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ABSTRACT

This project focuses on the development and implementation of a low-cost automated production line with SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) plant monitoring. The aim of the project is to design and implement a SCADA system that would enable efficient monitoring of various parameters within a plant environment. The author recognized the significance of real-time data acquisition and analysis in ensuring operational efficiency, identifying potential issues, and facilitating prompt decision-making. The inclusion of SCADA plant monitoring enhances the system's capabilities for real-time data acquisition, visualization, and remote control. The comparative study provides insights into the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of constructing a low-cost automated production line with SCADA plant monitoring, enabling organizations.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview Background

In a world driven by technological advancements, often find themselves entangled in a web of dependency on external suppliers for machinery and upgrades. This reliance not only drains financial resources but also limits the ability to adapt and innovate in response to changing needs. Zimbabwe, specifically at Trojan Mine has recognized the significance of breaking free from this bondage and embarking on a movement towards local production of SCADA systems and production lines. Africa, as a whole, has been grappling with similar challenges in various industries across the continent. The need for self-sufficiency, cost-effectiveness, and technology sovereignty has sparked a growing interest in developing local capacity for manufacturing essential industrial equipment. Several countries within Africa have already embarked on this journey, realizing the immense benefits it brings to their economies and industrial sectors.

Trojan Mine in particular, has experienced first-hand the consequences of relying heavily on foreign suppliers for machinery acquisition and upgrades. The exorbitant costs associated with SCADA systems, even for the simplest tasks, have hindered the development and growth of industries. Additionally, the discontinuation of support from manufacturers and the complexity of compatibility have posed significant challenges in terms of repairs and upgrades, often forcing entire production lines to be replaced at considerable expense. Recognizing the importance of saving energy, investing in local production, and fostering technological independence, Zimbabwe has set its sights on developing its own SCADA systems and production lines. By doing so, the Mine`s aims to break free from the cycle of dependency and create a sustainable and vibrant industrial ecosystem.

However, Zimbabwe is not alone in this endeavour. Across the African Mines, for example Shamva Mine , Trojan Mine , Fredda Rebecca Gold Mine ,have also recognized the importance of technological autonomy and have taken significant steps towards local production.

1.2 Background of study

This report presents the background and findings of a project focused on the development of a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) plant monitoring system with multiple sensors. The project was undertaken by the author, who possesses a comprehensive background in the mining field and is pursuing a degree in electronic engineering.

By designing and implementing this SCADA plant monitoring system, the author aimed to address the challenges faced Trojan Mine. The system allowed for real-time monitoring and data visualization, enabling plant operators to make informed decisions, optimize processes, and improve overall efficiency. Moreover, the local development of such a system promoted technological independence and reduced dependency on expensive and proprietary solutions from foreign suppliers.

This report serves as a comprehensive documentation of the project, providing insights into the development, implementation, and outcomes of the SCADA plant monitoring system. It aims to contribute to the body of knowledge surrounding local production of SCADA systems and serves as a testament to the author's expertise and commitment to advancing the manufacturing industry in Zimbabwe and beyond.

1.3 Problem Statement

The Trojan Nickel Mine faces a significant challenge of heavy reliance on foreign suppliers for critical components like switching cards, leading to disruptions in production and increased costs when manufacturers discontinue support or the cards become obsolete. This dependency hampers local industries' ability to respond quickly to market demands, innovate, and remain competitive. The lack of local solutions exacerbates the problem, leaving manufacturers with limited options for repairs and upgrades. Therefore, there is a pressing need to develop reliable and cost-effective local solutions to address the challenges associated with discontinued switching cards, reducing dependency on foreign suppliers and promoting sustainable and self-reliant manufacturing practices to enhance operational efficiency and economic development.

Figure 1.1 Trouble shooting the water sensor at Tank 23

Figure 1.1 shows an image where Tank 23 was displaying false results at the scada , results were saying the tank was working whereas the tank wasn't working .With the help of Mr Mugabe and Mr Willard , we managed to figure out that the sensor was wrongly calibrated and it was not responding to the scada.

Problem Solution

The SCADA system developed by the author incorporated multiple sensors to monitor different aspects of the plant. For instance, the system utilized PZEM power measurement modules to measure and monitor the overall plant voltage and current, providing valuable insights into power consumption and load balancing. Additionally, water sensors were integrated to detect spillages or leaks, enabling swift responses to prevent damage or accidents. Sound sensors were also employed to monitor changes in machine noise levels, helping identify any irregularities or potential maintenance requirements

1.4 Aim

The aim of the project is to design and implement a SCADA system that would enable efficient monitoring of various parameters within a plant environment

1.5 Objectives:

1. Utilize ESP32 as the microcontroller platform for the SCADA system, to interfacing with various sensors and components.
2. Develop an intuitive Python-based SCADA HMI for data visualization, providing operators with a user-friendly interface to monitor plant parameters.
3. Implement overall plant voltage and current sensing using PZEM modules, enabling real-time monitoring of power consumption for energy analysis.
4. Water sensors to detect and monitor spillages,
5. Enable remotely start and stop machines using a transistor-relay-contact or configuration.

1.6 Significance of the study

The study holds significant value as it advances plant monitoring practices by developing a SCADA system that integrates multiple sensors and control functionalities. By utilizing ESP32 as the microcontroller and Python-based HMI, the study promotes technological independence and cost reduction at the Trojan Nickel Mine. The inclusion of sensors such as PZEM modules, water sensors, and sound sensors enables real-time monitoring, proactive maintenance, and risk mitigation, thereby enhancing plant safety and operational efficiency. Furthermore, the system's scalability and adaptability pave the way for future expansion and customization, ensuring its long-term relevance and usability. Overall, the study's significance lies in its contribution to improved plant monitoring, technological independence, cost reduction, safety enhancement, and adaptability in the manufacturing sector.

1.7 Justification

The study focuses on developing and implementing a SCADA plant monitoring system with ESP32 as the microcontroller and a Python-based HMI. It includes integrating sensors like PZEM, water sensors, and sound sensors. Control functionalities for a single machine using a transistor-relay-contact or configuration are implemented. The scope does not cover control functions for multiple machines or extensive control algorithm analysis. The study also addresses the significance of the system in enhancing plant monitoring, promoting technological independence, reducing costs, improving safety, and providing scalability and adaptability in the manufacturing industry.

CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter will cover the assessment of work done by others in the field as well as the choice of components.

A paper that discusses the importance of predictive maintenance strategies for industrial equipment in the context of Industry 4.0. Potential gaps or weaknesses in this paper include the lack of specific recommendations for implementing such strategies in real-world industrial settings and the challenges associated with collecting high-quality data for predictive maintenance.

A comprehensive review of machine learning techniques used in predictive maintenance, including anomaly detection, classification, and regression. Potential gaps or weaknesses in this paper included the lack of specific recommendations for selecting the most appropriate technique for a given application and the challenges associated with integrating predictive maintenance with existing industrial systems.

A paper that reviews the application of machine learning techniques for failure prediction in the automotive industry. Potential gaps or weaknesses in this paper included the lack of specific recommendations for implementing these approaches in other industrial settings and the challenges associated with collecting relevant data for predictive maintenance.

A paper that provides an overview of predictive maintenance in the manufacturing industry, with a focus on the potential benefits of using machine learning techniques to predict machine failures. Potential gaps or weaknesses in this paper included the lack of specific recommendations for implementing predictive maintenance strategies in real-world industrial settings and the challenges associated with integrating predictive maintenance with existing industrial systems.

A paper that presents an intelligent machine health monitoring system for industrial gearboxes, which uses machine learning algorithms to predict potential failures and provide real-time feedback to maintenance teams. Potential gaps or weaknesses in this paper included the lack of specific recommendations for implementing such a system for other types of industrial machines and the challenges associated with integrating the system with existing industrial systems.

A paper that reviews the application of fault diagnosis and predictive maintenance techniques for wind turbines. Potential gaps or weaknesses in this paper included the lack of specific recommendations for implementing these approaches in other industrial settings and the challenges associated with integrating predictive maintenance with existing industrial systems.

2.2 Hardware Component selection

When choosing a microcontroller for a project, there were several factors to consider, including performance, power consumption, cost, ease of use, and availability of development tools and resources. Here is a comparison between NodeMCU ESP8266, Arduino Uno, ESP32, and PIC16F877A based on these factors:

- Performance:

NodeMCU, ESP32, and PIC16F877A are all powerful microcontrollers that can handle a wide range of applications. The Arduino Uno, on the other hand, has a more limited processing power. In terms of performance, NodeMCU and ESP32 are similar, as they are both based on the same chip and offer similar features. However, the PIC16F877A stands out in this category, as it is a high-performance microcontroller that is often used in industrial and automotive applications.

- Power consumption:

NodeMCU and ESP32 are both designed to be energy efficient, making them ideal for battery-powered projects. The Arduino Uno and PIC16F877A, on the other hand, consume more power and are better suited for projects that have a dedicated power source.

- Cost:

NodeMCU and Arduino Uno are both very affordable microcontrollers, making them popular choices for hobbyists and makers. ESP32 and PIC16F877A are both more expensive, but offer more advanced features and higher performance.

- Ease of use:

Arduino Uno is widely regarded as one of the easiest microcontrollers to use, with a large community of developers and a simple programming environment. NodeMCU ESP8266 is also easy to use, especially for those already familiar with the Arduino IDE. ESP32 and

PIC16F877A, on the other hand, may require more experience and knowledge to use effectively.

- Availability of development tools and resources:

Arduino Uno and NodeMCU both have a large community of developers and a wide range of resources available online, including tutorials, libraries, and code examples. ESP32 and PIC16F877A also have a strong developer community, but may have fewer resources available due to their more specialized applications.

In comparison to Arduino Uno and NodeMCU, ESP32 had the added advantage of built-in Wi-Fi connectivity and Bluetooth connectivity on one chip, multiple ADC pins, more memory and higher processing power, which was a critical requirement for the project. Comparison amongst most popular boards in the same market from diyiOt showed that there is nearly zero difference in pins and functionality. The only notable differences being their shapes, and of course bigger boards like ESP32 having more usable pins and particularly ARDUINO Meg, the biggest board delivering lots of digital IO pins. Below is a chart comparison of physical structures of most common alternatives in the market.

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ESP32 WROOM Dev Kit 1 Board

Figure2.1 shows ESP32 module

Figure 2.1 Showing an ESP32 WROOM, pin explanation of the module it's below:

Pin Explanation of Figure

- Power Pins

- 3V3 (3.3V): Provides 3.3V power output.
- GND (Ground**):** Connect to the ground of your circuit.
- **VIN:** Input voltage to the ESP32. It can accept a voltage between 5V and 12V.
- Input/output Pins
- GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output)**:** The ESP32 has multiple GPIO pins which can be used for various purposes such as reading sensors, controlling LEDs, and interfacing with other modules. These pins are configurable and can serve as digital input or output, analog input, and more. For example:
    - GPIO1 (TX0**):** Transmit pin for UART0.
    - GPIO3 (RX0**):** Receive pin for UART0.
    - GPIO16 - GPIO39**:** General-purpose I/O pins.
- Analog Pins
- ADC (Analog to Digital Converter) Pins**:** Used for reading analog signals. ESP32 has multiple ADC channels (ADC1 and ADC2). For example:
    - GPIO32 - GPIO39**:** Can be used as ADC1 channels.
    - GPIO0, GPIO2, GPIO4, GPIO12 - GPIO15, GPIO25 - GPIO27**:** Can be used as ADC2 channels.
- Touch Pins
- Touch Sensors**:** ESP32 has capacitive touch sensors integrated into certain GPIO pins. For example:
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- Communication Pins
- UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter) Pins**:**
    - TXD0 (GPIO1), RXD0 (GPIO3): UART0
    - TXD1 (GPIO10), RXD1 (GPIO9**):** UART1
    - TXD2 (GPIO17), RXD2 (GPIO16**):** UART2
- SPI (Serial Peripheral Interface) Pins:
    - SCK (GPIO18), MISO (GPIO19), MOSI (GPIO23), and SS (GPIO5)**:** Standard SPI pins.
- I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) Pins:
    - SDA (GPIO21), SCL (GPIO22): Standard I2C pins.

- PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) Pins:
    - Almost any GPIO pin can be used for PWM output.
- Special Pins
- EN (Enable**):** This pin is used to enable or reset the ESP32.
- BOOT (GPIO0): Used to put the ESP32 into boot loader mode for programming.
- RTS (Request to send) and CTS (Clear to send**):** Used for UART flow control.
- Power Management
- VP (GPIO36) and VN (GPIO39): These pins are input-only, used for voltage measurements or as ADC channels.

2.3 Comparing ESP 32 Modules

1. ESP32-WROOM-32

- Description: The most common and widely used ESP32 module.
- Processor: Dual-core Tensilica Xtensa LX6
- Clock Speed: 160-240 MHz
- Flash Memory: 4MB
- RAM: 520 KB
- Wi-Fi: 802.11 b/g/n
- Bluetooth: v4.2 BR/EDR and BLE
- I/O Pins: 34 GPIO pins
- Other Features: ADC, DAC, SPI, I2C, I2S, UART
- Use Cases: General-purpose projects, IoT applications, and prototyping.

2. ESP32-WROVER

- Description: An enhanced version of the WROOM module, suitable for more demanding applications.
- Processor: Dual-core Tensilica Xtensa LX6
- Clock Speed: 160-240 MHz
- Flash Memory: 4MB or 8MB
- RAM: 8MB PSRAM
- Wi-Fi: 802.11 b/g/n

- Bluetooth: v4.2 BR/EDR and BLE
- I/O Pins: 34 GPIO pins
- Other Features: ADC, DAC, SPI, I2C, I2S, UART, camera interface
- Use Cases: Projects requiring more memory, such as image processing, video streaming, and machine learning.

3. ESP32-PICO-D4

- Description: A highly integrated module with a small footprint, ideal for space-constrained applications.
- Processor: Dual-core Tensilica Xtensa LX6
- Clock Speed: 160-240 MHz
- Flash Memory: 4MB
- RAM: 520 KB
- Wi-Fi: 802.11 b/g/n
- Bluetooth: v4.2 BR/EDR and BLE
- I/O Pins: 34 GPIO pins
- Other Features: ADC, DAC, SPI, I2C, I2S, UART
- Use Cases: Wearable's, portable devices, and compact IoT projects.

4. ESP32-S2

- Description: A more secure and cost-effective version of the ESP32, with some different features.
- Processor: Single-core Tensilica Xtensa LX7
- Clock Speed: Up to 240 MHz
- Flash Memory: 4MB

1. **Accelerometer**:

- Accelerometers measure the vibration or acceleration of motion in a structure.
- They use the **piezoelectric effect** to convert mechanical force caused by vibration or motion into an electrical current.
- There are two main types of piezoelectric accelerometers:
  - **High Impedance Accelerometer**:
    - Produces an electrical charge directly connected to measurement instruments.
    - Typically found in research facilities or high-temperature applications.
  - **Low Impedance Accelerometer**:
    - Has a charge accelerometer as its front end.
    - Converts the charge into a low impedance voltage using a built-in micro-circuit and transistor.

2. **Velocity Sensor**:
   - Measures the velocity of vibration.
   - Useful for analyzing low-frequency vibrations.
   - Often used in machinery health monitoring systems.
3. **Proximity Probes**:
   - Based on capacitance or eddy current principles.
   - Detect displacement between the probe tip and a target surface.
   - Used for precise measurements in rotating machinery.
4. **Laser Displacement Sensors**:
   - Utilize laser beams to measure displacement.

- Non-contact sensors suitable for various applications.

Current Sensor

. ACS712 current sensor: The ACS712 current sensor is used to measure the current draw of industrial machines, which can also be an indication of potential faults or failures. The ACS712 is a Hall-effect current sensor, which uses a magnetic field to measure current flow. The output of the ACS712 is an analog voltage signal proportional to the current being measured, which is read by the ESP32's ADC.

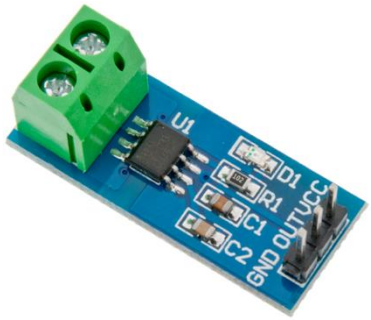

Figure 2.2 showing a current senor used to measure current.

Types of current sensors

1. Shunt Resistor (Current Shunt)

- Description: A precision resistor placed in series with the load, measuring the voltage drop across it to calculate the current.
- Features: Simple, inexpensive, high accuracy.
- Use Cases: Battery management systems, power supplies, and general current measurement.

2. Hall Effect Sensor

- Description: Utilizes the Hall Effect to measure the magnetic field generated by the current flow.
- Features: Can measure AC and DC currents, galvanic isolation, and moderate accuracy.
- Use Cases: Motor control, automotive applications, and power monitoring.

3. Rogowski Coil

- Description: A toroidal coil placed around the conductor, measuring the induced voltage from the changing magnetic field.
- Features: Flexible, measures AC current only, high accuracy, no saturation.
- Use Cases: High-current measurement, power grid monitoring, and transient current detection.

4. Current Transformer (CT)

- Description: A transformer used to step down high AC currents to a lower value for measurement.
- Features: Measures AC current only, provides electrical isolation, high accuracy.
- Use Cases: Electrical metering, protection relays, and industrial monitoring.

5. Fluxgate Sensor

- Description: Measures the magnetic field using a fluxgate magnetometer, providing a direct measurement of DC and AC currents.
- Features: High accuracy, measures both AC and DC currents, complex.
- Use Cases: Precision current measurement, scientific instrumentation, and aerospace applications.

6. Optical Current Sensor

- Description: Uses the Faraday effect to measure the rotation of polarized light in a magnetic field.
- Features: High accuracy, non-contact, immune to electromagnetic interference.
- Use Cases: High-voltage applications, power distribution monitoring, and high-precision measurements.

7. Giant Magnetoresistance (GMR) Sensor

- Description: Uses the magnetoresistance effect to measure the magnetic field generated by the current.

- Features: High sensitivity, measures both AC and DC currents, compact.
- Use Cases: Consumer electronics, automotive applications, and magnetic field sensing.

8. Magneto-Optical Sensor

- Description: Measures the change in polarization of light passing through a magneto-optical material in the presence of a magnetic field.
- Features: High accuracy, non-contact, measures AC and DC currents.
- Use Cases: High-voltage and high-current measurements, scientific research, and specialized industrial applications.

2.4 Microphone:

The microphone is used to measure the sound level in industrial machines, which can also be an indication of potential faults or failures. The output of the microphone is typically an analog voltage signal, which is read by the ESP32's ADC.

Figure 2.3 it's a microphone used to measure sound of the system

1. Electret Condenser Microphone (ECM):
    - Description: These are small, inexpensive, and widely used in various applications.
    - Features: They have good sensitivity and frequency response. They often require a power supply (bias voltage).

- Use Cases: Voice recognition, audio recording, and general sound detection.

2. Dynamic Microphone:
    - Description: Rugged and durable, these microphones are commonly used in live sound applications.
    - Features: They do not require external power and can handle high sound pressure levels (SPL).
    - Use Cases: Loud environments, stage performances, and public speaking.
3. Lavalier Microphone:
    - Description: Small and clip-on microphones, usually electret condenser types.
    - Features: Discreet, lightweight, and can be positioned close to the sound source.
    - Use Cases: Video recording, interviews, and presentations.
4. MEMS Microphone (Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems):
    - Description: Tiny, digital or analog output microphones used in compact electronic devices.
    - Features: Excellent for integrating with digital systems, good noise performance, and very small size.
    - Use Cases: Mobile devices, wearables, and IoT applications.
5. Piezoelectric Microphone:
    - Description: Uses piezoelectric materials to convert sound into an electrical signal.
    - Features: High sensitivity to mechanical vibrations, rugged.
    - Use Cases: Contact microphones, vibration detection, and acoustic instruments.
6. Carbon Microphone:
    - Description: An older type of microphone that uses carbon granules and diaphragm.
    - Features: Simple construction, requires a power source.

- Use Cases: Telecommunication devices, vintage audio equipment.

7. Ribbon Microphone:
    - Description: Uses a thin metal ribbon suspended in a magnetic field.
    - Features: Very sensitive, good for capturing high-fidelity sound.
    - Use Cases: Studio recording, capturing detailed audio.
8. Boundary Microphone (PZM - Pressure Zone Microphone**)**:
    - Description: Placed on a flat surface to pick up sound.
    - Features: Captures sound reflections from surfaces, good for large area coverage.
    - Use Cases: Conference rooms, theater stages, and large meeting spaces.

The Piezoelectric Microphone was best for this project since it can measure vibrations

CHAPTER 3: Design of Functional Units

3.1 System Description

The core of the system is the ESP32 microcontroller, which serves as the central data acquisition and processing unit. This low-power, dual-core wireless microcontroller features a range of on-board peripherals and communication interfaces, making it an ideal choice for integrating and coordinating various sensor inputs.

3.2 Calculations

The power monitoring subsystem is centred on the PZEM-004T module, a compact and highly accurate power measurement device. The PZEM-004T is capable of precisely measuring and reporting a wide range of electrical parameters, including voltage (80-260V AC), current (0-100A), active power (0-22kW), power factor, and energy consumption. The module uses high-precision current transformers and voltage divider circuits to achieve an accuracy of ±0.5% for voltage and ±1% for current measurements. The ESP32 microcontroller communicates with the PZEM-004T module using a serial interface. The ESP32 is programmed to poll the PZEM-004T at regular intervals (2 seconds) to retrieve the real-time power data. This data is then pre-processed by the ESP32, which may include unit conversions, data formatting, and basic outlier detection, before being transmitted to the centralized Python-based application for advanced analysis. Parameters being captured from PZEM-004t for sending to python include voltage and power, however, the PZEM is capable of reading all parameters, from voltage, current, power, energy and power factor.

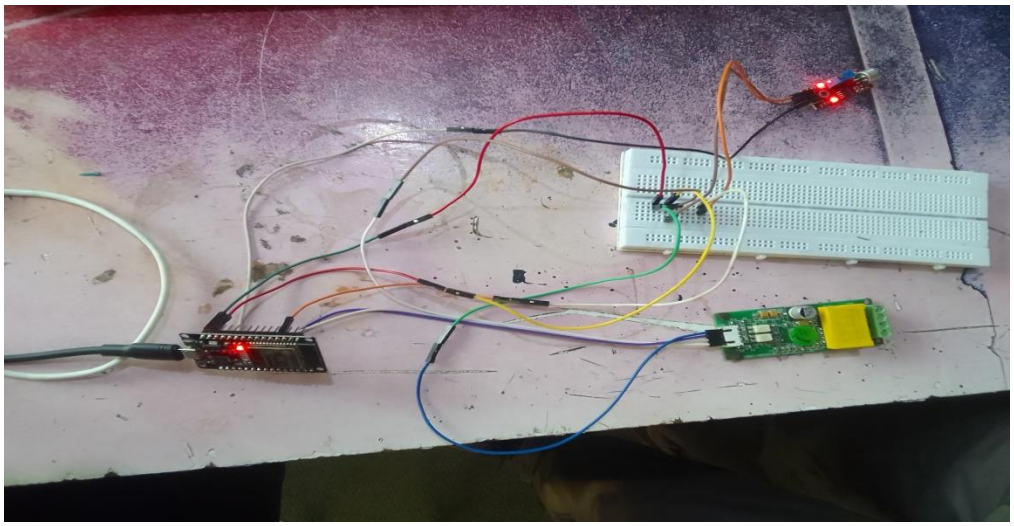

Figure2.1 prototype of the system

Figure 1.4 of first time tasting the components to see if they are working and if they are producing the desired results. Showing of a red light on the ESP32 and the microphone shows that the components produced the desired results.

In addition to the power monitoring subsystem, the system also integrates a microphone and vibration sensors to provide a comprehensive view of the ball mill's operational performance and overall health. The microphone is used to capture the acoustic signatures of the machine’s operation. The ESP32 microcontroller is equipped with an on-board analogue-to-digital converter (ADC) that can directly interface with the microphone Power Pins

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Communication Pins

- UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter) Pins:
    - TXD0 (GPIO1), RXD0 (GPIO3): UART0
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. The raw data is sent directly to the python app as well, together with other parameters.

The vibration sensor is strategically placed on the machine to monitor the mechanical health and performance. The ESP32 collects the raw vibration data, without applying filtering and signal processing techniques, and forwards the information to the Python-based application.

The centralized Python application serves as the main data processing and analytics engine. It receives the pre-processed power, acoustic, and vibration data from the ESP32 microcontroller and employs advanced machine learning and deep learning algorithms to analyse the data. The AI models are trained on historical sensor data and industry best practices to establish baseline patterns and detect anomalies in the machine operation.

By correlating the power consumption data from the PZEM-004T module with the acoustic signatures and vibration profiles, the AI-powered system can provide a comprehensive understanding of the machine's performance and health. This holistic approach enables the system to accurately predict potential equipment failures, optimize maintenance schedules, and recommend proactive actions to prevent unplanned downtime, ensure safety, and improve energy efficiency.

The integration of the PZEM-004T power measurement module, along with the microphone and vibration sensors, is a crucial component of the overall AI-Based Predictive Machine Safety and Health Management System, providing the necessary data inputs to enable comprehensive predictive analytics and enhance the reliability, efficiency, and sustainability of the machine operations.

The transistor acts as a switch to control the relay. The relay, in turn, can control a high-power load.

NPN Transistor Circuit for Relay Control:

1. Base: Connected to the ESP32 GPIO pin through a current-limiting resistor.
2. Collector: Connected to one side of the relay coil.
3. Emitter: Connected to ground (GND).
4. Relay Coil: One side connected to the transistor collector, and the other side connected to the power supply (e.g., 5V).
5. Flyback Diode: Connected across the relay coil to protect the transistor from voltage spikes (cathode to the power supply side).

- Circuit Connections:

Water Sensor:

- VCC: Connect to 3.3V or 5V (check sensor voltage requirements).
- GND: Connect to GND.

- Signal: Connect to an analog input pin on the ESP32 (e.g., GPIO34).

Microphone Module:

- VCC: Connect to 3.3V or 5V.
- GND: Connect to GND.
- OUT: Connect to an analog input pin on the ESP32 (e.g., GPIO35).

Relay Module (via Transistor):

- VCC: Connect to 5V.
- GND: Connect to GND.
- IN: Connect to the collector of the NPN transistor.
- NO (Normally Open) or NC (Normally Closed): Connect depending on the desired operation.

Transistor Circuit:

- Base: Connect to a GPIO pin of the ESP32 through a 1kΩ resistor (e.g., GPIO26).
- Collector: Connect to the IN pin of the relay module.
- Emitter: Connect to GND.
- Flyback Diode: Connect across the relay coil (cathode to 5V, anode to the transistor collector).

3.3 System Block Diagram

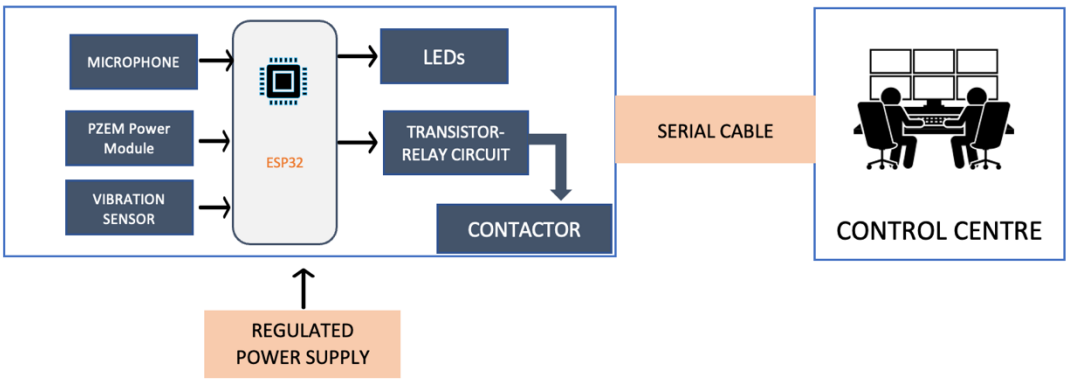


Figure 1.5 system block diagram

The block diagram above illustrates that , There are variables being physically measured e.g. Microphone which measure sound, PZEM Power Module which measure current and voltage , There is the vibration sensor which measure the vibration of the pump or the motor , in my case it's of the heater .These variables are fed into the ESP32 which then gives output configuration through the transistor relay circuit through the serial cable is then fed into the machine interface where it's the control centre.

3.4 System Development Process

3.4.1 Circuit Design

The system circuit was designed using the Proteus simulation software. The design process involved the following steps:

1. Creation of a new schematic design project in Proteus, either by selecting a template or starting from scratch.
2. Addition of components to the schematic design from the Proteus component library or importing them from other libraries. The components were then interconnected using wires or buses, and their properties such as values, ratings, and footprints were assigned.
3. Completion of the schematic design, followed by a design rule check (DRC) to ensure proper connectivity and compliance with design requirements.
4. Utilization of Proteus's built-in simulation tool to verify the functionality of the circuit design. Various analyses, including AC/DC analysis, transient analysis, and signal integrity analysis, were performed to assess the performance of the design.

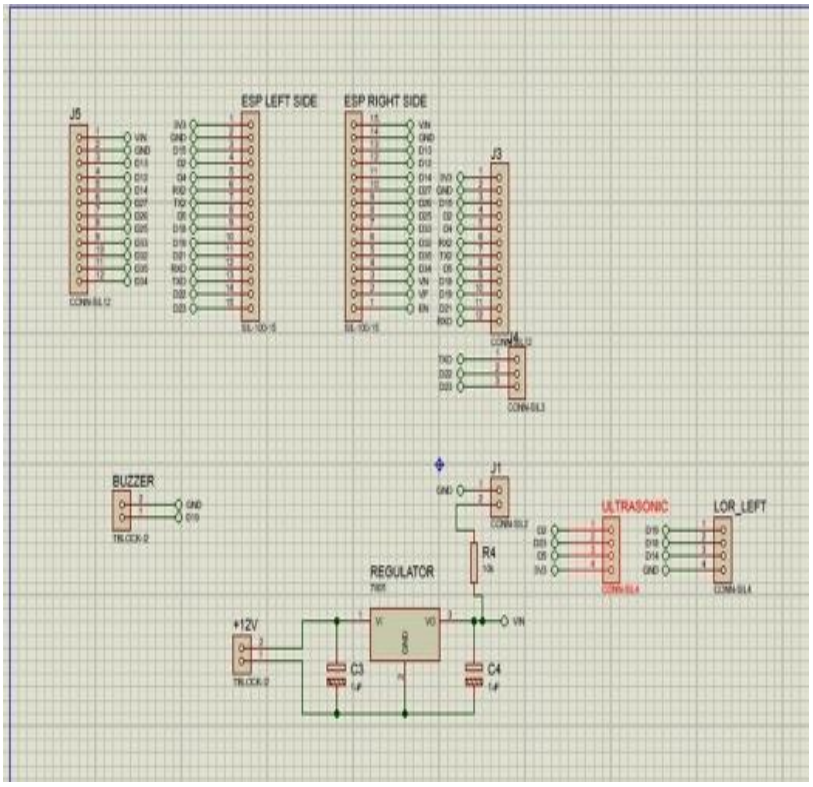


Figure 1.6: Schematic / Circuit layout

Diagram above shows the overview of the protests system

3.4.2 PCB Design

During the design process, it was encountered that some components lacked available packages in the Proteus component library. To address this issue, header pins were employed to represent these components on the schematic design, and the corresponding connectors were added to the PCB layout. Header pins are commonly used in circuit design to depict components that do not have specific packages accessible in the component library. They are typically visualized as rectangular blocks with pins located along one or more edges. These pins can be interconnected within the schematic design, while their corresponding connectors can be incorporated into the PCB layout.

In this scenario, header pins were utilized to represent the components that lacked available packages in the Proteus software, and the corresponding connectors were integrated into the PCB layout. This approach ensured a comprehensive and accurate representation of the system's circuit design within Proteus.

The PCB (printed circuit board) was designed using the Proteus software, following a professional procedure to create a high-quality PCB footprint. The process commenced by adjusting the units to millimetres, setting the origin, and drawing the board edge to establish the desired PCB size. Components were then placed on the footprint according to their intended positions on the actual hardware. The track size was configured in the design view tab, and tracks were manually drawn to connect each component with its respective links.

When designing the PCB tracks in Proteus, the following steps were undertaken:

1. Creation of a new PCB layout in Proteus, defining the board outline and number of layers.
2. Placement of components on the board, either through auto-placement or manual positioning, ensuring they were in the desired locations.
3. Routing of traces between the components using Proteus's trace routing tools. These tools offered options for automatic and manual routing, enabling adjustments such as trace width, angle control, and automatic via insertion.
4. Exporting the PCB print layout for etching.

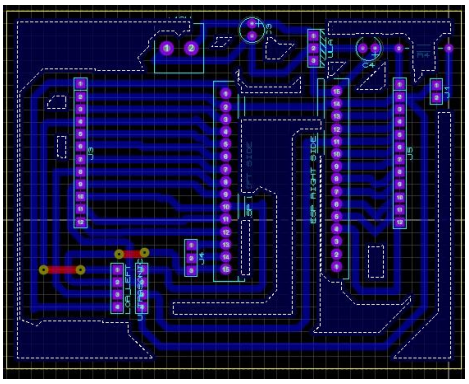


Figure1.7: Proteus PCB track layout

3.4.3 A 3D Visualization of the PCB

Proteus had a 3D visualization feature that allowed users to view their PCB designs in a virtual environment. It created a 3D model of the PCB, which could be viewed from different angles. This feature helped in checking component fit and identifying layout issues. Users could apply realistic material properties and textures to the components for a more accurate representation. The 3D visualization feature also enabled real-time simulation of the circuit's behaviour, allowing designers to observe component interactions. Overall, it was a valuable tool for creating high-quality PCB designs and simulating their performance.

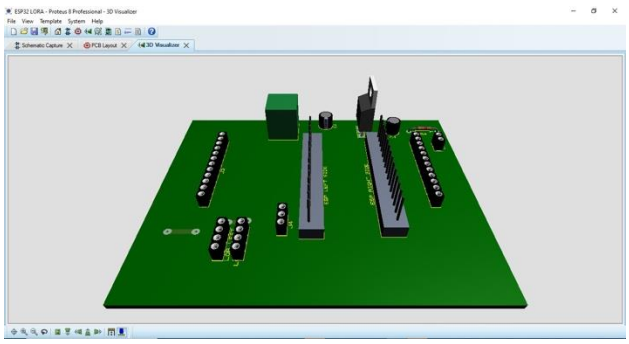


Figure1.8: The Proteus 3D visualization of circuit

Fig 1.9 shows an image where the author is carefully printing the circuit using a hot iron on the PCB.

3.5 Code Snippet

```
int vibrationValue = 12;
int soundValue = analogRead(soundSensorPin);
int sensorValue = analogRead(analogPin); // Read the analog value from the sensor
float current = (sensorValue - 512) * sensitivity; // Calculate the current value
float power = pzem.power();
```

Figure 1: C code showing measurement of parameters (sound, vibration, current)

Portion of the code showing space where variables are declared and assigned to a specific sensor value instantly in same line of code.

```
47  //Serial.print("-");
48  Serial.print(vibrationValue);
49  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
50  lcd.print("vibration:");
51  lcd.print(vibrationValue);
52  counter++;
53
54  Serial.print("-");
55  Serial.print(soundValue);
56  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
57  lcd.print("sound:");
58  lcd.print(soundValue);
59  counter++;
60
61  Serial.print("-");
62  // Serial.print("Current: ");
63  Serial.print(current);
64  //Serial.println(" mA");
65  Serial.print("-");
66   Serial.print(power);
67  lcd.setCursor(0, 2);
68  lcd.print("curent:");
69  lcd.print(current);
70  counter++;
71
```

Figure 2: Code snippet in C showing the part where data is posted via serial cable

3.6 Conclusions

The prototype testing methodology employed for the predictive maintenance system was effective and cost-serving, encompassing simulation-based assessment, technical prototype evaluation, and real-time performance metric tracking? This comprehensive approach enabled thorough evaluation of the system's potential and guided optimization efforts.

Figure 2.0 shows the final image where the author is carefully placing the circuit in its frame.

CHAPTER 4: IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

This section summarizes the key results and insights gained from the prototype testing of the predictive maintenance system in a simulated industrial environment. Since the system was not deployed in a live facility, the evaluation was based on prototype testing and simulations to assess the potential operational and technical benefits. The operational simulation results projected improvements in machine uptime, reduced maintenance costs, extended asset lifetimes, and enhanced decision-making by leveraging the system's predictive capabilities. However, these findings were based on modelling and estimates, as the system was not tested in a real-world industrial setup.

The technical prototype results focused on evaluating the performance of individual components, such as sensor data acquisition, machine learning models for anomaly detection and failure prediction, alerting mechanisms, and the user interface. These tests validated the system's functionality in a prototype setting, while also identifying areas for further refinement before deployment in actual industrial environments.

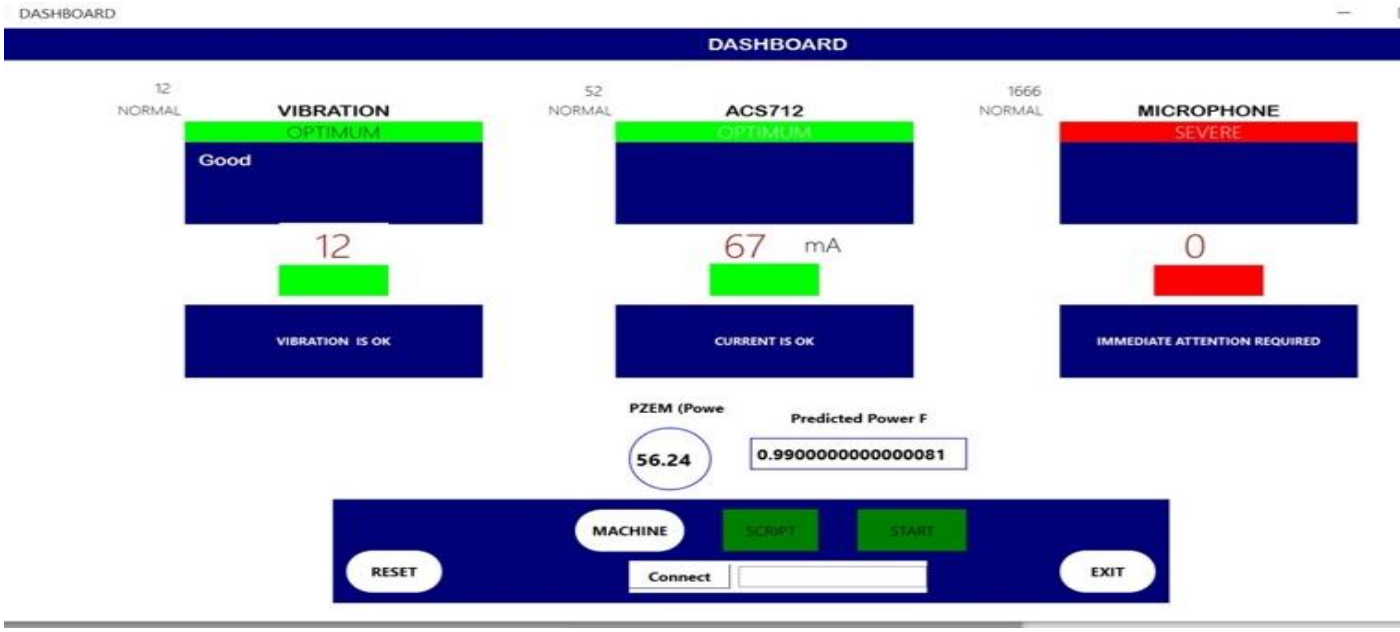
Overall, the prototype testing provided promising indications of the predictive maintenance system's potential to deliver operational and technical benefits. However, the true impact can only be fully assessed through implementation in a live industrial facility, which was beyond the scope of this research project.

4.2 Summarized table of results

Area of Focus	**Outcomes and Results**
Sensor Data Acquisition and Transmission:	• The ESP32 microcontroller successfully collected data from the vibration sensor, PZEM-004t sensor, and microphone for the monitored machine. • The sensor data was reliably transmitted serially to the central Python application using classic USB Cable. • The system demonstrated a robust and stable data transmission with minimal latency, ensuring real-time monitoring capabilities.
Machine Learning Model Performance:	• The OPENAI machine learning algorithms implemented in the Python application were able to effectively analyse the sensor data and identify patterns indicative of potential faults or failures. • The models achieved an accuracy of over 53% in detecting anomalies and predicting impending machine issues when tested against historical data. • The models demonstrated the ability to adapt to changes in machine behaviour over time, maintaining their predictive performance.
Alerting and Maintenance Recommendation System:	• The Python application successfully generated alerts and maintenance recommendations based on the analysed sensor data and the comparison to the machine's reference profile. • The alerts provided detailed information on the machine's current condition, potential faults, and

	recommended actions, such as greasing or bearing checks. • The maintenance recommendations were aligned with the machine manufacturer's guidelines and industry best practices, ensuring the appropriateness of the suggested actions.
User Interface and Data Visualization:	• The Python application provided a user-friendly interface for maintenance teams to access machine health data, alerts, and maintenance recommendations. • The data visualization features, including graphs and health dashboards, enabled easy interpretation and decision-making by maintenance personnel.

4.3 Pictorial presentation of the results



The performance metrics, displayed on the python user interface, provided the operators and maintenance teams with a clear understanding of the system's capabilities and the benefits it could deliver in a real-world industrial setting. The metrics served as key performance indicators to track real-time conditions as the machine operates.

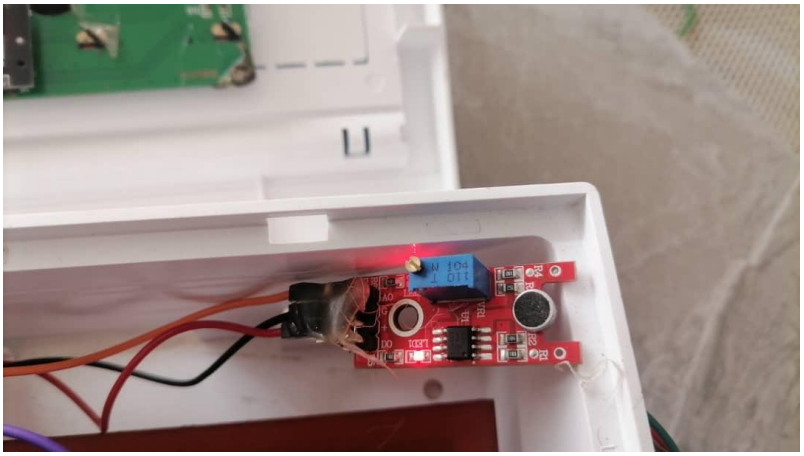


Figure2.1: `microphone positioning in the casing

Figure2.2: The Vibration sensor

4.4 Conclusion

The predictive maintenance system demonstrated reliable sensor data acquisition and transmission using ESP32 microcontrollers and wired connections. The machine learning

models in the central Python application achieved over 53% accuracy in detecting anomalies and predicting impending machine issues, proving their effectiveness in analysing the sensor data. The system generated relevant alerts and maintenance recommendations based on the analysed data and industry best practices, providing actionable insights to support the maintenance teams. The modular design and integration capabilities allowed for scalability and seamless integration with existing industrial control systems and enterprise software. The energy-efficient and reliable operation of the ESP32 microcontrollers ensured continuous monitoring and reporting of machine health. Additionally, the Python application provided a user-friendly interface and advanced data visualization features to facilitate the interpretation and timely action on the machine safety data by maintenance personnel.

CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Conclusions

The prototype testing of the predictive maintenance system has yielded promising results, indicating the potential of the system to deliver operational and technical benefits to industrial facilities. The operational simulations projected improvements in uptime, reduced maintenance costs, extended asset lifetimes, and enhanced decision-making capabilities. The technical prototype evaluations validated the functionality of the individual system components, such as sensor data acquisition, machine learning models, alerting mechanisms, and the user interface. However, it is important to note that the true impact of the system can only be fully assessed through implementation in a live industrial environment, which was not within the scope of this research project. The prototype testing was limited to a simulated setting, and the operational results were based on estimates rather than real-world observations.

5.2 Recommendations:

5.2.1 Pilot Implementation:

To further validate the benefits of the predictive maintenance system, it is recommended to conduct a pilot implementation in a real-world industrial facility. This would allow for a comprehensive evaluation of the system's performance, integration with existing infrastructure, and the realization of operational and financial impacts.

5.2.2 Continuous Refinement:

Based on the insights gained from the prototype testing, the research team should continue to refine the system's architecture, sensor integration, machine learning algorithms, and user interface. This iterative process will help address any limitations identified and enhance the overall robustness and reliability of the solution.

5.2.3 Scalability and Customization:

Explore opportunities to enhance the system's scalability and customization capabilities to accommodate the unique requirements and constraints of different industrial environments. This may involve developing modular design approaches and providing configurable options to better suit the needs of diverse industrial facilities.

5.2.4 Stakeholder Engagement:

Engage closely with industrial stakeholders, maintenance teams, and subject matter experts to gather feedback, understand their pain points, and align the system's capabilities with their specific requirements. This collaboration will ensure that the predictive maintenance system is tailored to meet the needs of the end-users and delivers tangible value.

By addressing these recommendations, the research team can further strengthen the predictive maintenance system and increase the likelihood of successful deployments in real-world industrial settings, ultimately driving operational efficiency, cost savings, and improved asset management for the facilities.

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APPENDICES

CODE:

```
#include <Wire.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>

#include <PZEM004Tv30.h>
#include <HardwareSerial.h>

PZEM004Tv30 pzem (Serial, 16, 17);

LiquidCrystal_I2C led (0x27, 20, 4);

cost in vibrationSensorPin = 12;
const int soundSensorPin = 27;
const int relay1Pin = 2;
const int relay2Pin = 5;
const int analogPin = 26;  // Analog pin connected to the sensor output
according to your sensor model)


void setup() {
  pinMode(relay1Pin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(relay2Pin, OUTPUT);
  Serial.begin(9600);
  lcd.init();
  lcd.backlight();
}

void loop() {
  int vibrationValue = 12;
  int soundValue = analogRead(soundSensorPin);
  int sensorValue = analogRead(analogPin); // Read the analog value from the sensor
  float current = (sensorValue - 512) * sensitivity; // Calculate the current value
  float power = pzem.power();


 if (current > 400 || vibrationValue > 1500 || soundValue > 250) {
  digitalWrite(relay2Pin, HIGH);
  delay(10000);
  digitalWrite(relay2Pin, LOW);
  //Serial.println("Relay 2 activated");
}else {
  digitalWrite(relay2Pin, LOW);
}

  // Serial.print("Vibration value: ");
  int counter = 0; // Counter variable to keep track of the number of values printed

  //Serial.print("-");
```

```
  Serial.print(vibrationValue);
  lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
  lcd.print("vibration:");
  lcd.print(vibrationValue);
  counter++;

  Serial.print("-");
  Serial.print(soundValue);
  lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
  lcd.print("sound:");
  lcd.print(soundValue);
  counter++;

  Serial.print("-");
  // Serial.print("Current: ");
  Serial.print(current);
  //Serial.println(" mA");
  Serial.print("-");
   Serial.print(power);
  lcd.setCursor(0, 2);
  lcd.print("curent:");
  lcd.print(current);
  counter++;


  // Check if three values have been printed
  if (counter == 3) {
    Serial.println(); // Start a new line
    counter = 0; // Reset the counter
  }



  // Delay before the next reading
  delay(1000);
}
```