

BLYNK Integrated Embedded Control System Using Raspberry Pi

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Abstract- This paper presents the development of a smart embedded control system using Raspberry Pi and the Blynk IoT platform. The system facilitates real-time monitoring of temperature and humidity while enabling remote control of devices such as fans and LEDs. The Blynk platform allows users to interact with the hardware via a mobile or web interface, reducing the need for complex server-side programming. This cost-effective, scalable, and energy-efficient system is suitable for smart home automation, environmental monitoring, and industrial control applications.

Indexed Terms: Raspberry Pi, Blynk, IoT, Remote Control, Sensor Monitoring, Embedded System

I. INTRODUCTION

With the rise of the Internet of Things (IoT), the need for remotely accessible embedded control systems is growing. Traditional systems often involve complex hardware configurations and custom web server development. This project simplifies remote monitoring and control by integrating Raspberry Pi with the Blynk IoT platform. Blynk provides cloud connectivity and an intuitive user interface, making it easier for non-technical users to interact with smart devices. The project focuses on monitoring environmental conditions and controlling electrical devices from anywhere using a smartphone.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Several studies have explored the integration of embedded systems with IoT platforms:

[1] Mo Guan (2010), "Development of an Embedded Web Server on ARM9" demonstrated how low-power embedded processors can host web servers for device control.

[2] Priyanka Niturkar et al. (2015), "Design and Development of ARM9 Based Embedded Web Server" highlighted scalable web-based control systems for home and industrial applications.

[3] Bin Liao et al. (2020), "Design and Control Based on ARM using SMTP Protocol" focused on ARM-based automation using networked communication. While these projects built embedded web servers, our project uses Blynk to avoid complex HTML/CSS programming and provide cross-platform compatibility.

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

This system uses a Raspberry Pi as the central control unit. The Pi is connected to a DHT11 sensor to measure temperature and humidity, and to output devices like LEDs and fans via GPIO. The Blynk platform is used for user interface development. Data is transmitted from the Pi to the Blynk cloud, where it can be visualized on a mobile app.

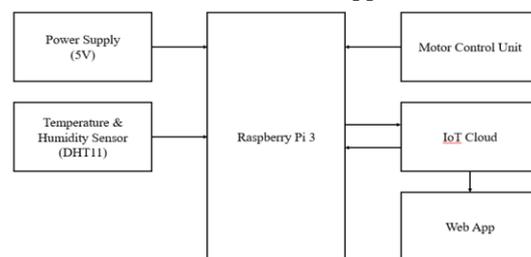


Figure 1. Block Diagram of Blynk Integrated Embedded Control System using Raspberry Pi

The block diagram illustrates the architecture of the Blynk-Integrated Embedded Control System Using Raspberry Pi. At the core of the system is the Raspberry Pi 3, which functions as the central control unit. It receives power from a regulated 5V power supply and interfaces with a DHT11 sensor to measure environmental parameters such as

temperature and humidity. The Raspberry Pi processes this sensor data and sends it to the IoT Cloud through internet connectivity. The cloud acts as a bridge between the Raspberry Pi and the Web App, allowing users to remotely monitor data and issue control commands. The Motor Control Unit, connected to the Raspberry Pi, receives actuation signals based on either environmental thresholds or user inputs from the Blynk web or mobile application. This setup ensures real-time monitoring and remote control of connected devices, making it suitable for smart automation systems.

IV. FLOWCHART

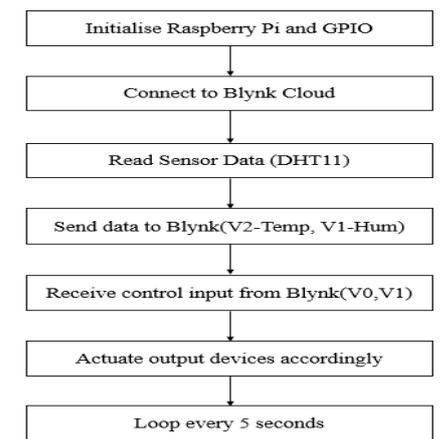


Figure 2. Flow Chart of Blynk Integrated Embedded Control System using Raspberry Pi

- Initialize Raspberry Pi and GPIO
 - The system starts by setting up the Raspberry Pi’s environment.
 - GPIO pins are configured as input or output based on the connected devices (e.g., sensors and actuators).
- Connect to Blynk Cloud
 - The Blynk library establishes an internet connection to the Blynk Cloud.
 - This enables communication between the hardware (Raspberry Pi) and the mobile/web dashboard.
- Read Sensor Data (DHT11)
 - The DHT11 sensor connected to the Raspberry Pi is read periodically.
 - It captures temperature and humidity values from the surrounding environment.
- Send Data to Blynk (V2 – Temp, V3 – Humidity)
 - The temperature and humidity data is sent to virtual pins V2 and V3 on the Blynk dashboard.

- This allows the user to monitor real-time environmental data via the app.
- Receive Control Input from Blynk (V0, V1)
 - The Raspberry Pi listens for control signals from the Blynk app.
 - V0 is mapped to control the LED, and V1 is used to control the fan or motor.
- Actuate Output Devices Accordingly
 - Based on the received commands, GPIO outputs are updated.
 - For example, if V1 is HIGH, the fan is turned ON; if LOW, it’s turned OFF.
- Loop Every 5 Seconds
 - The entire process runs in an infinite loop with a 5-second delay.
 - This ensures periodic updates of sensor data and continuous interaction with Blynk.

V. SCHEMATIC EXPLANATION

The schematic illustrates the hardware connections for the Blynk-Integrated Embedded Control System using Raspberry Pi 3. A DHT11 sensor is connected to the Raspberry Pi to monitor temperature and humidity. Its VCC pin is connected to the 3.3V power supply, the DATA pin is connected to GPIO 4 for digital data transmission, and the GND pin is grounded. An LED is connected to GPIO 6, which allows it to be turned ON or OFF based on control signals received from the Blynk application. Similarly, a DC motor is connected to the 5V power supply and controlled through GPIO 18, which acts as the motor’s control pin. All devices share a common ground with the Raspberry Pi. This setup ensures that the Raspberry Pi can both collect environmental data and control output devices based on remote user input via the Blynk platform.

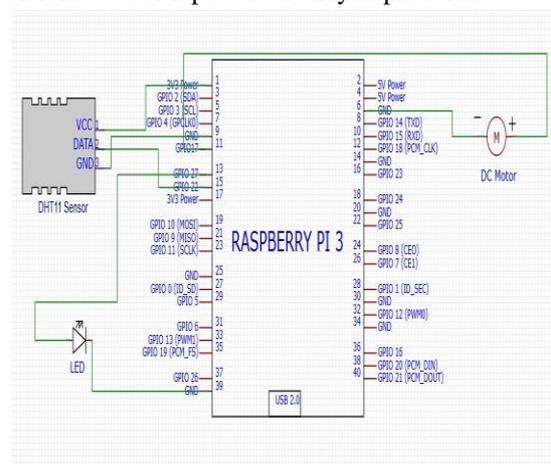


Figure 3. Schematic Diagram

VI. RESULT

The hardware setup demonstrates the successful integration of a Raspberry Pi with a DHT11 sensor, an LED, and a DC fan. The DHT11 collects temperature and humidity data, while the LED and fan represent controllable outputs via the Blynk app. The glowing LED and spinning fan indicate real-time actuation, validating the system's ability to monitor and control devices remotely through IoT.

The Blynk dashboard provides a real-time interface for monitoring and controlling the Raspberry Pi-based embedded system. It includes widgets for toggling the fan (V0) and LED (V1), and displays live sensor readings for temperature (V2) and humidity (V3). This intuitive, cloud-connected GUI ensures seamless remote access and interaction with the hardware, fulfilling the IoT-based control objective of the project.

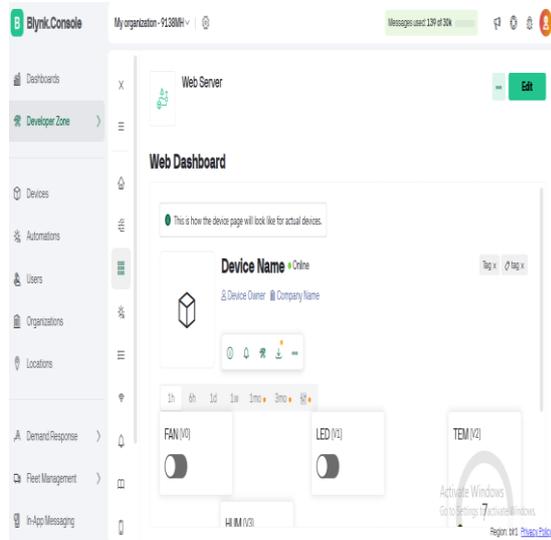


Figure 4. Blynk Dashboard

VII. APPLICATIONS

This system offers a wide range of practical applications across various domains. It allows users to remotely control fans, lights, and other appliances using sensor data or mobile input. In agriculture, it can monitor temperature and humidity in real time to automate greenhouse ventilation or irrigation. Industries can benefit from remote motor and machinery control, enhancing operational efficiency and energy savings. Educational institutions can use it to maintain optimal environmental conditions for better learning. The system is also ideal for remote monitoring and control in hard-to-reach areas like telecom towers or rural locations. In the medical

field, it can be adapted to monitor room conditions in hospitals or clinics. By integrating additional sensors such as gas, smoke, or water level detectors, it can serve as a safety alert system. Moreover, the system helps in tracking and managing device usage to reduce power consumption and improve load management.

VIII. ADVANTAGES

The system offers several key advantages, making it an efficient and practical solution for smart control applications. It enables real-time monitoring of sensor data, allowing users to stay updated with environmental changes instantly. Through smartphone connectivity, users can access and control the system remotely, adding to its convenience. The Blynk platform provides a user-friendly interface that simplifies interaction without the need for complex programming. Additionally, the system is both cost-effective and energy-efficient, making it suitable for budget-conscious applications. Its modular design also ensures easy scalability and upgradability, allowing future enhancements with minimal effort.

IX. CONCLUSION

This project demonstrates an efficient approach to embedded system design using Raspberry Pi and Blynk for IoT-based control and monitoring. The use of Blynk removes the need for custom server-side development while offering secure and scalable cloud connectivity. The solution is well-suited for both academic and practical applications in automation.

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