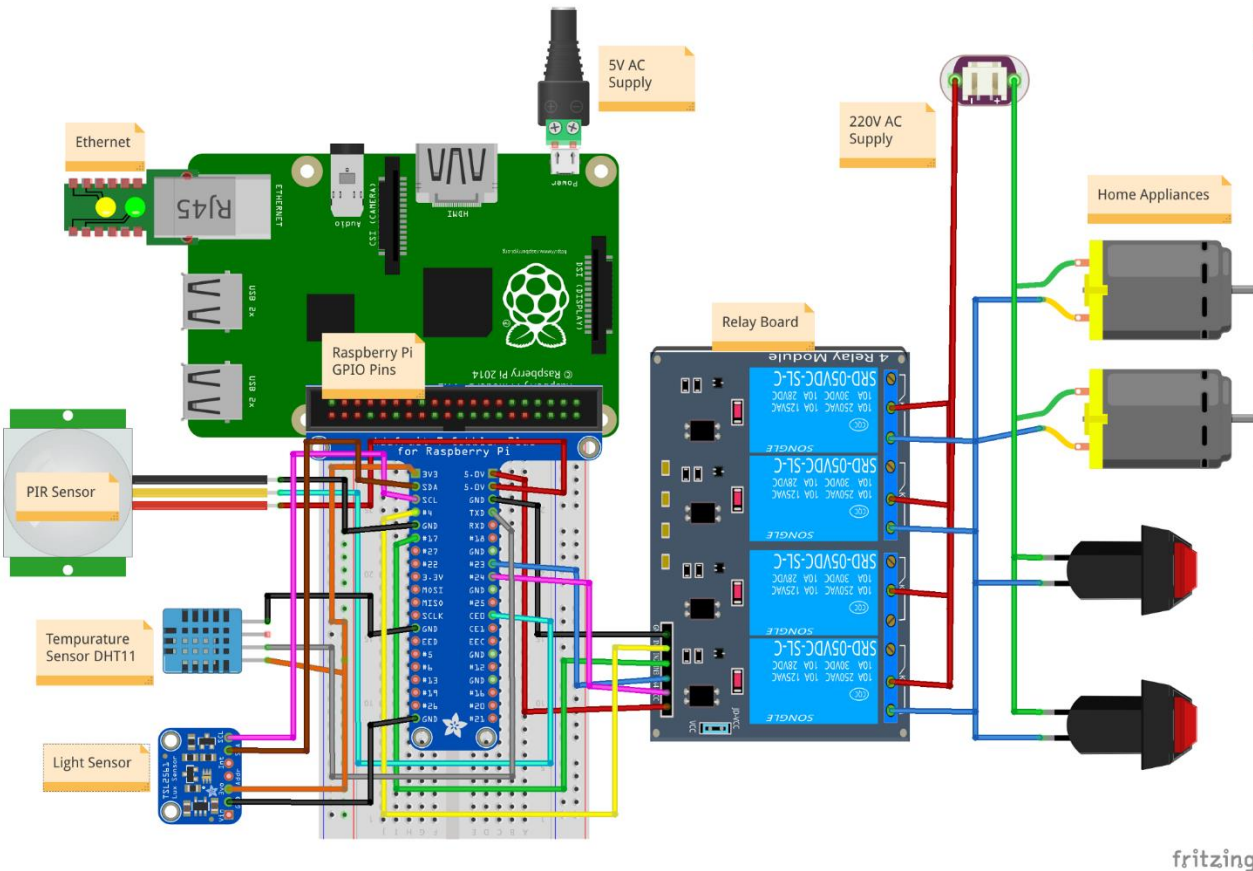


Figure 2: circuit diagram

**Analysis phase (activities).**

The primary objective of the analysis activities is to understand and document the business needs and the processing requirements of the new system. Analysis is essentially a discovery process.

The key words that drive the activities during analysis are discovery and understanding.

Six primary activities are considered part of this phase:

- Gather information.
  
- Define system requirements.
  
- Build prototypes for discovery of requirements.

Problem domain- the area of the user's business that needs an information system solution and that is being researched. The analysts obtain information about the problem domain by observing the users as they do their work; by interviewing and asking questions of the users; by reading existing documents about procedures, business rules, and job responsibilities; and by reviewing existing automated systems. In addition to gathering information from the users of the system, the analysts should consult other interested parties. They may include middle management, senior executives, and at times even external customers. Gathering information is the core activity for discovery and understanding.

But it is not sufficient simply to gather information. Analysts must review, analyze, and structure the information obtained so that they can develop an overall understanding of the new system's requirements. This activity is called defining the system requirements, and the primary technique that is used is drawing diagrams to express and model the new system's processing requirements.

As we discussed earlier, one important activity that can help an analyst gather and understand the requirements is to build a prototype of pieces of the new system. Then users can review them. Users often find it easier to express their needs by reviewing working prototypes of alternatives.

“A picture is worth a thousand words” is as true in defining system requirements as it is in general, and a prototype is the “picture” that can elicit valuable insights from end users.

**Design phase (activities).**

The objective of the design activities is to design the solution system based on the requirements defined and decisions made during analysis. High-level design consists of developing an architectural structure for the software components, databases, user interface, and operating environment. Low-level design entails developing the detailed algorithms and data structures that are required for software development. Seven major activities must be completed during the design phase:

- Design and integrate the network.
- Design the application architecture.
- Design the user interfaces.
- Design the system interfaces.
- Design and integrate the database.
- Prototype for design details.
- Design and integrate the system controls.

Design activities are closely interrelated and generally are all done with substantial overlap.

The network consists of the computer equipment, network, and operating system platforms that will house the new information system. Many of today’s new systems are being installed in network and client/server environments. Design includes configuring these sequences of interactions. Most new information systems must also communicate with other, existing systems, so the design of the method and details of these communication links must also be precisely defined. These are called system interfaces.

Databases and information files are an integral part of information systems for business. The diagrams of the new system’s data storage requirements, developed during analysis, are used to design the database that will support the application portion of the new system. At times, the

database for the specific system must also be integrated with information databases of other systems already in use.

During design, it is often necessary to verify the correctness or workability of the proposed design. Again, one important verification method is to build working prototypes of parts of the system to ensure that it will function correctly in the operating environment. In addition, analysts can test and verify alternative design strategies by building prototypes of the new system. Sometimes, if the prototypes are built correctly, they can be saved and used as part of the final system.

Finally, every system must have sufficient controls to protect the integrity of the database and the application program. Because of the highly competitive nature of the global economy and the risks associated with technology and security, every new system must include adequate mechanisms to protect the information and assets of the organization. These controls should be integrated into the new system while it is being designed, not after it has been constructed.

**Implementation phase (activities).**

Implementation activities result in the final system being built, tested, and installed. The objective is not only to produce a reliable, fully functional information system, but also to ensure that the users are all trained and that the organization is ready to benefit as expected from use of the system. All the prior activities must come together to culminate in an operational system. Five major activities make up the implementation phase:

- Construct software components.
- Verify and test.
- Convert data.
- Train users and document the system.
- Install the system.

The software can be constructed through various techniques. The conventional approach is to write computer programs using a language such as Visual Basic, C#, or Java. Other techniques, based on development tools and existing components, are becoming popular today. The software must also be tested, and the first kind of testing verifies that the system actually works. Additional testing is also required to make sure that the new system meets the needs of the system's users.

### **Support phase (activities).**

The objective of the support activities is to keep the system running productively during the years following its initial installation. The support activities begin only after the new system has been installed and put into production, and it lasts throughout the productive life of the system. The expectation for most business systems is that the system will last for years. During support, upgrades or enhancements may be carried out to expand the system's capabilities, and they will require their own development projects. Three major activities occur during support:

- Maintain the system.
- Enhance the system.
- Support the users.

Every system, especially a new one, contains components that do not function correctly. Software development is complex and difficult, so it is never error-free. Of course, the objective of a well-organized and carefully executed project is to deliver a system that is robust and complete and that gives correct results. However, because of the complexity of software and the impossibility of testing every possible combination of processing requirements, there will always be conditions that have not been fully tested and thus are subject to errors. In addition, business needs and user requirements change over time. Key tasks in maintaining the system include both fixing the errors (also known as fixing bugs) and making minor adjustments to processing requirements. Usually a system support team is assigned responsibility for maintaining the system.

Most newly hired programmer analysts begin their careers working on system maintenance projects. Tasks typically completed include changing the information provided in a report, adding an attribute to a table in a database, or changing the design of Windows or browser forms. These changes are requested and approved before the work is assigned, so a change request approval process is always part of the system support phase.

During the productive life of a system, it is also common to make major modifications. At times, government regulations require new data to be maintained or information to be provided. Also, changes in the business environment new market opportunities, new competition, or new system infrastructure necessitate major changes to the system. To implement these major system

enhancements, the company must approve and initiate an upgrade development project. An upgrade project often results in a new version of the system.

During your career, you may have the opportunity to participate in several upgrade projects.

SOURCE: Customer support system project, At Rocky Mountain Outfitters by project manager Barbara

Halifax's accessed on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



## CHAPTER FOUR

### DATA PRESENTATION, ANALYSIS AND SYSTEM DESIGN

#### 4.0 Introduction

This chapter focuses on the data analysis and presentation, system analysis and design, strength and weakness of the current system and the context level diagram.

#### 4.1 System Study

There was a thorough study of the existing systems that is manual and perhaps tires without automation. This was done in order to understand the loop holes before developing the electronic appliance automation system (EAAS) for school of computing and information technology and was achieved by use of Data Collection Methods like questionnaires, interviews and observations.

#### 4.2 System Analysis

The analysis of the requirements acquired in the requirements identification phase led to the development of the first prototype of the system , the first prototype was basically be back-end the front end part of it will be included in the next prototypes of the system. The back end was developed using python 3.5.4. the sqlite3 was the database used to store lecturer's and administrator's details which were used to log into the system.

Data processing models like data flows diagrams, entity relationships diagrams and context models will be used during system design. This is so as to clearly understand the flow of information between processes geared by the three fold design: the conceptual, logical and physical designs. The conceptual design involves identifying the relationships between the major entities interacting with the system and their matching attributes and identifying the relationships between entities where entity relationship diagram was the end product. The system design objectives includes: Usability, performance, reliability, software architecture and package.

#### **4.2.0 Existing medical service delivery System.**

Refer to the literature review, observation, interviews and questionnaires as explained in chapter three, it should be noted that in school of computing and information technology, we were able to analyze existing as discussed below.

There was no automation so one had to make movements to different corners of the office in order to switch on the lights, fan, Television among others hence tiresome and perhaps too manual mode of functionality was experienced.

The clients recommended that the proposed system should be user friendly, able to respond without errors, operate without bias, and observance of time factor. Context diagrams, Data flow diagrams were used in the analysis and design of the system.

#### **4.2.1 Requirements Specifications**

After analyzing the data collected, we formulated a number of requirements namely user requirement, system hardware software attribute. These were grouped as user, functional, nonfunctional and systems requirements.

#### **4.2.2 User Requirement**

During data collection, we investigated and found out how currents system was tiresome and expensive and perhaps unfavorable to some group of people like the elderly. We found out how best to address this problem hence development of the electronic appliance automation system.

#### **4.2.3 Functional and Non Functional Requirements**

The following is the desired functionality of the new system. The system should grant access to the user from any place, any time, any day hence available and accessible 24/7/365.

#### **And non-functional requirements include the following**

The system must verify and validate all user input and users must be notified in case of errors detected in the course of using the system.

**Table 1: Hardware Requirement**

<b>Hardware</b>	<b>Minimum System requirement</b>
Processor	2.4 GHZ processor speed
Memory	128 MB RAM (256 MB Recommended)
Disk space	80 GB (including 20 GB for database Management system)
Display	800 x 600 colors (1024 x 768 High color- 16 bit Recommended)

In addition, programming requires :- Raspberry Pi B+ (along with a microSD card, a microUSB cable, and an HDMI cable)

An eight (8) channel relay switch module, Wires of 1.5 volts (10 m) and 2.5 volts (10 m), Electric connectors, Insulation Tape, Taster and applier, Two (2) bulbs thus to say sitting room and security light, Fan and Percolator / electrical kettle.

Extension cable, Smartphone with internet connection.

USB Wi-Fi dongle

T-Cobbler Kit

Jumper wires (both male to female and ma

Breadboard

Laptops

The table above shows hardware components of the machine (computer) that allows the system to function, the personal digital assistants like smart phones running android versions can access the system and on the web.

**Table 2: Software Requirements**

<b>Software</b>	<b>Minimum System requirement</b>
Operating System	Linux distribution, Android
.Net framework	Version 3.5 or higher

**The table above shows software requirements recommended to enable the system to run.**

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

### **SUMMARY, LIMITATION, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **5.0 Introduction**

This chapter describes the objectives of the system stipulated in earlier chapter, limitation of the system conclusion and recommendation of the system

#### **5.1 Summary**

This project presents the overall design of Electronic Appliance Automation System (EAAS) with low cost and wireless system. This system is designed to assist and provide support in order to eradicate or reduce the daily movement in the due course of switching on and off electrical appliances in homes, office, industries. Also, the smart home concept in the system improves the standard living at home. The switch mode and voice mode are used to control the home appliances.

The main control system implements wireless technology to provide remote access from smart phone. The design remains the existing electrical switches and provides more safety control on the switches with low voltage activating method. The switches status is synchronized in all the control system whereby every user interface indicates the real time existing switches status. The system intended to control electrical appliances and devices in house with relatively low cost design, user-friendly interface and ease of installation.

#### **5.2 Limitations**

This section describes those services that are not provided by the system and those include the following.

The project development process was too costly to us as developers in terms of purchasing the python raspberry pi, relay switch modules, bulbs among other gadgets for purposes of prototyping of the project.

The application favors most those who are fluent or know English since it's the official language mostly used in Uganda.

One must have a smart phone or computer and be connected to the network in order to use the application which calls for data connection charges hence may be costly to some people yet eases life due to its mode of functionality

### **5.3 Conclusions.**

The prime objective of our project is to use the Smartphone to control the electronic appliances effectively. this project is based on the Raspberry pi, Android platform jinja and Python. These platforms are Free Open Source Software. So the overall implementation cost is low and can be easily configured.

User can easily interact with the android phone/tablet. The user can send commands via the switch mode or speech mode. The data are being analyzed by the application and are sent over a network. The Raspberry pi acts as a server, analyses the data and activates the GPIO (General Purpose Input Output) Pins. The GPIO Pins are connected to the relays switch which activated the required home appliances.

In this way, automation process is carried out. This is a simple prototype. Using this as a reference further it can be expanded to many other programs.

### **5.4 Recommendations.**

Training of all peoples expected to use the electronic appliance automation system in homes, offices, industries to ensure proper handling and functionality of the system. Since the system depends of electric circuit, in case of any problem on the system call the system developer for rectification.

The system need internet connectivity in order to be accessible anywhere, any time. The users can as well have a dedicated control room for controlling light and also house all the necessary circuits for safety reasons.

### **5.5 Opportunity and Lesson Learned.**

During the course of this project, we were able to understand better how internet of things systems are developed and maintained as well as knowing the some of the different systems developed so far in automation domain as an endeavor to provide a sufficient and convenient service delivery in different sectors of education, health organizations, industrial sector and residences. This was effectively done through reading of literature and research. The whole process of developing the system was a challenging task which came along with learning new technologies and programming techniques as a way of implementing the different functionalities of the application or system. Furthermore, this introduced us to carrying out research, reviewing literatures and consulting other knowledgeable personnel in the field of systems development. This practice was too fundamental in the development of this application.

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