

IOT Based Stress Detection and Health Monitoring System

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Abstract

The effects of stress are causing rigorous damage to the mental as well as physical state of humans. It is very difficult to identify whether a person is in stress. The person may look healthier physically but may not be in a state of good health due to the stress within the body. Their mental stability also gets affected and may further lead to chronic ailments due to persistent stress. However, it is very essential to monitor stress levels regularly which help in diagnosis of any abnormalities in the body that may lead to chronic illness in future. The Wireless networks based on IOT (Internet of Things) provides wide range of opportunities to monitor stress levels regularly and transmit the information to the concerned for immediate action. A model is designed and developed to detect the stress levels using various sensors such as heartbeat rate, blood pressure (BP), body temperature and concentration of CO₂ gas. Further based on the values of these sensors, the levels of stress is calculated and the information is transmitted using IOT.

Keywords

Stress, IOT, Sensors, Monitoring System.

Introduction

Stress is a major concern in the modern society now a day. All are engaged in their works and almost all people including students, employees all are working restlessly to meet their deadlines, targets etc. Quite often, people are aware of being under heavy work pressure and mental stress levels, but neglect their state of health [2][4]. They also forget to have medicine at the right time and it may lead to fatal effects sometimes death also. Certain levels of sensors like heart beat level, blood pressure etc. can be alarming if left uncontrolled. When the right medicine is given at right time, it can help prevent heart attacks and reduce the probability of deaths. So design of stress detection and health monitoring technology that could help people to understand their state of mind and body is very essential [9]. In the recent years, wireless technology is playing a crucial role in various sectors as well as biomedical to provide better health care. Many devices are being developed for continuous monitoring [5]. In many of the existing systems, the data is recorded and stored in general storage server that is generally accessible to the staff and doctors only [10]. In the proposed system, a model is designed to monitor the heartbeat rate, blood pressure, temperature and humidity and respiration using various sensors which will be will be uploaded to the server through WIFI module. A message could be sent to concerned person or doctor through GSM module. The model consumes less power and is designed to detect the level of stress with good efficiency [11].

Block Diagram

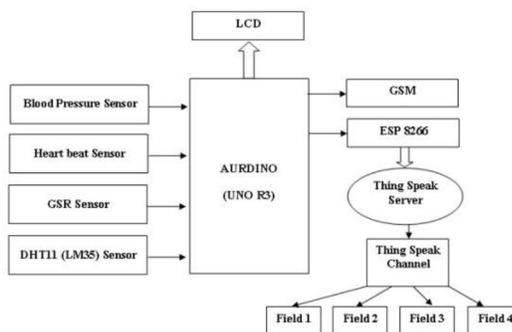


Fig 1: Block Diagram of the Proposed IOT Based Stress Detection System.

Figure-1: Represents the block diagram of the proposed IOT based stress detection system that includes various sensors for detection of stress and the temperature, blood pressure, heart beat, gas values are sensed by the sensors where the data is processed and stored, whenever the microcontroller encounters any abnormal value of any parameter it alerts the person or Doctor by sending SMS to the mobile through GSM module [4].

Hardware Description

Arduino

The Arduino UNO is a microcontroller of ATmega328 contains 14 pins. The Arduino board does not have capacity to execute code by itself accompanied by any external power supply. The Arduino board has inbuilt program whether it is working or not. The Arduino board has very easy compatible interface design for communicating accompanied by the sensors and it needs only 5v supply.



Fig 2: Arduino UNO R3

Blood Pressure Sensor

Blood pressure sensor (number) measures and displays the values of the Blood Pressure & Pulse rate and it will send the measured values to other devices through serial communication. Display shows the readings of Systolic, Diastolic and Pulse Rate respectively. It resembles a wrist watch which eliminates pumping procedure.



Fig 3: BP Sensor

Features of the BP Sensor

- Smart automatic compression and decompression
- 60 memory groups for storing the value measurements
- Power saving mode if it will sit idle for more than 3 minutes
- Large display screen
- Power specification: +5V
- Communicates with other devices serially.
- Allows compression and decompression

Specifications of the Blood Pressure Sensor

It operates at 5v, 200ma voltage regulated and each reading consists of 15 bytes at 9000 baud rate. The output reading is 8 bit value in ASCII format fixed digits from 000 to 255.

Name of the Stage	Systolic (mm Hg)	Diastolic (mm Hg)
Hypotension	<90	<60
Desired	90-119	60-79
Pre Hypertension	120-139	80-89
Stage 1 Hypertension	140-159	90-99
Stage 2 Hypertension	160-179	100-109
Hypertensive Crisis	≥ 180	≥ 110

Table 1: Standard Classification Chart of Blood Pressure (Values) for Adults

GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication)

A GSM module has a RS32 interface for serial communication with an outside fringe. It regulates a simple transporter flag to encounter computerized info and demodulates to interpret the transparent data. GSM is an open and digital cellular technology for transmitting mobile voice and data services. A GSM digitalizes and reduces the data, then sends it down through a channel with two different streams of client data, each in it has own particular time slot.



Fig 4: GSM Module

DHT11 Temperature

The DHT11 sensor is temperature and humidity sensor. It measures the temperature and humidity of the surroundings. This sensor can be interfaced with any microcontroller and has the provision to transmit the information to microcontroller. It can measure temperature ranging from 0°C to 50°C and humidity in range of 20% to 90% with an accuracy of ±1°C and ±1%.

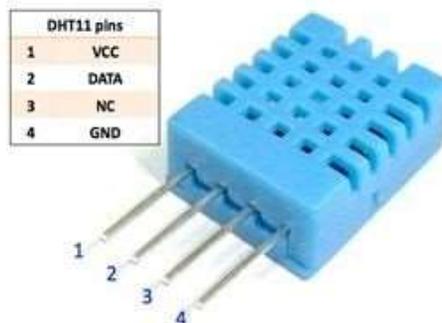


Fig 5: DHT11 (LM35) Sensor

NodeMCU: ESP8266

The ESP8266 is inbuilt Wi-Fi module incorporated in SOC with transfer control protocol and internet convention stack that can provide controller to access WI-FI. For the wireless communication ESP8266 Wi-Fi module is used for sending the data from the Arduino to the thingspeak server.

Software Requirements

Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) software is used to program Arduino that provides comprehensive facilities to computer programmers for software development. The language C is used to write the program and further uploaded to the Arduino.

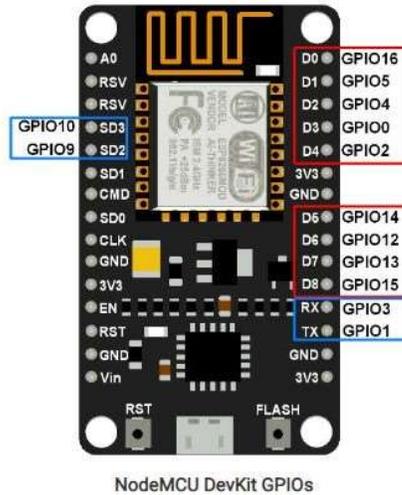


Fig 6: NodeMCU ESP8266

Methodology

The temperature, blood pressure, heart beat, gas values are sensed by the sensors and the sensor values are sent to the microcontroller for further processing and storing. The values of the sensor outputs are compared with the predefined values indicated in Table 1. Whenever the microcontroller encounters the abnormal value of any parameter, it alerts the person by sending SMS to the mobile using the Wi-Fi module. Also these values are sent to the thingspeak server where the parameters get monitored continuously.

Results

The proposed model has been tested on different users with different age groups and the values are recorded and are uploaded to the thingspeak server by using wifi module and the message will be sent to the user through GSM module. The efficiency of the model is 96.10% compared to the values recorded by the physician. Figure- 7. shows the setup of the hardware model of the stress detection system. Figure-8 displays the Co₂ value of Person-1 using MQ2 sensor. Figure-9 displays the temperature values of Person1 in centigrade using DHT11 (LM35) Sensor. Figure-10 displays Systolic, Diastolic & Pulse Rate of Person 1 using by BP sensor and Figure- 11 illustrates the heart rate of the person 1 which defines the user heart rate.



Fig 7: Hardware Setup of the Model



Fig 8: Displaying Co2 Value of Person-1 using MQ2 Sensor



Fig 9: Displaying Temperature value of Person1



Fig 10: Displaying Systolic, Diastolic & Pulse Rate of Person 1 using by BP Sensor



Fig 11: Displaying Heart Rate of Person 1

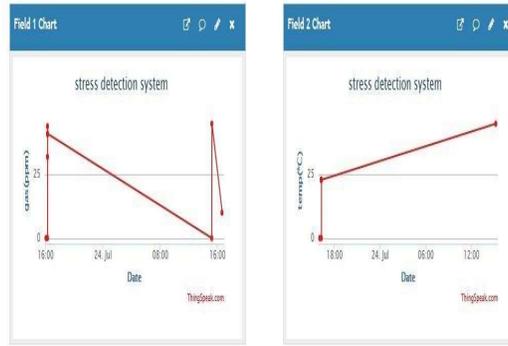


Fig12: MQ2 and Temperature Values Uploaded to Thingspeak

Figure-12 is the plot using thingspeak that defines the gas and temperature values of person 1 indicating the user stress level is moderate. Figure-13 is the plot using thingspeak that defines systolic, Diastolic and Pulse rate values of person 1 uploaded to thingspeak. Figure-14 displays the over all stress levels. The developed model has been tested on different persons of different age groups and has been tabulated in Table. 2.

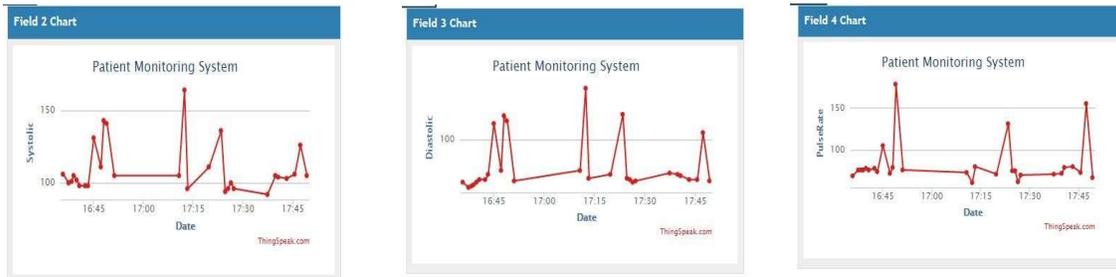


Fig 13: Systolic, Diastolic and Pulse Rate Values Uploaded to Thingspeak

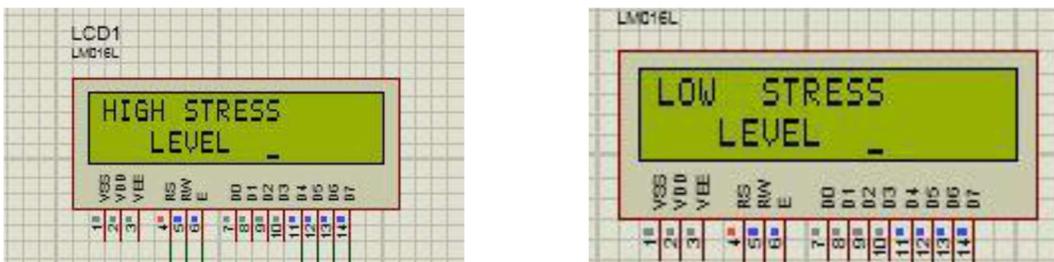


Fig 14: Display of High and Low Stress Levels

User No	Co2Gas (PPM)	Temp (°C)	Systolic	Diastolic	BPM	Result
1	50	42	160	110	92	High Stress
2	47	40	140	95	90	Moderate Stress Level
3	45	37	138	93	85	Low Stress Level
4	38	35	125	85	72	Normal Level

Table 2: Measured Values of Sensors for Different Persons

Conclusion and Future Scope

An IOT based stress detection system is designed and developed using Arduino. The system successfully and accurately detects the stress levels using various sensors such as heartbeat rate, blood pressure (BP), body temperature and concentration of CO₂ gas. Based on the values of these sensors, the levels of stress is calculated and the information is transmitted using IOT to the concerned persons mobile for necessary action. The developed model is more flexible and consuming less power. It is very useful in medical camps and is very useful in taking

care of disabled persons. This work can be extended by using GSR sensor, EEG sensor; Muscle sensor etc and this model can be built on a SOC device.

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