IoT BASED MILITARY ROBOT USING RASPBERRY Pi3

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Abstract: The system proposed in this project consists of a single unit, which will monitor the environment in various hazardous conditions and provide live video feedback. Basics of robotics like sensors and actuators, gives an overview on robotic construction. The proposed system is also able to capture real-time videos which are useful for surveillance for a specific person or area. Controlling of Robot is done using a Raspberry Pi3 processor. This robot is more comfortable for military applications such as surveillance of interested area. It will provide tactical advantage during hostage situations or in hostile grounds. It is capable of walking on any surface and providing monitoring over an area. With the help of high-quality video transmission, the surveillance become more effective and it detect the high temperature and also used to reduce the fire by using water sprinkler. Video quality is improvised in the proposed system. These will prove important in applications like robots for civil use and military robots.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In today’s world the monitoring of military areas is essential due to increased attacks of the enemies but the quality of that monitoring i.e. surveillance is not that much satisfactory, this results in the increasing ratio of lives of the soldier in danger. Because of that it is necessary to improve the quality of surveillance through effective surveillance. This is done more effectively by high quality video transmission. In this project the quality of video is improved using Closed Circuit Cameras. For all this there is a need of the ground Robot which is able to move on the hills, muddy areas. By using Closed Circuit Cameras various technical advancements are took placed in surveillance [1]. Lots of crime scenes have been solved by using this technology but still, the crime rate has not reduced because of immobility of the surveillance equipment’s. In this project design and development of the robot is done which will move from one place to another, it has capability of capturing real-time images and videos required for the surveillance. The main constraint in surveillance is mobility of the robot. This robot is also capable of doing housekeeping. And also, the water sprinkler made under this project and we can operate a robot there is no need for human to go even near the area on fire. We have used the light dependent resistors for detection of fire. It is the highly sensitive device and is capable for detecting very small fires too. The robot accommodates a water tank and sprinkler on itself to extinguish fire.

Further, the system proposed is interactive in nature, hence the user even while grooming up, can give voice commands, to get required and related information on screen, keeping
his/her hand free. There are related products available in market, but the main difference lies in the usability of the product. The available products are mostly passive in nature with little interactivity. The present Smartmirrors designed so far are almost passive in nature. These systems are capable of displaying the information on the screen. They have been designed mostly with Raspberry Pi, LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) or LED (Light Emitting Diodes) for information display. Few of them work on either voice-based commands or Touch Commands or Mobile device commands. Some of the systems are also designed for providing security using PIR sensors. But the systems thus designed have more false alarm rate and sensing range is also very low.

The proposed system is an interactive system which displays the date, time on the screen. The display can be customized based on the requirement. The system accepts any of the commands namely voice, touch and mobile control commands and behaves interactively. The proposed system can be controlled by any of these commands. Whenever security systems and household appliances are embedded into household devices like mirror, the usability of device will increase. It can be used for general use and also for specific use like providing security in home environment. Usually intruders and thieves look for security cameras. If they find cameras, they may destroy them and come to know that they were under security monitoring system. But for proposed system, intruder or thief will never come to know that he is under security observations.

Normal Cameras will be visible to intruder, but Smart mirror which just looks like an ordinary mirror will not catch an attention of the intruder. Thus, the camera fitted on top of the Smart Mirror will capture the photo of an intruder and be able to send an alert of the intrusion without knowledge to the intruder. The intruder will never come to know that he is under constant surveillances. Home automation are mainly created using intelligent IOT devices, IOT is an integrated system of communicating devices in which each device is capable of carrying out tasks by themselves. Smart mirror for home automation have great potential to enhance user experience for accessing and interacting with information. This system is very useful for physically challenged people, old people and children. Everyone can easily access this system easily even while doing their daily chores. This is one of the major advantages of the system.

The proposed system does human identification for detecting the intrusion detection. Once the intruder comes under the range of camera, the intrusion detection takes place. The range of pi-camera which is compatible with raspberry pi is approximately 8m to 10m. Human detection is done. The Human presence thus detected is informed to owner of the Smart mirror through alert message. The alert message consists of photo of intruder along with the time stamp of time. The Raspberry Pi is to be connected to Wi-Fi and mobile device has to be connected to internet.

2. ROBOTICS

Robotics is the branch of engineering science & Technology related to robots, and their design, manufacture, application, and structural disposition. Robotics is related to electronics, mechanics, and software. Robotics research today is focused on developing systems that exhibit modularity, flexibility, redundancy, fault-tolerance, a general and extensible software environment and seamless connectivity to other machines, some researchers focus on completely automating a manufacturing process or a task, by providing sensor-based intelligence to the robot arm, while others try to solidify the analytical foundations on which many of the basic concepts in robotics are built. In this highly developing society time and man power are critical constrains for completion of task in large
scales. The automation is playing important role to save human efforts in most of the regular and frequently carried works.

One of the major and most commonly performed works is picking and placing of jobs from source to destination. Present day industry is increasingly turning towards computer-based automation mainly due to the need for increased productivity and delivery of end products with uniform quality. The inflexibility and generally high cost of hard-automation systems, which have been used for automated manufacturing tasks in the past, have led to a broad-based interest in the use of robots capable of performing a variety of manufacturing functions in a flexible environment and at lower costs. The use of Industrial Robots characterizes some of contemporary trends in automation of the manufacturing process. However, present day industrial robots also exhibit a monolithic mechanical structure and closed system software architecture. They are concentrated on simple repetitive tasks, which tend not to require high precision.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

P. Raja, Swapnil Bagwari et al (2018) presented a MASS (military assistance and surveillance system) that uses different type of sensor to monitor the soldier such as their location, health conditions, surroundings, sending data to base station, etc. Being a wearable device it monitors the pulse rate as well as send the respective data to the base station and by using GPS module the location can also be monitored by military base station. Since it is wearable installation will be cost effective and will add a heavy pack load for soldier. Minal S. Ghute, Kanchan P. Kamble, Mridul Korde et al (2018) described a military surveillance robot system consists of a single unit, which will monitor the environment in various hazardous conditions and provide live video feedback. Gyro sensor has been used to move robot in hilly areas, metal detection for landmines.

It uses Bluetooth connectivity for wireless communication through mobile application which make it range limited. Aditya prakash, Raheewalamb et al (2018) described about a simple military surveillance robot with the commands for moving front, back, right, left and stop are being received from the remote controller and accordingly the input is fed to the Raspberry pi 3 which makes the robot setup respond as per the instructions given. The Kinect sensor works like a camera with an additional feature of depth measurement i.e., it depicts the distance of object from itself by representing the object in the form of grayscale values ranging from 0 to 255 where 0 amounts to black which implies the object is closer and 255 amounts to white which implies the object farther. Siva karteekbolisetti, Mohammad patwary, Mohamed abdel-maguid et al (2017) proposed RF sensing based target detector which is expected to give an energy efficient solution to the problem of target detection under the sensing conditions. The sensor nodes are required to operate in harsh sensing environments in the presence of clutter and interfering signals. Using a simple low complexity target detector at the individual sensor nodes may be considered where the sensor nodes can make a preliminary decision before transmitting the data to the control centre. This reduces the frequency of data exchange between the sensor nodes and the control centre thereby increasing the lifetime of the IoT. 70% reliability has been achieved. Ghanem Osman Elhaj Abdalla, T. Veeramanikandasamy et al (2017) implemented a Spy Robot for A Surveillance System using Internet Protocol of Raspberry Pi a Raspbian operating system-based spy robot platform with remote monitoring and control algorithm through Internet of Things (IoT). The information regarding the detection of living objects by PIR sensor is sent to the user through the web server and pi camera capture the moving object which is posted inside the webpages simultaneously. Majdghareeb, Alibazzi, Mohamadraad, shamihabdulnabi et al (2017) presented Wirelessrobo pi for landmine detection as a low-cost
automated mine detector that will replace the current human detectors in the mission of detecting and extracting mines in a suspected area of land.

This detector will wirelessly connect with a server to send the location of detected mines or metal and captured image of land where it is found. Since the detector is raspberry pi based, we can make it as IoT based for further communication. Widodo Budiharto et al (2014) designed a Tracked Robot with Remote Control for Surveillance, the performance of the robot is in terms of the distance and the capability to deliver video streaming from the output raspberry pi and 2.4 GHz Video transmitter.

Experimental results with various distance show that the best distance for transmitting the commands not more than 20 meters. The sensor system is ridiculously cheap because it only uses 1 distance sensor. The average speed raspberry pi to display a video streaming is 33 fps that sufficient for surveillance. The main weakness of type of ultrasonic sensor is the interference between different sensors and the limited ability to identify the obstacle. Andrea Claudi, Francesco Di Benedetto, Gianluca Dolcini, Luca Palazzo, Aldo Franco Dragoni et al (2012) proposes a mobile autonomous robot, called MARVIN, to be used in videosurveillance applications. The main goal of the robot is to detect human faces in the monitored environment, and to autonomously move to keep a face in the exact center of the frame.

The architecture of the robot is conceived to achieve a good trade-off between reactivity and accuracy. In terms of speed, the experiments showed that LBP is suitable as real-time face-detection algorithm, processing a single frame containing 6 faces in about 40 ms. The performances of ORB are not sufficient to recommend its use under the conditions of the reference scenario. In terms of accuracy, LBP with a small search window can provide an accuracy of about 73%, with a considerable penalty in terms of timing performances. Change Zheng et al (2009) presented the mechanical design including a kind of miniature flexible driving mechanism, as Miniature autonomous surveillance robot BMS-1 for covert surveillance using set of sensors and the control system for tasks such as to secretly enter and hide in potentially dangerous region and feed information back. It uses pyroelectric sensors that are designed specifically for detection of human motion. This light sensor is much suitable for detection of cover because it is only sensitive to visible light and has low infrared and ultraviolet sensitivity without the help of optical filters. The output voltage of this sensor can be sampled by the ADC module of the DSP controller in BMS-1. In our robot, the two facing upward photovoltaic sensors are outfitted on the two ends of BMS-1. This allows for detection of dark location of BMS-1.

4. METHODOLOGY AND HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

4.1 Raspberry pi:

The raspberry pi is a series of small single-board computers developed in the united kingdom by the raspberry pi foundation to put the power of computing and digital making into the hands of people all over the world. If at the beginning the aims of raspberry pi project were leaned towards the promotion of teaching of basic computer science in schools and in developing countries, it rapidly expanded into a wider range of use, as the original model become very popular than anticipated. Raspberry pi is a low cost, credit-card sized computer that plugs into a computer monitor or TV, and uses a standard keyboard and mouse. It is a capable little device that enables people of all ages to explore computing, and to learn how to program in languages like scratch and python. It’s capable of doing everything you’d expect a desktop computer to do, from browsing the internet and playing high definition video, to making spreadsheets, word-processing, and playing games.
The raspberry pi has the ability to interact with the outside world, and has been used in a wide array of digital maker projects, from music machines and parent detectors to weather stations and tweeting birdhouses with infra-red cameras. We want to see the raspberry pi being used by kids all over the world to learn to program and understand how computers work.

Several generations of raspberry pi have been released. All models feature a Broadcom system on a chip (soc) with an integrated ARM-compatible central processing unit (CPU) and on-chip graphics processing unit (GPU). Processor speed ranges from 700 MHz to 1.4 GHz for the pi 3 model B+ or 1.5 GHz for pi 4; onboard memory ranges from 256 MiB to 1 GiB random-access memory (RAM), with up to 8 GiB available on the pi 4. Secure digital (SD) cards in micro SDHC from factor (SDHC on early models) are used to store the operating system and program memory. The boards have one to five USB ports for video output, HDMI and composite video are supported, with a standard 3.5 mm tip-ring-sleeve jack for audio output. Lower-level output is provided by a number of GPIO pins, which support common protocols like I2C. The B-models have an 8P8C Ethernet port and the pi 3, pi 4 and pi zero W have on board Wi-Fi 802.11n and Bluetooth.

The first generation (Raspberry pi model B) was released in February 2012, followed by simpler and cheaper model A. In 2014, the foundation released a board with an improved design, raspberry pi model B+. These boards are appropriately credit-card sized and represent the standard mainline form factor. Improved A+ and B+ models were released a year later. A “compute module” was released in April 2014 for embedded applications.

The raspberry pi 2, which featured a 900 MHz quad-core ARM cortex-A7 processor and 1 GiB RAM, was released in February 2015. A raspberry pi zero with smaller size and reduced input/output (I/O) and general-purpose (GPIO) capabilities was released in November 2015. On 28 February 2017, the raspberry pi zero W was launched, a version of the zero with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, on 12 January 2018, the raspberry pi zero WH was launched. A version of the zero W with pre-soldered GPIO headers. Raspberry pi 3 model B was released in February 2016 with a 1.2 GHz 64-bit quad core processor, on-board 802.11n Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and USB boot capabilities. On pi day 2018, the raspberrypi 3 model B+ was launched with a faster 1.4 GHz processor and a three-times faster gigabit Ethernet (throughput limited to ca. 300 Mbit/s by the internal USB 2.0 connections) or 2.4/5 GHz dual-band 802.11ac Wi-Fi (100 Mbit/s). Other features are power over Ethernet (PoE) (with the add-on PoEHAT), USB boot and network boot (as SD card is no longer required).

Raspberry pi 4 model B was released in June 2019 with a 1.5 GHz 64-bit quad core ARM cortex-A72 Processor, on-board 802.11ac Wi-Fi, Bluetooth 5, full gigabit Ethernet (throughput not limited), two USB 2.0 ports, two USB 3.0 ports, and dual-monitor support via a pair of micro HDMI (HDMI type D) ports for up to 4K resolution. The pi 4 is also powered via a USB-C port, enabling additional power to be provided to downstream peripherals, when used with an appropriate PSU. The initial raspberry pi 4 board has a design flaw where third-party e-marked USB cables, such as those used on apple macbooks, incorrectly identify it and refuse to provide power. Tom’s hardware tested 14 different cables and found that 11 of them turned on and powered the pi without issue. The design flaw was fixed in revision 1.2 of the board, released in late 2019.
4.2 RASPBERRY PI CAMERA

RPi Camera (E) is a Raspberry Pi Camera Module that supports night vision. It is compatible with all revisions of the Pi. Powered with a 5 megapixel OV5647 sensor, its best resolution is 1080p. The IR LED board that helps the night vision function has onboard photoresistor, the ambient light detector. An adjustable resistor is provided on it to control the ambient light threshold of toggling the infrared LED, when ambient light is lower than threshold value, the infrared LED is on, vice versa. Onboard screw holes are used for both attachment and power supply.

The digital temperature sensor is a composite sensor that contains a calibrated digital signal output of temperature and humidity. The technology of a dedicated digital modules collection and the temperature and humidity sensing technology are applied to ensure that the product has high reliability and excellent long term stability.
4.3. L298 IC:

The L298 integrates two power output stages (A,B). The power output stage is a bridge configuration and its outputs can drive an inductive load in common or differential mode, depending on the state of the inputs. The current that flows through the load comes out from the bridge at the sense output; an external resistor (RSA, RSB.) allows to detect the intensity of this current. Each bridge is driven by means of four gates the input of which are In1 ; In2 ; EnA and In3 ; In4; EnB. The In inputs set the bridge state when The En input is high; a low state of the En input inhibits the bridge. All the inputs are TTL compatible. A non inductive capacitor, usually of 100 nF, must be foreseen between both Vs and Vss, to ground, as near as possible to GND pin. When the large capacitor of the power supply is too far from the IC, a second smaller one must be foreseen near the L298. The sense resistor, not of a wire wound type, must be grounded near the negative pole of Vs that must be near the GND pin of the IC. Each input must be connected to the source of the driving signals by means of a very short path. Turn-On and Turn-Off: Before to Turn-ON the Supply Voltage and before to Turn it OFF, the Enable in-put must be driven to the Low state.

![Fig. 4. L298](image)

4.4. Inductive proximity sensor

Inductive proximity sensors enable the detection, without contact, of metal objects at distances of up to 60 mm. Their range of applications is very extensive and includes: the monitoring of machine parts (cams, mechanical stops, etc.), monitoring the flow of metal parts, counting, etc.

![Fig. 5. Inductive Proximity Sensor](image)

The above diagram indicates the internal structure of the sensor. Inductive proximity sensors are solely for the detection of metal objects. They basically comprise an oscillator whose windings constitute the sensing face. An alternating magnetic field is generated in front of these windings. When a metal object is placed within the magnetic field generated by the sensor, the resulting currents induced form an additional load and the oscillation ceases.
The detection coil located at the front end of the sensor produces a high-frequency magnetic field as shown in the figure above. When an object (metallic) approaches this magnetic field, induced currents flow in the metal, causing thermal loss and resulting in the reduction or stopping of oscillations. This change in state is detected by an oscillation state sensing circuit which then operates the output circuit.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

The entire robot is based on autonomous programming along with smart app control so as to enable its controlling using mobile devices. The programming is fed to Raspberry Pi. The main components of the robot are 8 Servo Motors, Raspberry Pi3 model. Raspberry Pi are the main control board of the humanoid robot. Raspberry Pi is responsible for live video stream to the devices which are connected to a common Network and it is also responsible for speech synthesis so that it can interact with its user[2]. The output of Raspberry Pi programming is then fed to various sensors in order to make the robot to sense its surroundings. It has to be equipped with various kinds of sensors such as Ultrasonic Sensor, touch sensor, gyro sensor, IR sensor and several other components such as microphone, speaker, GSM and Bluetooth module. HCSR-04 model ultrasonic module was used in this work to sense obstructions from 1 cm to 4 meters distance. A gyro sensor is used here so as to stabilize the robot when it will move on muddy areas, hills or rough surfaces [3-4]. For transparent wireless serial connection HC-05 module is used. It has Bluetooth Serial Port Protocol module. Here the robot comes with Bluetooth connectivity which enables it to control wirelessly through mobile application and it also streams live video through a Wi-Fi.
network which is on board through the Raspberry Pi and webcam. The Raspberry-Pi output is then fed to the camera, microphone, and speaker. The video quality is improved; this can be achieved by using Closed Circuit Cameras. This output is also responsible for speech synthesis so that it can interact with its user. The design of different parts of the proposed project is constructed by using PVC pipes.

The whole robot is powered by Lithium polymer battery which can drive this robot for up to half an hour. The Robot is driven by a single high torque metal geared side shaft 12-volt DC motor. The motor is connected to a server which is responsible for changing its direction[5-6]. The circuit diagram of propose project is shown in the fig. 4.1.1. The main structural components are the Servo Motors which enable it to move every part of its body. A main power distribution board is responsible for providing different voltage levels to the different components of the robot [7]. PCB layout of onDetection.

6. RESULT

The Robot is kept on a platform which is connected to a Aluminium chassis the platform is kept straight with help of 8 Servo Motors and pro Mini. Here the pro Mini is connected to a gyro sensor which gives that the knowledge of its orientation. That's robot is built on a hard Aluminium chassis which neighbors it to roll on ref trains and keep it balanced. The upper half of the robots body is paid to imitate human body it has to films through which it can interact and show some basic gestures. The implemented robot is shown in fig.5. It is implemented using PVC pipes and hence cost is low.

![Fig. 8. Detailed Circuit Diagram](image)

![Fig. 9. Hardware implementation of robot](image)
7. CONCLUSION

This robot was built by keeping military applications in mind. So, it comes with basic videosurveillance and metal detection so that it can detect underground landmines etc. Further extensions are can be made in the same projects such as home automation, telemmedicine system. The robot can be equipped with interactive voice feedback. It is possible to install ME (medicalemergency) band in the robot to look after the health of an elderly person in the house.

8. REFERENCES


