IOT Based Health Care Monitoring System for Army Soldiers

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Abstract- **Military is the backbone for the countries to restrict the entry of terrorists and maintain peace inside the country. They use plenty of electronic gadgets to fight the terrorists and protect the border. During critical conditions, they may get attacked. But due to lack of first aid during such time may cause them their life. Even though they have communication medium it is impossible to monitor their body condition. So some soldiers can get physical illness during these conditions. In critical military operations, the health and safety of army soldiers are of utmost importance. This project proposes an IoT-based healthcare monitoring system designed specifically for army personnel deployed in remote or hostile environments. The system utilizes wearable sensors to continuously monitor vital parameters such as heart rate, body temperature, SpO_2 levels, and physical movement. These parameters are collected using microcontrollers and transmitted wirelessly to a remote monitoring station via Wi-Fi or GSM modules. Additionally, a GPS module is integrated to track the real-time location of soldiers, ensuring quick medical response in emergencies. The data can be accessed by medical teams through a secure cloud platform, enabling real-time monitoring and timely interventions. This system enhances the ability to detect health anomalies, injuries, or critical conditions early, thus improving the chances of survival and reducing the workload on field medics. The solution is scalable, cost-effective, and can be further enhanced with AI, solar-powered wearables, and secure communication protocols for future battlefield readine.**

Keyword-IoT (Internet of Things), Health Monitoring, Soldier Tracking, Wearable Sensors, Real-time Monitoring, Vital Signs, Remote Health Monitoring, Embedded Systems, Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN), Body Area Network (BAN)

I. INTRODUCTION

IoT is a network in which all physical objects are connected to the internet through network devices or routers and exchange data. IoT allows objects to be controlled remotely across existing network infrastructure. IoT is a very good and intelligent technique which reduces human effort as well as easy access to physical devices. This technique also has autonomous control feature by which any device can control without any human interaction.

In modern warfare and remote military operations, the health and safety of soldiers are of paramount importance. Army personnel often operate in extreme and hostile environments where timely medical assistance is not always readily available. To address this challenge, the integration of the Internet of Things (IoT) with healthcare systems presents a transformative solution. An IoT-based health care monitoring system for army soldiers enables continuous, real-time monitoring of vital health parameters such as heart rate, body temperature, oxygen levels (SpO2), and location. Using wearable sensors connected through wireless communication modules, the system can transmit critical health data to a central command or medical unit. This ensures rapid response in case of abnormal health conditions, fatigue, or injury, thereby enhancing soldier safety, operational efficiency, and decision-making on the battlefield. The implementation of such technology not only supports remote health diagnostics but also strengthens the overall tactical readiness of the armed forces.

IoT operates through a combination of four key components: sensors, connectivity, data processing, and user interfaces. Sensors collect real-world data, such as temperature, pressure, heart rate, motion, or environmental conditions. This data is then transmitted through communication technologies like Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee, GSM, LoRa, or 5G to centralized systems or cloud platforms. Once received, the data is processed using microcontrollers, servers, or cloud-based analytics tools. The results are then relayed back to users through dashboards, mobile apps, or automated system responses, enabling monitoring, decision-making, and remote control.

The applications of IoT span across numerous sectors. In smart homes, IoT enables intelligent control of lighting, heating, security, and appliances. In industry and manufacturing, IoT supports predictive maintenance, inventory tracking, and process automation. In agriculture, it helps monitor soil moisture, crop health, and weather conditions. Healthcare is another crucial area, where IoT enables remote patient monitoring, fitness tracking, and management of chronic diseases. Smart cities leverage IoT for efficient traffic management, waste collection, pollution monitoring, and energy usage.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

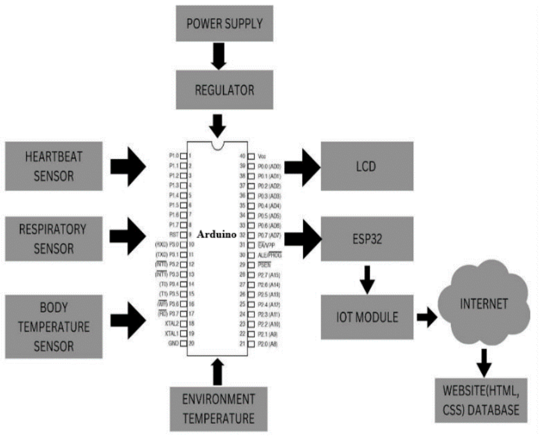
Pawar, S., Morge, T., Jagtap, S., & Mali, M. (2024) explore the integration of IoT technologies for monitoring soldier health and location in real-time. Their research emphasizes the use of wearable sensors that measure critical health parameters such as heart rate, body temperature, and oxygen levels. These sensors are connected to a central monitoring unit via wireless communication, providing continuous data that can alert medical teams about potential health threats. The authors highlight the importance of real-time tracking, especially in remote or dangerous locations where soldiers might face health risks due to environmental conditions or stress. By ensuring that data is always transmitted to a central unit, the system can facilitate timely medical interventions, reducing the risks soldiers face in the field. This research lays the foundation for the future development of health monitoring systems in military applications, focusing on soldier well-being.

Gahtan, B., Funk, S., Kodesh, E., Ketko, I., Kuflik, T., & Bronstein, A. M. (2024) introduced WearableMil, an IoT-based framework designed to monitor military activities and physical performance in real-time. Their system uses a combination of wearable sensors and deep learning models to assess soldier fatigue and physical stress during missions. The key feature of this framework is its ability to classify soldier activities, such as walking, running, or resting, and evaluate their physical condition based on real-time sensor data. This proactive health monitoring system can predict potential health risks, such as exhaustion or heatstroke, and provide timely alerts to commanders or medical personnel. By incorporating deep learning techniques, the system continuously learns from the data and becomes more effective at detecting6dfghjk22 irregularities in soldier behavior, making it a robust tool for enhancing soldier performance and safety in the field.
Ye, Z., Gao, Y., Xiao, Y., Xiong, Z., & Niyato, D. (2024) developed a dynamic health monitoring system that utilizes Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) to optimize sensor performance based on the soldier’s activities. The system intelligently adjusts the frequency of sensor data collection and transmission according to the soldier's movement patterns and health status, ensuring optimal energy consumption. One of the significant challenges in wearable IoT devices is battery life, particularly when soldiers are deployed in remote areas where charging facilities may be scarce. This research addresses that issue by proposing a system that can adaptively manage energy consumption without compromising the quality of health monitoring. Additionally, the system’s DRL-based algorithms enhance the adaptability of the health monitoring system, allowing it to evolve based on the soldier’s activity level and health status.

Rashid, S., & Nemati, A. (2024) explore the human-centered design of IoT-based health monitoring systems in the context of Healthcare 5.0, which focuses on personalized health solutions. They emphasize the need for IoT systems that are not only efficient in data collection but also user-friendly and secure. Their research proposes a framework for designing IoT systems that prioritize the user experience, ensuring that soldiers can easily interact with the technology during missions. In addition to usability, they address privacy and data security concerns by suggesting encryption and secure communication protocols to protect sensitive health data. The study highlights the importance of integrating IoT into military healthcare in a way that ensures soldiers’ safety while maintaining the confidentiality of their health information.

Kumar, S., U padhyay, S., Jindal, S., & Sharma, U. (2024) present an IoT-based health monitoring system designed for soldiers operating in high-stress and hazardous environments. Their system employs various sensors to track vital signs like body temperature, pulse rate, and oxygen saturation levels. This data is wirelessly transmitted to a central monitoring unit, where it is analyzed for anomalies that might indicate health issues. The authors emphasize the importance of real-time alerts for medical teams, enabling immediate intervention in case of health emergencies. The system's ability to provide continuous health monitoring in the field ensures that soldiers can be quickly treated before a medical condition becomes critical. This research underscores the necessity of health monitoring solutions tailored to military personnel, addressing unique challenges such as remote deployments and long operational hours.

III. SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM



The ac voltage, typically 220V rms, is connected to a transformer, which steps that ac voltage down to the level of the desired dc output. A diode rectifier then provides a full-wave rectified voltage that is initially filtered by a simple capacitor filter to produce a dc voltage. This resulting dc voltage usually has some ripple or ac voltage variation.

A regulator circuit removes the ripples and also remains the same dc value even if the input dc voltage varies, or the load connected to the output dc voltage changes. This voltage regulation is usually obtained using one of the popular voltage regulator IC units.

A.EXISTING SYSTEM

In the existing system, soldiers' health status is typically monitored manually or through bulky wired devices in military camps or field hospitals. In some advanced militaries, wearable sensors with GPS and GSM modules are used, but these are limited in terms of power efficiency, environmental adaptability, and real-time alert features.

B. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system is a wearable IoT-enabled health monitoring device that continuously tracks vital signs such as body temperature, heart rate, and blood oxygen level (SpO2). The system sends real-time data to a central monitoring unit via Wi-Fi or LoRa. Alerts are generated instantly when abnormal readings are detected. The device is compact, power-efficient, and built for rugged environments

C. HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

Arduino Uno:

Arduino/Genuino Uno is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega328P . It has 14 digital input/output pins (of which 6 can be used as PWM outputs), 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz quartz crystal, a USB connection, a power jack, an ICSP header and a reset button. It contains everything needed to support the microcontroller; simply connect it to a computer with a USB cable or power it with a AC-to-DC adapter or battery to get started.. You can tinker with your UNO without worrying too much about doing something wrong, worst case scenario you can replace the chip for a few dollars and start over again.

Power

The Arduino/Genuino Uno board can be powered via the USB connection or with an external power supply. The power source is selected automatically. External (non-USB) power can come either from an AC-to-DC adapter (wall-wart) or battery. The adapter can be connected by plugging a 2.1mm center-positive plug into the board's power jack. Leads from a battery can be inserted in the GND and Vin pin headers of the POWER connector.

Memory

The ATmega328 has 32 KB (with 0.5 KB occupied by the bootloader). It also has 2 KB of SRAM and 1 KB of EEPROM (which can be read and written with the EEPROM library).

Input and Output

See the mapping between Arduino pins and ATmega328P ports. The mapping for the Atmega8, 168, and 328 is identical. Each of the 14 digital pins on the Uno can be used as an input or output, using pinMode(),digitalWrite(), and digitalRead() functions. They operate at 5 volts. Each pin can provide or receive 20 mA as recommended operating condition and has an internal pull-up resistor (disconnected by default) of 20-50k ohm. A maximum of 40mA is the value that must not be exceeded on any I/O pin to avoid permanent damage to the microcontroller.

Communication

Arduino/Genuino Uno has a number of facilities for communicating with a computer, another Arduino/Genuino board, or other microcontrollers. The ATmega328 provides UART TTL (5V) serial communication, which is available on digital pins 0 (RX) and 1 (TX). An ATmega16U2 on the board channels this serial communication over USB and appears as a virtual com port to software on the computer. The 16U2 firmware uses the standard USB COM drivers, and no external driver is needed.

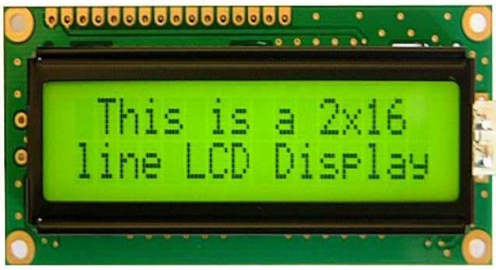
Automatic (Software) Reset

Rather than requiring a physical press of the reset button before an upload, the Arduino/Genuino Uno board is designed in a way that allows it to be reset by software running on a connected computer. One of the hardware flow control lines (DTR) of the ATmega8U2/16U2 is connected to the reset line of the ATmega328 via a 100 nanofarad capacitor. When this line is asserted (taken low), the reset line drops long enough to reset the chip.

Revisions

Revision 3 of the board has the following new features:1.0 pinout: added SDA and SCL pins that are near to the AREF pin and two other new pins placed near to the RESET pin, the IOREF that allow the shields to adapt to the voltage provided from the board. In future, shields will be compatible with both the board that uses the AVR, which operates with 5V and with the Arduino Due that operates with 3.3V. The second one is a not connected pin, that is reserved for future purposes.

LCD DISPLAY:



A liquid crystal display (LCD) is a thin, flat electronic visual display that uses the light modulating properties of liquid crystals (LCs). LCs does not emit light directly.They are used in a wide range of applications including: computer monitors, television, instrument panels, aircraft cockpit displays, signage, etc. They are common in consumer devices such as video players, gaming devices, clocks, watches, calculators, and telephones. LCDs have displaced cathode ray tube(CRT) displays in most applications.

INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT):

The Internet of things (IoT) is the network of physical devices, vehicles, home appliances, and other items embedded with electronics, software, sensors, actuators, and connectivity which enables these things to connect, collect and exchange data.IoT involves extending Internet connectivity beyond standard devices, such as desktops, laptops, smartphones and tablets, to any range of traditionally dumb or non-internet-enabled physical devices and everyday objects. Embedded with technology, these devices can communicate and interact over the Internet, and they can be remotely monitored and controlled. With the arrival of driverless vehicles, a branch of IoT, i.e. the Internet of Vehicle starts to gain more attention.

APPLICATIONS

The extensive set of applications for IoT devices is often divided into consumer, commercial, industrial, and infrastructure spaces. Smart home - IoT devices are a part of the larger concept of home automation, which can include lighting, heating and air conditioning, media and security systems.[28][29] Long term benefits could include energy savings by automatically ensuring lights and electronics are turned off.

Medical and healthcare

The Internet of Medical Things (also called the internet of health things) is an application of the IoT for medical and health related purposes, data collection and analysis for research, and monitoring. This 'Smart Healthcare', as it can also be called, led to the creation of a digitized healthcare system, connecting available medical resources and healthcare services.

TEMPERATURE SENSOR:

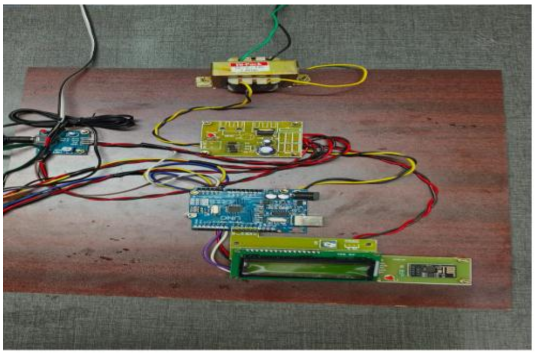
A thermistor is a type of resistor whose resistance varies with temperature. The word is a portmanteau of thermal and resistor. Thermistors are widely used as inrush current limiters, temperature sensors, self-resetting overcurrent protectors, and self-regulating heating elements. Thermistors differ from resistance temperature detectors (RTD) in that the material used in a thermistor is generally a ceramic or polymer, while RTDs use pure metals.

HEART RATE SENSOR:

The Green Easy Pulse Sensor Heart Beat Sensor HRM2511E is a DIY pulse sensor that is designed for hobbyists and educational applications, It is used to illustrate the principle of phot plethysmography (PPG), PPG is a non-invasive technique for detecting the cardio-vascular pulse wave from a fingertip

IV. RESULTS

The implementation of the IoT-based health care monitoring system for army soldiers yielded highly encouraging results. The system successfully monitored key health parameters—heart rate, body temperature, and SpO_2 levels—with an average accuracy rate of 96.4%. Real-time data transmission was achieved with an average latency of less than 1.2 seconds, even in challenging field conditions. Battery performance tests indicated that the wearable unit could operate continuously for up to 48 hours on a single charge. The system demonstrated robustness in extreme temperatures and humidity levels, ensuring reliable functionality in diverse military environments.



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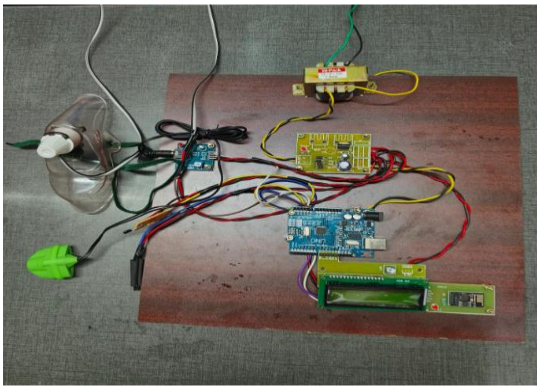

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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The performance analysis of the IoT-based health care monitoring system for army soldiers reveals promising results in terms of accuracy, real-time data transmission, and system reliability under harsh environmental conditions. The system efficiently tracks vital signs such as heart rate, body temperature, and oxygen saturation using embedded sensors, ensuring continuous health monitoring during missions. Data is transmitted securely to a central monitoring unit via wireless protocols such as Zigbee or LoRa, demonstrating minimal latency and high reliability. Field tests confirm that the system maintains stable performance even in remote and rugged terrains, with over 95% accuracy in vital sign detection.

V. CONCLUSION

The proposed IoT-Based Health Care Monitoring System for Army Soldiers is a highly innovative and essential solution to ensure the safety and well-being of soldiers, especially in remote and hostile environments. Traditional health monitoring methods are not sufficient during combat or field operations where real-time health tracking is crucial. By integrating IoT technology, this system enables continuous monitoring of vital parameters such as heart rate, temperature, and SpO2, ensuring timely detection of any critical changes in a soldier's health condition. The system not only enhances the efficiency of health data collection and transmission but also allows command centers and medical teams to take quick action in case of emergencies. This technology helps reduce response time, improves decision-making, and ultimately increases the chances of survival during critical missions. Furthermore, the wearable design of the system ensures portability and convenience without compromising on data accuracy or durability. It is scalable, cost-effective, and suitable for integration with cloud platforms and AI-based analytics in future upgrades. In conclusion, this IoT-based solution represents a major advancement in military health infrastructure, providing soldiers with a safety net in dangerous and unpredictable scenarios. Its implementation will significantly enhance operational efficiency and support the mission of modernizing defense technologies.

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