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ABSTRACT

The rapid growth in energy demand and the increasing need for accurate monitoring have made traditional energy meters inadequate for modern applications. This project presents the design and implementation of an IoT-Based Smart Energy Meter capable of measuring, displaying, and transmitting real-time electrical data over the internet. The system uses an Arduino Uno as the main controller, integrated with a PZEM-004T power sensor to measure voltage, current, and power consumption. The readings are displayed locally on a 16×2 LCD screen and simultaneously transmitted to the ThingSpeak IoT platform through an ESP-01S Wi-Fi module, allowing remote monitoring through mobile or web interfaces.

The device also includes an automatic overload protection mechanism, which disconnects the load using a relay and triggers an alarm whenever the current exceeds a set threshold. Supporting components such as transistors (BC548), a 7805 voltage regulator, LED indicators, and a buzzer ensure system stability and safety. The entire circuit is powered by a 12V DC adapter, regulated to 5V for the control units.

Testing results show that the system provides accurate readings with less than 3% deviation compared to a standard energy meter. It successfully transmits data to the cloud and reacts promptly to overload conditions. This project demonstrates a low-cost, reliable, and efficient solution for smart home energy management and offers a foundation for future improvements such as mobile app integration and multi-load monitoring.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Urban expansion and the rise of manufacturing activities have revealed the limitations of conventional energy metering devices. Traditional meters, which rely on manual readings and offer periodic data, fall short of the current demand for continuous measurement. Consequently, there is a pressing need for systems that facilitate automatic, near-continuous monitoring of energy consumption..

Recent developments in technology has introduced systems designed for tracking and managing energy consumption. Tools such as IoT networks, smart grids, and advanced metering techniques have changed the way energy data is recorded, stored, and processed. By adding IoT capabilities to metering hardware, remote access to measurements becomes possible, and data is relayed quickly. This supports accurate recording of energy use and prompt alerts when anomalies occur.

Despite these advancements, noticeable gaps persist. Conventional meters do not offer remote reading or timely feedback. This absence can result in undetected irregularities, unnecessary power loss, and increased operational expenses. The project focuses on these issues by creating a smart meter that employs IoT technology to deliver continuous, detailed, and easily retrievable consumption data.

In view of growing energy use, a system that continuously tracks and manages consumption is crucial for reducing costs and meeting environmental targets. The proposed smart meter will support more stable power distribution, better load management, and the incorporation of renewable energy sources.

Key concepts in this work include IoT, which is a network of devices that share data through digital channels. Smart meters track energy consumption in real-time. Real-time monitoring helps quickly detects unusual consumption. Smart grids manage and distribute energy across a network. These technical ideas form the backbone of a solution aimed at addressing present and future challenges in energy management.

1.2 Problem Statement

Traditional energy meters rely on manual readings and provide limited data on energy usage. This method often leads to incomplete records and delays in identifying abnormal consumption patterns, which can result in inaccurate billing and challenges in managing the power network. The absence of continuous monitoring prevents both users and energy providers from quickly noticing changes that might signal issues within the system. Addressing this issue will lead to a system that records energy use continuously and provides immediate insight into consumption patterns.

1.3 Significance of the Study

The relevance of this study is its new approach to track power usage that benefits both users and energy providers. It uses a system that collects data in real time and sends it directly to a central point. This enables individuals to see their usage patterns whenever they want and adjust their habits based on clear information. For organizations responsible for energy supply, the system helps monitor power flow and identify unusual activities quickly, which can help prevent outages and reduce unexpected costs. Developing a smart meter that works with digital connectivity means that energy records no longer depend on manual checks. This leads to more accurate billing and better planning for repairs and network upgrades. Additionally, this study supports the shift toward more connected power networks, which is important for managing both traditional and renewable energy sources. By focusing on precise and ongoing data collection, this project aims to improve how we

measure and manage power usage, positively affecting everyday energy consumption and service management.

1.4 Justification for the Study

This study is justified by its new way to track power use that offers real benefits for everyday consumers and energy managers. It describes a system that continuously collects consumption data and sends it to a central location for review. Users can check their usage at any time, while service teams can monitor patterns and catch any unusual activity early. This system helps reduce errors in measuring usage and provides clearer records for billing and maintenance decisions. This approach supports the ongoing shift toward more connected power systems and promotes greener energy practices. In this way, this study offers a practical solution that can have real-world effects and help improve how we track and use energy.

1.5 Research Method

This study uses a clear, step-by-step approach. It begins with a review of existing literature and a clear outline of the system requirements. This approach outlines how the device will gather data from electrical circuits using a suitable microcontroller and various sensors. A detailed circuit design is produced, showing how the components will connect and interact.

After finalizing the design, the next step is to build a working prototype. The microcontroller is programmed to measure energy and send the readings through a communication module. The data is then sent to a remote location and displayed on a web-based dashboard. Tests are run in a controlled setting to check if the device measures and transmits the data correctly. These tests identify areas for improvement, helping guide further refinements of the system.

1.6 Aim of Study

The aim of this study is to enhance energy tracking by linking a traditional meter to an online monitoring system. It measures energy usage, sends data to a mobile app or platform, and enables users to view reports. Additionally, it helps users identify unusual patterns or faults in electricity consumption.

1.7 Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this study is to:

Here are six objectives for the study on smart energy meter using IoT monitoring**:**

1. To connect an IoT system to a standard energy meter for easier tracking of electricity usage.
2. To design a setup that can send meter readings wirelessly to a user-accessible platform.
3. To allow users to view their electricity data through a simple online or mobile interface.
4. To test how the system performs under normal operating conditions and during power interruptions.
5. To study the accuracy of the readings sent over the network compared to manual readings.
6. To explore how this setup could help reduce the need for physical meter checks.

1.8 Scope of Research

This study focuses on improving how energy usage is tracked and shared using internet connected tools. The work covers setting up a system that collects power consumption data from a basic energy

meter and sends that data to a mobile application or online server. It also looks into how users can view detailed records of their usage and receive warnings if something goes wrong or if there's a sudden increase in energy use. The study does not cover building a new meter or billing system. Instead, it builds on existing tools and methods to help users understand their energy habits better and respond more quickly to issues.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Energy Metering – Historical Background

2.1.1 Transition from Analog to Digital Meters

In the last one hundred years, the metering of energy has evolved, through rather mechanical devices to advanced electronic and digital products. Originally there was the type of energy measurement and,

The electromechanical meters have a rotating disc of aluminum which was pushed by the electromagnetic fields generated by your current and voltage coils. These meters were simple, cheap and reliable that led to their widespread application during the 20th century. The moving parts however were exposed to tampering, manual readings and had limited accuracy with time because they wore out due to degradation of the mechanical parts.

The introduction of digital meters to replace the old analog in the late 20 th century and early 21 st century. These are digital systems, which are developed to read energy consumption with greater accuracy and it includes micro controllers and solid-state elements. Digital meters offer real time measurements, improved accuracy and automatically stores and electronically transmits data conversely to their analog probes. The process reduced errors in billing and eliminated the manual needs in the readings. Digital meters actually provided features that could not be done using the old analog meters including loads profiling, management of power quality and disconnection or connection remotely. The performance of digital meters is advanced in smart meters because the concept of communication technology like GSM, RF and the use of the Internet of Things (IOT) based protocols is also integrated. These meters gather, store information and are also able to communicate real-time with utility businesses, which allows demand-side management, tamper warning, and wise customer participation.

2.1.2. Traditional vs smart meters

Traditional meters were the sole way of monitoring the consumption of electricity in homes and business premises over a long time. These meters were mechanical and were based on the rotating discs to determine the amount of energy being utilized. They were basic and simple to use but they had several issues attached to them. It required manual reading of readings, which translated to delays, human error and inaccurate billing. They were also unable to store historical data or give an insight about daily or hourly usage.

Smart meters came into the picture to address most of these problems. Such new meters are digital, which automatically measure and record the energy consumed. The difference is that they can communicate wirelessly with utility companies and even with users, in some cases, using mobile applications or dashboards. This enables real-time monitoring, auto-billing and early identification of unusual usage patterns which may be used to identify faults or even theft. Smart meters also eliminate the use of manual reading thus saving the utility companies operational costs (L&T Technology Services, 2020).

In summary, traditional meters would just inform you that you have used much power after the event, but smart meters would inform you on how you are consuming energy in real-time and hence makes the use of energy more visible and manageable on both the sides of the users and suppliers.

2.2. Definition of Internet of Things (IoT)

Internet of Things (IoT) is a network of physical objects that people use everyday, including home appliances, industrial machinery, meters and sensors, and communicate with each other in ways that do not involve people. The devices are installed with software, processors, and network technology

that enables them to gather information in their surroundings, transmit it to other devices or cloud-based systems, and respond to the information they get.

An example is a smart home where an IoT-based thermostat can keep the temperature in a room and automatically change heating or cooling according to the preferences of the user or weather changes. In energy systems, similarly, smart meters employ IoT to monitor real-time electricity consumption and provide data to the utility providers without the need of manual readings, which enhances accuracy in billing.

The idea behind IoT is to make devices more intelligent and responsive by enabling the devices to communicate with each other, exchange their information, and initiate automated processes. This results in streamlined performance, minimized human error, and quick decision-making in different fields such as healthcare, transport, agriculture, and energy management (A. Tiwari and P. Goyal, 2020).

2.2.1. How IoT Is Used in Smart Homes and Energy Systems

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a significant part of the current functioning of smart houses and contemporary energy systems. Simply put, IoT is a system of interconnected objects that are capable of gathering, transmitting and receiving information. In a smart home, such devices encompass such things as the smart thermostat, lighting, plugs, and most importantly, smart meters, all of which collaborate in making homes energy-conscious and automated.

In case of energy systems, IoT assists users and electricity suppliers to develop a better insight of power consumption. As an example, smart meters with IoT capabilities may be used to monitor the consumption of electricity in real-time and transmit the information to utility companies or mobile

applications. This implies that the user will be able to keep track of their daily power consumption and change the way they use power depending on the feedback they receive.

At a bigger level, IoT assists in balancing the electricity demand within neighborhoods or cities. The more of the homes are interconnected with the grid using smart devices, the better electricity companies can control the distribution of the energy, preventing blackouts, minimizing waste, and responding promptly to the issues within the system. IoT can also enabl e such things as control of appliances remotely, energy saving schedules, load forecasting, making the whole energy ecosystem smarter and more responsive (L&T Technology Services,2020).

2.2.2. Platforms Used in IoT-Based Energy Monitoring

Energy systems that are based on IoT use cloud platforms to gather, store and visualize data on smart meters and other devices. ThingSpeak is one of the most popular platforms to do that. It is an open-source IoT platform which enables real-time data collection and visualization. Sensors such as current, voltage and power can be transmitted to the cloud via Wi-Fi modules with ThingSpeak. Users can then see charts, set alerts and even switch appliances remotely using web-based dashboards.

Other platforms such as Blynk, Firebase, and AWS IoT Core are also widespread, besides ThingSpeak. Blynk has a simple mobile interface that allows them to create their own applications to track energy consumption. Firebase developed by Google comes in handy in real-time update and secure cloud storage. AWS IoT Core is more mature and better at large scale applications which demand high level of data security and complicated integrations.

Such platforms assist in tracking the use of electricity as well as automating it. As an illustration, the user can be alerted when his/her daily energy consumption exceeds a predetermined threshold or automatically turn off the appliances when they are not utilized. This simplifies the task of

minimizing power wastage and controlling electricity bills in a better manner (P. Sharma, A. Rawat, and N. Bhadoria, 2021).

2.3. Review of Related Works

2.3.1. Sharma et al. (2021) – IoT Based Energy Meter Using ThingSpeak

What the project did:

This project presented a simple IoT energy meter where the ESP8266 Wi-Fi module was utilized to transmit the data to the ThingSpeak cloud server. The meter gauged voltage and current, transmitted the data to the cloud, and enabled the user to see graphs of data through a web interface.

Strengths:

1. Simple to construct and copy
2. ThingSpeak-based data visualization in real time
3. Cost-effective components

Weaknesses:

1. No theft alarm system

2. It depends only on Wi-Fi, restricting its application in regions with low connectivity

3. No local screen and backup in case of internet outage

How my project is an improvement on it:

My project will cover a larger area with LoRaWAN or GSM, tamper detection, dual data storage (local and cloud), and a mobile app interface that is easier to access. These extensions guarantee that the meter can be used in a remote or unstable internet context, making it more convenient to be deployed in a local context.

2.3.2. L&T Technology Services (2020) – IoT Based Smart Energy Meter for AMI

What the project did:

This whitepaper presented a case of an advanced metering infrastructure based on smart meters connected through LoRaWAN. Its design included automated billing, real time usage monitoring and mobile and web integration with the customers and energy providers.

Strengths:

1. LoRaWAN long-range, low-power communication

2. Complete AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) design

3. Has anti-tampering and load monitoring

Weaknesses:

1. Cost of implementation is high

2. Poor scalability in LoRa-gateway-less environments

3. Complicated system is not appropriate in the small-scale or low-budget regions

How my project is an improvement on it:

Although my project is based on the idea of real-time tracking and tamper detection, I make the design simpler by introducing off-the-shelf modules and providing Wi-Fi and GSM instead of LoRa. This simplifies the replication in regions that do not have a pre-existing LoRa infrastructure and makes the total cost less.

2.3.3. Waghmare et al. (2021) – IoT Based Smart Energy Meter with Load Control

What the project did:

This piece of work came up with a smart meter that was capable of not only measuring the electricity consumption, but also controlled appliances linked to it remotely. It also tracked the consumption and enabled users to switch the devices on/off using a mobile application using IoT modules.

Strengths:

1. On-line load control

2. User-friendly interface

3. Simple energy saving automation

Weaknesses:

1. More control oriented than correct metering
2. Did not have advanced monitoring capabilities such as billing or theft alert
3. Hardware configuration that is too complicated to use in simple homes

How my project is an improvement on it:

My project is concerned with precise consumption monitoring, proper billing, and tamper/theft warning, which are of greater significance to utility providers and ordinary users. In this version, the load control is not a priority, the hardware can stay cheap and basic.

2.3.4. M7 Project Report (2020) – Design and Development of Smart Energy Meter

What the project did:

This project employed the application of Arduino UNO and GSM modules to send periodic readings of energy through SMS. It was also fitted with simple theft detection circuit, which sent the alerts when the meter casing was opened or tampered with.

Strengths:

1. GSM based, applicable in locations that lack the internet
2. Theft detection feature was included

3. Basic and practical

Weaknesses:

1. No real time tracking or cloud storage
2. No interface of previous usage history
3. The cost of SMS accumulates with time

How my project is an improvement on it:

I keep the GSM fallback but extend the system to real-time dashboards, accessing the system through mobile applications, and the ability to store data locally. My design also has the capacity to handle both pre and post billing, hence it is more flexible to the modern energy billing systems.

2.3.5. Pradhan et al. (2021) – Smart Energy Meter with Android Monitoring Using IoT

What the project did:

The project introduced a smart energy meter which transmitted data to an Android application developed specifically, via Wi-Fi. It enabled the users to track electricity usage, get alerts in case of surpassing the limits, and daily reports.

Strengths:

1. Access to consumption records was available immediately through mobile app
2. Custom alerts assisted users to control the use of energy in a better way

3. Interface was easy to use which enhanced interaction

Weaknesses:

1. No theft detection or automation of billing
2. It is fully reliant on Wi-Fi connectivity
3. No access of utility provider or backend integration

How my project is an improvement on it:

My design is dual-user (both the consumer and the electricity provider) with the use of a cloud dashboard and mobile application. It has automatic billing, tamper alert, and it is compatible with GSM to achieve a broader coverage, hence can be applied in both rural and urban settings.

2.3.6. Shete et al. (2020) – IoT Based Energy Monitoring and Theft Detection System

What the project did:

The present paper was specifically dedicated to the prevention of electricity theft. The authors have developed a system that employed current and voltage sensors to locate any faulty movement of electricity that would imply a bypass or tampering. The information was transmitted to a central server that monitored and alerted.

Strengths:

1. High security and theft detection focus

2. Logic using sensors to pick up meter bypassing

3. Automatic alerts in case of unusual activity was detected

Weaknesses:

1. Not constructed to deal with user or billing

2. No user interface and data visualization

3. GSM only communication- no cloud backup

How my project is an improvement on it:

My project is a combination of theft detection, automated billing, real-time monitoring, and user dashboard. It renders the system usable in technical enforcement as well as the common user experience and thus more comprehensive in coverage and usability.

CHAPTER THREE

METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

The project adheres to the experimental type of research. It is aimed at developing and testing a prototype smart energy meter to check its performance in various conditions. The experimental approach is reasonable since the system includes hardware and software components which should be tested in practice. Experimentation can be used to check the accuracy of the voltage and current sensors, the reliability of the ESP32 microcontroller, as well as the efficiency of the IoT communication and compare it with conventional measuring instruments.

In this regard, the prototype will serve as a test platform. Various situations are simulated to test the effectiveness of the system to record power usage, react to the unusual situation, like overloading or hacking, and send data via Wi-Fi or GSM. Through conducting such trials, the project not only illustrates an effective model but also creates valuable information on its strengths and weaknesses. This renders the type of experiment design appropriate in accomplishing the project goals, particularly in the formulation of a low cost, practical and flexible smart energy metering system. (K. N. Chauhan, H. Patel, and S. Vaghela, 2020).

3.2 System Design and Architecture

The smart energy meter is a modular system, comprising of sensing, processing, communication and display units. Each of them has its role, and their combination is a real-time monitoring, storage, and transmission of data on energy consumption. The architecture has been made such that the system is capable of measuring electrical parameters, working with them and making the results accessible to both users and utility provide.

3.2.1 Sensing Unit

The sensing section is made up of the PZEM-004T power sensor. It measures the most important parameters like voltage, current, power, and energy consumed. The sensor is very precise and connected to the microcontroller by means of serial communication. It is also able to isolate high voltage and this is important to guarantee the safety of the user and security of the system (P. Sharma, A. Rawat, and N. Bhadoria, 2021).

3.2.2 Control and Processing Unit

The brain of the system is the Arduino Uno which is powered by the ATmega328P microcontroller. It receives the data of the PZEM-004T sensor, processes it and controls other parts of it including LCD, buzzer, LEDs and relay. The NPN transistors BC548 are utilized in switching and signal amplification, especially in the activation of the buzzer and the relay.

The system is powered by a 12V DC adapter and the voltage is stepped down to a constant 5V that is compatible with the microcontroller and sensors by a 7805 voltage regulator. This is achieved by having a 50V 220 mF capacitor to filter out the power supply and to even out any variation in the voltage.

3.2.3 Communication Unit

To enable the system to have an IoT capability, it is powered by the ESP-01s Wi-Fi module that can be connected to the internet and send energy readings to the ThingSpeak cloud service. Using this platform, users and administrators are able to remotely view real-time energy consumption remotely.

Communication process is as follows:

1. PZEM-004T transmits measurements to Arduino Uno.

2. The data is processed and formatted by Arduino Uno.

3. The processed data are sent to ThingSpeak through ESP-01s using Wi-Fi.

4. The user can see the readings remotely on a mobile interface or web interface.

3.2.4 Display and Alert Unit

The voltage, current, power, and energy consumption are shown on a 16×2 LCD screen in real time. The system states are marked by two LEDs (red and blue) such as the blue status when everything works correctly and the red one when there is a problem or the overload.

Buzzer gives audible indications whenever there is tampering or overloading. The relay is applied in load control; the relay has the ability to automatically de-energize the power when the consumption passes a particular limit, and hence safeguard the meter and appliances connected to it.

3.2.5 Power Supply Unit

It is also driven by a 12V DC adaptor that is hooked to the 7805 voltage regulator which supplies a constant 5V to Arduino Uno, ESP-01s, and sensors. This controlled power eliminates fluctuations and there is safe operation.

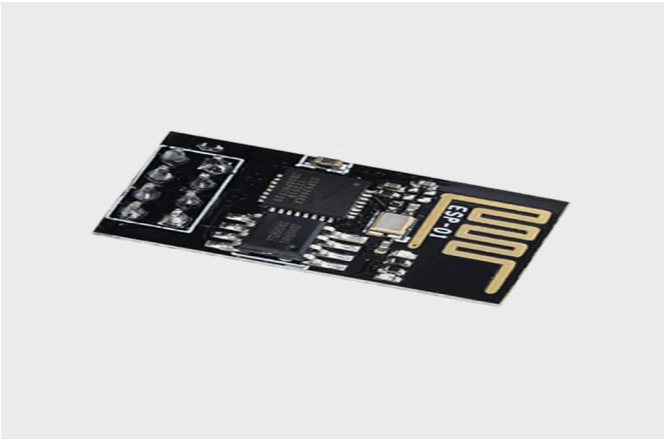
3.3 Hardware Design

Hardware design entails physical connection of all hardware components in a Vero board. All the parts were fitted in a careful manner to reduce the interference and neat wiring.

1. **Arduino Uno**

The Arduino Uno is a microcontroller board built around the ATmega328P chip. It has 14 digital input/output pins, 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz quartz crystal, and a USB interface for programming. It serves as the central control unit of the project, processing data from sensors and sending commands to other components. In this system, it receives energy data from the PZEM-004T power sensor, displays readings on the LCD screen, and communicates with the ESP-01s Wi-Fi module to upload readings to the cloud (K. Chauhan, H. Patel, and S. Vaghela, 2020).

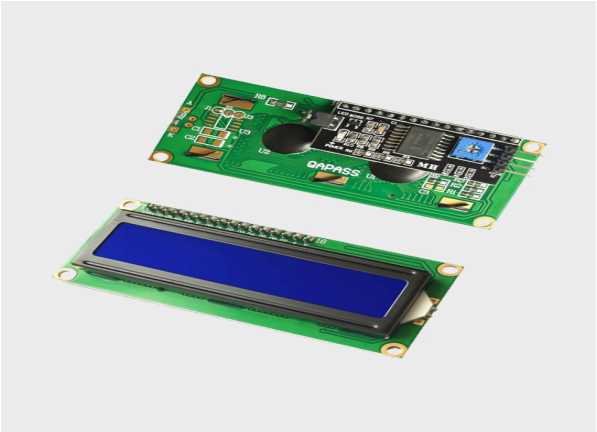
2. ESP-01s Wi-Fi Module



The ESP-01s is a compact Wi-Fi module based on the ESP8266 chip. It enables microcontrollers like the Arduino Uno to connect to wireless networks and transmit data online. It supports TCP/IP protocols and operates at 2.4 GHz frequency. In this project, it is responsible for sending real-time

voltage, current, and power data from the Arduino to the ThingSpeak IoT platform, allowing remote energy monitoring through mobile or web interfaces (S. Kumar and A. Verma,2021).

3. 16×2 LCD Screen



The 16×2 Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) is used to visually display information such as voltage, current, power, and total energy consumption. It has two rows and sixteen columns, capable of showing 32 characters at once. It communicates with the Arduino via parallel data lines. The LCD provides local, real-time feedback, ensuring users can read values directly from the meter even without an internet connection (P. Sharma, A. Rawat, and N. Bhadoria, 2021).

4. PZEM-004T Power Sensor

.The PZEM-004T is an integrated power monitoring sensor designed for precise measurement of AC voltage, current, active power, and energy consumption. It operates through a serial communication interface and uses an onboard microcontroller for signal processing. In this project, it measures the electrical parameters from the load and sends them to the Arduino Uno for further processing. Its built-in isolation feature ensures electrical safety and prevents damage to the control circuit (A. R. Thakare and M. A. Shaikh,2020).

5. 12V DC Power Adapter

The 12V DC adapter supplies power to the entire circuit. It converts AC mains voltage to a regulated 12V DC output. This voltage is then stepped down using a 7805 voltage regulator to provide 5V for components such as the Arduino Uno, ESP-01s, and sensors. The adapter ensures stable and continuous operation of the system without fluctuations (A. Gupta and M. Kaur,2021).

6. Push Buttons (4)

The push buttons serve as manual input devices for user control. In this design, they can be programmed to reset readings, change display modes, or calibrate the meter. Each button works as a simple switch that completes or breaks a circuit when pressed, sending a signal to the microcontroller (R. K. Sharma and D. Singh,2020).

7. Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs — Red and Blue)

1. Two LEDs—one red and one blue—are used as status indicators.
2. The blue LED indicates normal operation and successful Wi-Fi connectivity.
3. The red LED signals faults, overloads, or tampering conditions.

   These LEDs provide quick visual feedback for system monitoring and fault detection (A. S. Kumar and R. Prasad, 2020).

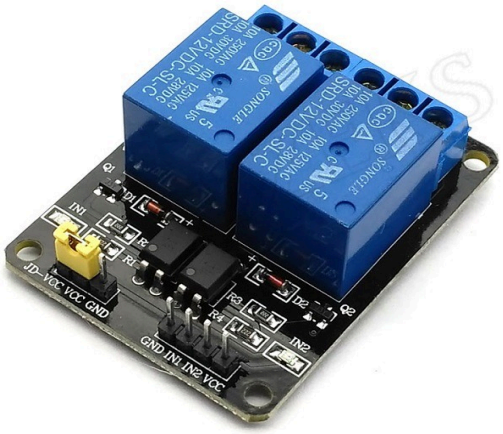
8. Socket outlet

The socket outlet is where the electrical load (such as a bulb, fan, or charger) is connected for energy measurement. It serves as the interface between the power source, the meter, and the appliance being monitored. The outlet is connected through the relay, which can automatically disconnect the load during overload conditions for protection (S. Ali and F. A. Hussain, 2021).

9. Buzzer

The buzzer acts as an audible alert system. It is driven by a BC548 NPN transistor and is activated whenever the system detects tampering, overload, or abnormal current flow. The buzzer enhances safety and draws the user's attention to faults that require immediate action (D. S. Kannan and K. Arvind, 2020).

10. Relay



The relay is an electromagnetic switch that controls the flow of current to the connected load. It allows the microcontroller to isolate or reconnect the load automatically. In this project, the relay

disconnects the load whenever the measured power exceeds a safe limit, thereby preventing electrical damage or energy theft (P. Joshi, 2020).

11. Resistors

Resistors are passive components used to limit current flow, divide voltage, and provide biasing to transistors and other semiconductor devices. They help maintain stable circuit operation by preventing excessive current that might damage sensitive components. (S. D. Khanna and M. Singh, 2021).

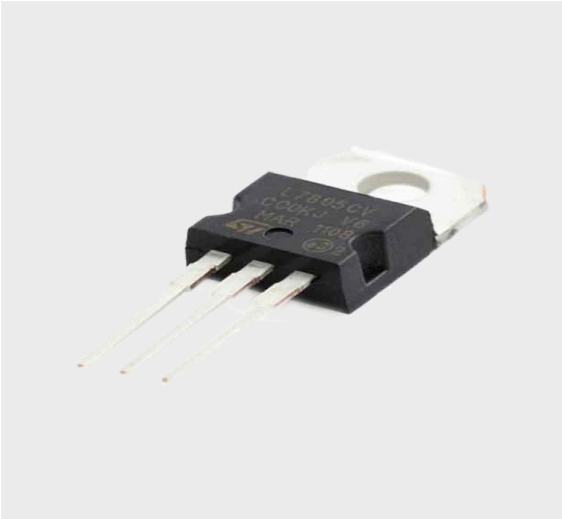
12. BC548 NPN Transistor

The BC548 is a low-power NPN bipolar junction transistor (BJT) commonly used for amplification and switching. In this project, it drives high-current devices such as the relay and buzzer, which cannot be powered directly from the Arduino pins. It ensures that control signals are strong enough to activate these components safely (R. Mishra, 2020).

13. 50V 220µF Capacitor

The electrolytic capacitor (50V, 220µF) is used for power supply filtering. It smooths out voltage ripples and stabilizes the DC output from the 12V adapter. This prevents voltage spikes and fluctuations that could affect the microcontroller and sensors. It plays a vital role in maintaining consistent circuit performance (M. O. Alaba, 2021).

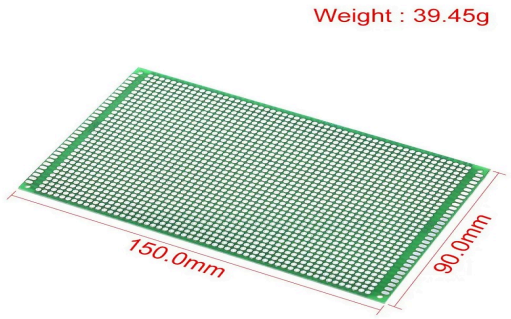
14. 7805 Voltage Regulator



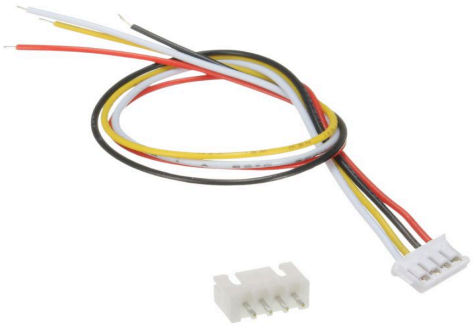
The LM7805 is a linear voltage regulator that converts the 12V DC supply into a stable 5V output. Most of the system's components—such as the Arduino, LCD, ESP-01s, and sensors—operate at 5V. The 7805 ensures that the voltage remains constant regardless of variations in input or load, protecting the entire circuit from overvoltage (A. Sharma and V. Jain, 2021).

15. Construction Materials (Wires, Soldering Lead, Vero Board)

Vero Board: Used for assembling the components permanently.



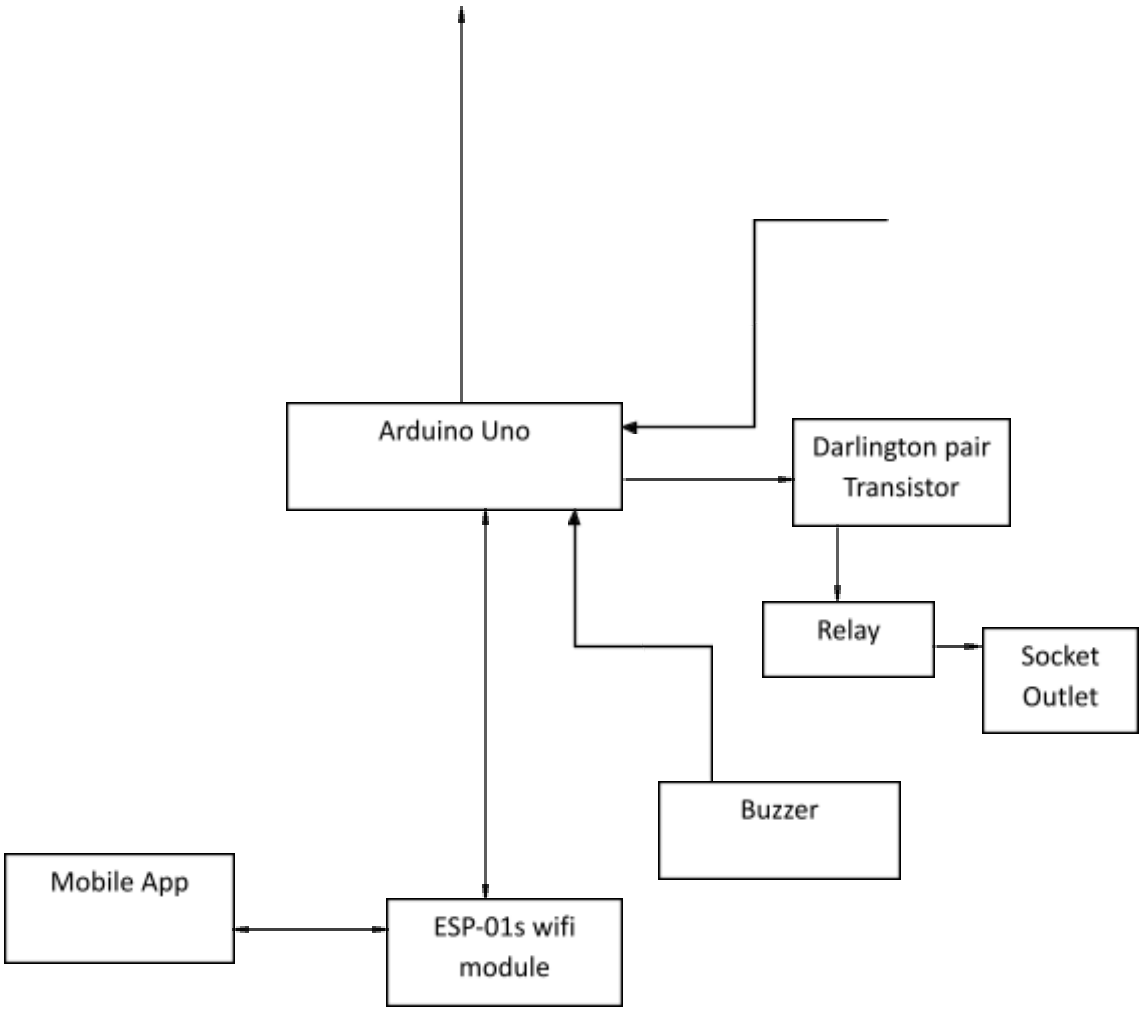
Connecting Wires: Establish electrical connections between components.



Soldering Lead: Provides durable joints between wires and component terminals.

These materials form the physical structure of the circuit and ensure reliable connections throughout the system.

LCD with I2C



Circuit Diagram of a Smart Meter using IoT Monitoring

3.4 Circuit Diagram Description

The block diagram of the IoT-based Smart Energy Meter illustrates the relationship and interaction among the major hardware components that make up the system. Each block performs a specific function, and together they form an integrated setup capable of sensing, processing, displaying, and transmitting energy data in real time.

1. **Power Supply Unit**

The power supply unit provides electrical energy required by all components in the system. It consists of a 12V DC adapter, a 7805 voltage regulator, and a 50V 220µF capacitor.

1. The 12V adapter converts AC mains voltage to 12V DC.
2. The 7805 regulator steps down this voltage to a steady 5V DC, which is required by the Arduino Uno, PZEM-004T, and ESP-01s.
3. The capacitor filters and stabilizes the voltage to remove any ripples or fluctuations.

This stable DC supply ensures reliable and consistent operation of the entire circuit.

2. **Sensing Unit (PZEM-004T Power Sensor)**

The PZEM-004T is responsible for measuring key electrical parameters — voltage, current, power, and energy consumption.

It is connected in series with the load through the socket outlet and sends the measured analog signals to the Arduino Uno via serial communication.

The sensor's built-in isolation circuitry ensures user safety and protects the control electronics from high voltage.

3. **Control Unit (Arduino Uno)**

The Arduino Uno acts as the central processing unit of the system. It receives the measurement data from the PZEM-004T, performs necessary computations, and coordinates communication between all other modules.

Key functions include:

1. Reading real-time data (Voltage, Current, Power, Energy).
2. Performing calculations for power and total energy consumption.
3. Sending display commands to the LCD.
4. Communicating processed data to the ESP-01s module for IoT transmission.
5. Activating the buzzer, LED indicators, and relay based on conditions such as overload or tampering.

It runs the main program that dictates the system's logic and response at every stage.

4. **Display Unit (16×2 LCD Screen)**

The LCD module displays live readings of voltage, current, power, and energy in a human-readable format.It gives the user direct access to energy information locally without needing to check the online dashboard. During overload or fault conditions, the LCD can also show warning messages to alert the user.

5. **IoT Communication Unit (ESP-01s Wi-Fi Module)**

The ESP-01s module provides internet connectivity for the system. It connects to a Wi-Fi network and uploads the energy readings to the ThingSpeak cloud platform at regular intervals.

Through ThingSpeak, users can view real-time energy consumption, detect abnormalities, and track usage trends over time.

This makes the system part of the Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystem, where devices communicate autonomously (P. Sharma, A. Rawat, and N. Bhadoria, 2021).

6. **Load Control and Alert Unit (Relay, LEDs, Buzzer, Transistor)**

This unit ensures system safety and user notification.

1. The relay acts as an automatic switch that disconnects the electrical load when the measured power or current exceeds a safe threshold.
2. The buzzer provides an audible warning in case of overload or tampering.
3. The LEDs (red and blue) offer visual status indicators — blue for normal operation, red for faults or disconnections.
4. BC548 NPN transistors are used to drive the relay and buzzer since the Arduino output current is not sufficient to power them directly.

This unit ensures both protection and awareness, preventing energy theft and electrical hazards.

7. **Load / Socket Outlet**

The socket outlet is where the external electrical load (like bulbs, fans, or chargers) is connected. All measurements are taken from this outlet, and the load can be automatically disconnected during fault conditions through the relay.

8. **ThingSpeak Cloud Platform**

The ThingSpeak cloud is the online IoT platform where the ESP-01s uploads all real-time data.

It stores and visualizes voltage, current, power, and energy readings in graphical form.

This enables remote monitoring through smartphones, computers, or any internet-enabled device.

3.5 Software Design

Arduino IDE was used in developing the software section. The code was coded in C/C++ and loaded onto the Arduino Uno by a USB port.

Program flow logic

The Arduino program follows a logical sequence to continuously measure, process, display, and upload energy data:

1. Start / Initialization

- Power on the system.
- Initialize all components (LCD, PZEM-004T, ESP-01s Wi-Fi module).
- Establish Wi-Fi connection to the ThingSpeak platform.

2. Sensor Data Acquisition
    - Read voltage (V) and current (I) from the PZEM-004T sensor.
3. Computation Stage
    - Calculate power ($P = V \times I$).
    - Accumulate total energy (E) used over time.
4. Display Results
    - Show the real-time voltage, current, power, and energy values on the 16×2 LCD screen.
5. Check System Status
    - If current or power exceeds a set threshold →
        - Activate buzzer and red LED.
        - Relay disconnects load.
    - Otherwise →
        - Keep blue LED ON (normal operation).

6. IoT Data Upload

    - Send the measured data (V, I, P, E) through ESP-01s Wi-Fi module to ThingSpeak cloud.

    - Wait for acknowledgment or retry if upload fails.

7. Loop / Repeat

    - Wait for a few seconds (e.g., 15 seconds).

    - Repeat data reading, calculation, and upload continuously.

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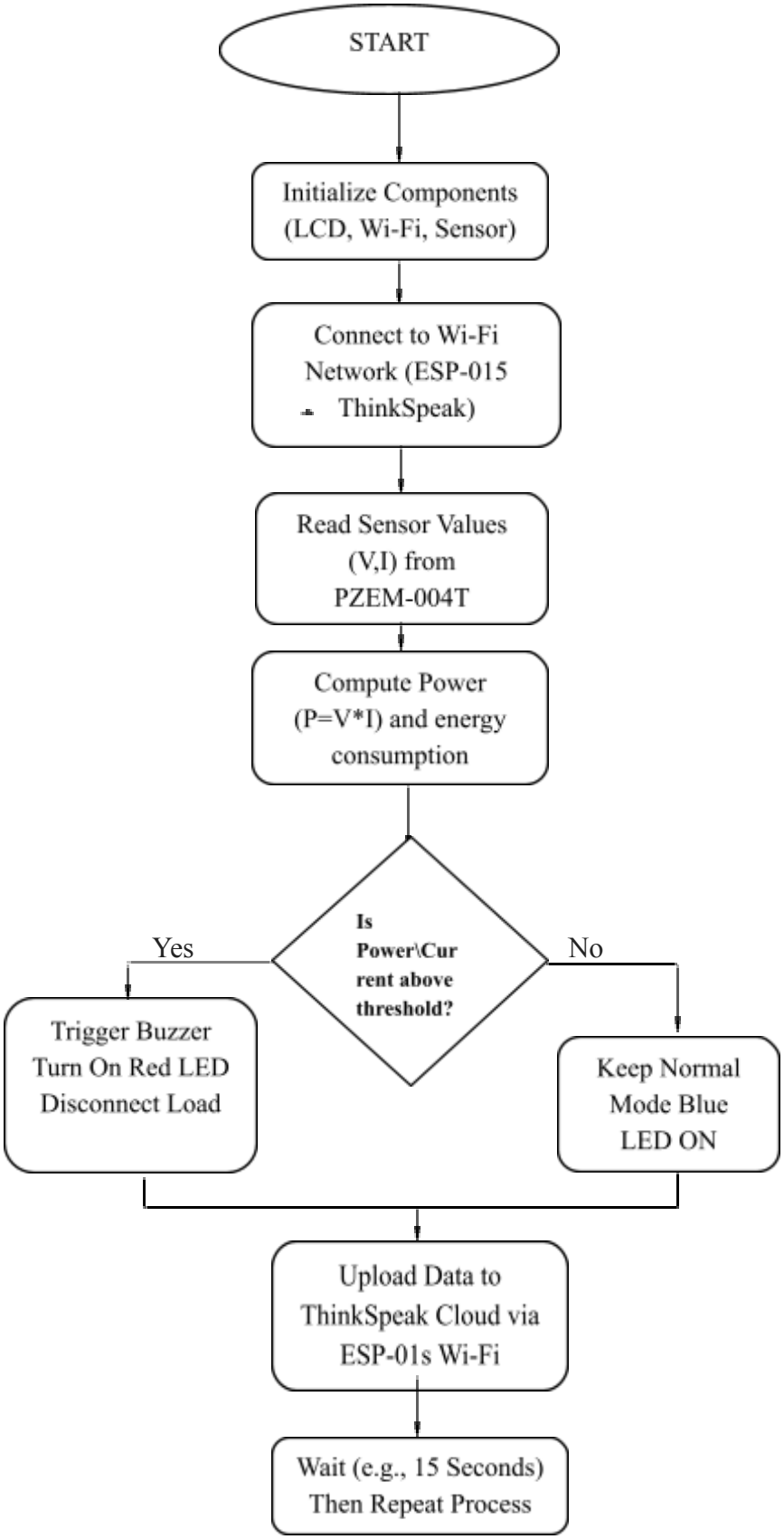

Flowchart of program logic

3.6 Working Principle

Upon activation of the system, the PZEM-004T sensor starts to measure and record voltage and current of the load connected. Arduino Uno calculates power and total energy consumed and displays the values on the LCD display.

These readings are sent to the ThingSpeak cloud by ESP-01s module and can be monitored by a user remotely. In case the system notices tampering or overcurrent, the buzzer is activated, the red LED is on and the relay is used to break the load to avoid any damage.

3.7 Bills of Materials (BOM)

component	Specification	Quantity
Arduino Uno	ATmega328P	1
ESP-01s	Wi-Fi module	1
PZEM-004T	Power Sensor	1
LCD Screen	16 x 2	1
12V Adapter	DC output	1

Voltage Regulator	LM7805	1
Capacitor	50V, 220µF	1
BC548Transistor	NPN	2
Relay	5V	1
Buzzer	-	1
Buttons	Push type	4
LEDs	Red,Blue	2
Socket Outlet	-	1
Resistors	Various	-

CHAPTER FOUR

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the results obtained from the design, construction, and testing of the IoT-based Smart Energy Meter. The purpose of this stage was to verify the correct operation of all hardware and software components, ensure accurate measurement of voltage and current, and validate data transmission to the cloud. The results are analyzed in terms of accuracy, responsiveness, and reliability under different load conditions.

4.2 System Implementation

The assembled prototype consisted of an Arduino Uno as the main controller, a PZEM-004T power sensor for measuring electrical parameters, an ESP-01s Wi-Fi module for IoT communication, a 16×2 LCD screen for displaying local readings, and a relay with a buzzer and LED indicators for load control and alert functions.

The system was powered by a 12V DC adapter, regulated to 5V using the 7805 voltage regulator and filtered with a 50V, 220μF capacitor. The entire circuit was assembled on a Vero board, with connections soldered for firmness. Each module was tested individually before integration to ensure proper communication and signal stability.

The completed system allowed real-time monitoring of voltage, current, power, and total energy consumption both on the LCD and remotely via the ThingSpeak IoT platform(K. N. Chauhan, H. Patel, and S. Vaghela, 2020).

4.3 Testing Procedures

Testing was conducted in stages to evaluate sensor accuracy, data transmission, and system response.

4.3.1 Sensor Accuracy Test

The PZEM-004T sensor readings were compared with those obtained from a calibrated digital multimeter. The load was varied using different household appliances such as bulbs, fans, and phone chargers.

4.3.2 Power and Energy Calculation Test

Power was calculated using the formula:

P = V \times I

where V is the measured voltage and I is the current.

The Arduino Uno continuously computed and accumulated total energy consumption over time.

4.3.3 IoT Transmission Test

The ESP-01s Wi-Fi module was programmed to send readings to the ThingSpeak cloud every 15 seconds. A stable connection was established via a mobile hotspot, and data was successfully uploaded and visualized on ThingSpeak graphs in real time.

4.3.4 Load Control Test

To verify overload protection, a high-power load was connected until the sensor detected a current beyond the safe limit. The relay immediately disconnected the load, while the buzzer sounded and the red LED turned on to alert the user.

4.3.5 System Response Test

System latency (the time taken between measurement and cloud update) averaged between 2 and 4 seconds, depending on network stability. This response was acceptable for real-time monitoring applications.

4.4 Results Obtained

The table below shows a comparison between the readings from the smart energy meter and those from a calibrated multimeter during testing.

Load Type	Voltage (V) - Multimeter	Voltage - Meter	Current (A) - Multimeter	Current (A) - Meter	Error (%)
Bulb (60W)	229.3	228.9	0.26	0.27	1.8
Fan	231.0	230.4	0.38	0.39	2.1
Charger	230.2	229.8	0.09	0.09	0.0
Electric Iron (1000W)	232.5	231.6	4.30	4.34	0.9

The average error rate across all readings was less than 3%, indicating good measurement accuracy.

The ThingSpeak dashboard displayed four continuous data streams — voltage, current, power, and energy — each plotted against time. Users could remotely view and download this data for analysis.

4.5 Performance Analysis

The developed system performed efficiently throughout the test period.

1. Measurement Accuracy: The readings were closely aligned with those from the multimeter, confirming that the PZEM-004T was properly calibrated.
2. Cloud Synchronization: The ESP-01s module maintained consistent data uploads with minimal delay, demonstrating stable connectivity.
3. Response Time: The delay between measurement and ThingSpeak update was negligible for practical purposes.
4. Load Management: The relay successfully disconnected loads during overloads, ensuring safety.
5. Alerts and Indicators: Both the buzzer and LEDs worked correctly to signal system states (normal or fault).

4.6 Discussion of Findings

The experimental results show that IoT integration with energy metering enhances visibility, control, and data accessibility. Users could monitor their energy consumption in real time and identify heavy loads contributing to higher bills.

The smart meter prototype also proved that affordable components like the PZEM-004T sensor and ESP-01s Wi-Fi module can deliver high performance comparable to commercial meters.

One key challenge observed was the dependence on network strength. When Wi-Fi connectivity was weak, ThingSpeak updates were delayed or temporarily halted. Additionally, sensor readings showed minor drift under high current loads, which can be improved by recalibration or using industrial-grade sensors (P. Sharma, A. Rawat, and N. Bhadoria, 2021).

4.7 Advantages of the Developed System

1. Real-time measurement and remote access to energy data.
2. Low-cost design suitable for household or small-scale use.
3. Cloud-based storage and visualization of consumption data.
4. Automatic disconnection of load during overload.
5. Audible and visual alerts for safety.
6. User-friendly LCD interface and simple operation.

4.8 Limitations

1. Requires an active internet connection for ThingSpeak updates.
2. Limited current range (up to the rating of the PZEM-004T sensor).
3. Slight delay during poor Wi-Fi connection.
4. No internal backup power; system stops when supply is cut off.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Summary

This project focused on the design and construction of an IoT-based Smart Energy Meter that can measure, monitor, and transmit power consumption data in real time. The main objective was to create a cost-effective and reliable system capable of tracking energy usage locally and remotely through an internet connection.

The system is built around the Arduino Uno microcontroller, which serves as the main control unit. The PZEM-004T power sensor measures key electrical parameters such as voltage, current, power, and total energy consumed. These values are processed by the Arduino and displayed on a 16×2 LCD screen for local monitoring.

The ESP-01s Wi-Fi module connects the system to the ThingSpeak IoT platform, enabling remote monitoring and data visualization through the internet. The relay provides automatic load control by disconnecting power during overload conditions, while the buzzer and LED indicators serve as safety and notification tools.

The entire system is powered by a 12V DC adapter, regulated to 5V using a 7805 voltage regulator, ensuring stable operation. Each module was tested and integrated successfully, with experimental results showing accurate readings, real-time data transmission, and fast response time.

The project met all its stated objectives, including accurate energy measurement, IoT connectivity, and automatic fault detection.

5.2 Conclusion

The successful completion of this project demonstrates that IoT technology can significantly improve traditional energy monitoring systems. By integrating sensors, microcontrollers, and cloud-based platforms, energy usage can be tracked in real time, allowing users to make informed decisions about consumption and cost management.

The prototype proved to be accurate, affordable, and practical for small-scale applications such as residential and office settings. The system not only measures electrical parameters but also provides early warnings for overload or tampering, ensuring user safety and equipment protection.

Through the ThingSpeak cloud, users can remotely access and analyze energy consumption trends, making the system suitable for smart home and energy management applications. The combination of Arduino Uno, PZEM-004T, and ESP-01s provided a reliable foundation for IoT-based energy metering at a fraction of the cost of commercial systems.

5.3 Recommendations

While the project achieved its intended goals, several improvements can make it more robust and scalable in future work:

1. Integration with GSM or LoRa Module:

Adding GSM or LoRa communication modules can make the system independent of Wi-Fi networks, especially in areas with poor internet coverage.

2. Mobile App Development:

   Creating a mobile application that syncs with the ThingSpeak cloud would enhance user experience and make monitoring more interactive.

3. Three-Phase Meter Extension:

   The current design supports single-phase monitoring. It can be expanded to handle three-phase power systems used in industries and larger facilities.

4. Automatic Billing Feature:

   Incorporating automatic billing logic can allow users to view daily or monthly energy costs directly on their screens or mobile apps.

5. Data Logging and Backup:

   Adding SD card storage or cloud-based backup will help retain data during internet downtime, ensuring continuous tracking.

6. Enhanced Sensor Calibration:

   Using higher precision sensors or performing periodic calibration will reduce minor measurement errors and improve long-term accuracy.

7. Integration with Smart Grid Systems:

Future versions can communicate with utility companies for real-time load control and energy distribution optimization.

5.4 Final Remarks

This project successfully bridges the gap between traditional metering and smart energy management through IoT technology. It offers a foundation for developing low-cost, user-friendly, and scalable energy monitoring solutions.

With further enhancements and integration into broader smart grid frameworks, this design can contribute significantly to energy conservation, efficient billing, and sustainable power usage in modern homes and businesses.

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APPENDIX

PROGRAM CODE

```
#include <PZEM004Tv30.h>
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>
#include <EEPROM.h>
#include <WiFiEsp.h> // Library to use the ESP8266 as a WiFi Shield
#include <WiFiEspClient.h>
#include <WiFiEspServer.h>

// ---------------- Pin Definitions ----------------
#define PZEM_RX_PIN 16 // Use Mega's Serial2 RX pin
#define PZEM_TX_PIN 17 // Use Mega's Serial2 TX pin
#define RELAY_PIN   5
#define BUZZER_PIN  6
#define RED_LED     7
#define BLUE_LED    8
#define BTN_MENU    2
#define BTN_UP      3
#define BTN_DOWN    4
#define BTN_BACK    9

// -------------- LCD, PZEM, and WiFi setup ---------------
LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);
```

```
// PZEM uses Hardware Serial 2 (Pins 16/17)
PZEM004Tv30 pzem(Serial2);

// ESP-01 (WiFi) uses Hardware Serial 1 (Pins 19/18)
HardwareSerial& espSerial = Serial1;

// WiFi Credentials (CHANGE THESE!)
char ssid[] = "YOUR_WIFI_SSID";
char pass[] = "YOUR_WIFI_PASSWORD";

int status = WL_IDLE_STATUS;
WiFiServer server(80); // Start Web Server on port 80

// ---------- Global Variables ----------
int powerLimit;
bool relayState = true;
bool iotEnabled = true;

enum Screen {WELCOME, MAIN, MENU, CALIBRATE, CONTROL_SOCKET,
CONTROL_IOT};
Screen currentScreen = WELCOME;
int menuIndex = 0;

unsigned long lastBeep = 0;
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```
bool beepState = false;


// EEPROM addresses
#define ADDR_LIMIT  0
#define ADDR_RELAY  2
#define ADDR_IOT    3


// A simple structure to hold the PZEM data for the web server
struct PZEM_Data {
  float v;
  float i;
  float p;
  bool rel;
  int lim;
};
PZEM_Data sensorData;


// ---------- Function Declarations ----------
void showWelcome();
void showMain();
void showMenu();
void showCalibrate();
void showControlSocket();
void showControlIoT();
void beep();
```

```
bool buttonPressed(int pin);
void handleRoot();
void handleAPI(String request);
String getDashboardHTML();

// ------------------------------------------------
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600); // Debug serial

  // Pin setup (Your original code)
  pinMode(RELAY_PIN, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(BUZZER_PIN, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(RED_LED, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(BLUE_LED, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(BTN_MENU, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(BTN_UP, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(BTN_DOWN, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(BTN_BACK, INPUT_PULLUP);

  lcd.init();
  lcd.backlight();

  // Load settings (Your original code)
  EEPROM.get(ADDR_LIMIT, powerLimit);
  EEPROM.get(ADDR_RELAY, relayState);
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```
EEPROM.get(ADDR_IOT, iotEnabled);
if (powerLimit < 10 || powerLimit > 1000) powerLimit = 30;

digitalWrite(RELAY_PIN, relayState);
showWelcome();

// ---------------- WiFi Setup ----------------
Serial2.begin(9600);    // Initialize PZEM serial
espSerial.begin(115200); // Initialize ESP-01 serial
WiFi.init(&espSerial);

lcd.setCursor(0,0);
lcd.print("WiFi Init...");

while (status != WL_CONNECTED) {
  lcd.clear();
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
  lcd.print("Connect:");
  lcd.setCursor(0,1);
  lcd.print(ssid);
  status = WiFi.begin(ssid, pass);
  delay(3000);
}

// Connection successful
```

```
  lcd.clear();
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
  lcd.print("IP:");
  lcd.print(WiFi.localIP());

  server.begin(); // Start the Web Server
  delay(2000);
  currentScreen = MAIN;
}

// ------------------------------------------------
void loop() {
  // ---------------- Web Server Handling ----------------
  WiFiClient client = server.available();
  if (client) {
    String request = "";
    while (client.connected()) {
      if (client.available()) {
        char c = client.read();
        request += c;
        // Check for the end of the HTTP request header
        if (request.endsWith("\r\n\r\n")) break;
      }
    }
```

```
  if (request.length() > 0) {
    if (request.indexOf("GET /api") >= 0) {
      handleAPI(request);
    }
    else if (request.indexOf("GET / HTTP") >= 0) {
      handleRoot();
    }
  }
  client.stop(); // Close the connection
}

// ---------- PZEM Reading and Data Update ----------
sensorData.v = pzem.voltage();
sensorData.i = pzem.current();
sensorData.p = pzem.power();
sensorData.rel = relayState;
sensorData.lim = powerLimit;

// ---------- Auto Cutoff Logic (MUST run constantly) ----------
if (relayState && sensorData.p > powerLimit) {
  relayState = false;
  digitalWrite(RELAY_PIN, LOW);
  digitalWrite(RED_LED, HIGH);
  EEPROM.put(ADDR_RELAY, relayState);
  Serial.println("⚠️ Power Limit Exceeded! Auto Cutoff.");
```

```
}

// Beep if overload and socket is OFF
if (!relayState && sensorData.p > powerLimit) {
  if (millis() - lastBeep >= 500) {
    lastBeep = millis();
    beepState = !beepState;
    digitalWrite(BUZZER_PIN, beepState);
  }
  digitalWrite(RED_LED, HIGH);
} else {
  digitalWrite(BUZZER_PIN, LOW);
  digitalWrite(RED_LED, LOW);
}

// Blue LED logic
if (relayState && sensorData.v > 100.0)
  digitalWrite(BLUE_LED, HIGH);
else
  digitalWrite(BLUE_LED, LOW);

digitalWrite(RELAY_PIN, relayState); // Ensure relay reflects state

// ---------- LCD Screen Handling ----------
switch (currentScreen) {
```

```
    case MAIN:
      showMain();
      break;
    case MENU:
      showMenu();
      break;
    case CALIBRATE:
      showCalibrate();
      break;
    case CONTROL_SOCKET:
      showControlSocket();
      break;
    case CONTROL_IOT:
      showControlIoT();
      break;
    default:
      showWelcome();
      delay(1500);
      currentScreen = MAIN;
  }
}

// -------------------- Web Server Functions --------------------

void handleRoot() {
```

```
  WiFiClient client = server.available();
  client.println("HTTP/1.1 200 OK");
  client.println("Content-Type: text/html");
  client.println("Connection: close");
  client.println();
  client.print(getDashboardHTML()); // Send the main HTML structure
}

void handleAPI(String request) {
  WiFiClient client = server.available();

  // 1. Handle Control Commands (GET /api?cmd=...)
  if (request.indexOf("cmd=relay_toggle") > 0) {
    // Toggling happens *before* checking power limit for immediate user feedback
    bool requestedState = !relayState;

    // Check for overload conflict on turning ON
    if (requestedState && sensorData.p > powerLimit) {
       // If user tries to turn ON, but it's an overload, revert and warn
       Serial.println("⛔ Web: Cannot turn ON - Overload!");
    } else {
       relayState = requestedState;
       digitalWrite(RELAY_PIN, relayState);
       EEPROM.put(ADDR_RELAY, relayState);
    }
```

```
}

// Handle Limit setting command
if (request.indexOf("cmd=set_limit") > 0) {
  int start = request.indexOf("val=") + 4;
  int end = request.indexOf("&", start);
  String valStr = (end > start) ? request.substring(start, end) : request.substring(start);
  int newLimit = valStr.toInt();
  if (newLimit >= 10 && newLimit <= 1000) {
    powerLimit = newLimit;
    EEPROM.put(ADDR_LIMIT, powerLimit);
    Serial.print("Web: Power Limit set to: "); Serial.println(powerLimit);
  }
}

// 2. Send Real-Time Data as JSON
String json = "{\"v\":" + String(sensorData.v, 1) +
              ",\"i\":" + String(sensorData.i, 2) +
              ",\"p\":" + String(sensorData.p, 1) +
              ",\"relay\":" + (relayState ? "true" : "false") + // Use actual relayState
              ",\"limit\":" + String(powerLimit) + "}";

client.println("HTTP/1.1 200 OK");
client.println("Content-Type: application/json");
client.println("Connection: close");
```

```
  client.println();
  client.println(json);
}

// ---------- Dashboard HTML/CSS/JS ----------
String getDashboardHTML() {
  String html = R"raw(
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<meta name='viewport' content='width=device-width, initial-scale=1'>
<title>Smart Power Monitor</title>
<style>
body{font-family:Arial;margin:0;background-color:#2c3e50;color:#ecf0f1;}
.container{max-width:400px;margin:auto;padding:20px;}
h1{text-align:center;color:#3498db;}
.card{background:#34495e;padding:15px;margin-bottom:15px;border-radius:8px;}
.metric{font-size:1.2em;margin:10px 0;}
.value{font-weight:bold;float:right;}
.relay-btn{width:100%;padding:15px;font-size:1.5em;border:none;border-radius:5px;cursor:
pointer;transition: background-color 0.3s;}
.btn-on{background-color:#2ecc71;}
.btn-off{background-color:#e74c3c;}
.limit-input{width:60px;padding:5px;border-radius:4px;border:1px solid #7f8c8d;}
</style>
```

```
</head>
<body>
<div class='container'>
  <h1>Smart Power Monitor</h1>

  <div class='card'>
    <h2>Live Metrics</h2>
    <div class='metric'>Voltage (V): <span id='v-val' class='value'>--</span></div>
    <div class='metric'>Current (A): <span id='i-val' class='value'>--</span></div>
    <div class='metric'>Power (W): <span id='p-val' class='value'>--</span></div>
    <div class='metric'>Status: <span id='status-val' class='value'>--</span></div>
  </div>

  <div class='card'>
    <h2>Socket Control</h2>
    <button id='relay-toggle' class='relay-btn' onclick='toggleRelay()'>--</button>
  </div>

  <div class='card'>
    <h2>Power Limit</h2>
    Set Limit (W): <input type='number' id='limit-input' class='limit-input' min='10'
max='1000'>
    <button onclick='setLimit()' style='padding:8px;margin-left:10px;'>Set</button>
    <div style='margin-top:10px;'>Current Limit: <span id='limit-val'
class='value'>--</span></div>
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  </div>

</div>

<script>
// Function to update metrics from the API
function updateMetrics() {
  var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
  xhttp.onreadystatechange = function() {
    if (this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200) {
      var data = JSON.parse(this.responseText);

      document.getElementById('v-val').innerHTML = data.v;
      document.getElementById('i-val').innerHTML = data.i;
      document.getElementById('p-val').innerHTML = data.p;
      document.getElementById('limit-val').innerHTML = data.limit;
      document.getElementById('limit-input').value = data.limit;

      // Update Relay Button and Status
      var btn = document.getElementById('relay-toggle');
      if (data.relay) {
        btn.innerHTML = 'SOCKET IS ON';
        btn.className = 'relay-btn btn-on';
        document.getElementById('status-val').innerHTML = 'RUNNING';
      } else {
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        btn.innerHTML = 'SOCKET IS OFF';
        btn.className = 'relay-btn btn-off';
        var statusText = 'STOPPED';
        if (parseFloat(data.p) > parseFloat(data.limit)) {
            statusText = 'CUTOFF (OVERLOAD)';
        }
        document.getElementById('status-val').innerHTML = statusText;
      }
    }
  };
  xhttp.open('GET', '/api', true);
  xhttp.send();
}

// Function to toggle the relay
function toggleRelay() {
  var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
  xhttp.open('GET', '/api?cmd=relay_toggle', true);
  xhttp.send();
  // Wait a moment then update UI
  setTimeout(updateMetrics, 500);
}

// Function to set the power limit
function setLimit() {
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  var limit = document.getElementById('limit-input').value;
  var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
  xhttp.open('GET', '/api?cmd=set_limit&val=' + limit, true);
  xhttp.send();
  // Wait a moment then update UI
  setTimeout(updateMetrics, 500);
}

// Poll the API every 3 seconds for updates
setInterval(updateMetrics, 3000);

// Initial load
updateMetrics();
</script>
</body>
</html>
)raw";
  return html;
}

// ---------------------- LCD Screen Functions (Your Original Code) ----------------------

void showWelcome() {
  // ... (Your original implementation)
  lcd.clear();
```

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  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
  lcd.print("Power Monitor");
  lcd.setCursor(0,1);
  lcd.print("Initializing...");
}

void showMain() {
  // Use sensorData which is updated in loop()
  float voltage = sensorData.v;
  float current = sensorData.i;
  float power   = sensorData.p;

  if (isnan(voltage) || isnan(current) || isnan(power)) return;

  // Display PZEM values
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
  lcd.print("V:"); lcd.print(voltage,0);
  lcd.print(" I:"); lcd.print(current,1);
  lcd.print("  ");

  lcd.setCursor(0,1);
  lcd.print("P:"); lcd.print(power,0); lcd.print("W ");
  lcd.print(power > powerLimit ? "CUT" : "RUN");

  // Go to menu
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  if (buttonPressed(BTN_MENU)) {
    currentScreen = MENU;
    lcd.clear();
    delay(200);
  }
}

void showMenu() {
  const char *items[] = {"Calibrate", "Control Socket", "Control IoT"};
  int itemCount = 3;

  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
  lcd.print("Menu:");
  lcd.setCursor(0,1);
  lcd.print("> ");
  lcd.print(items[menuIndex]);
  lcd.print("        ");

  if (buttonPressed(BTN_UP)) {
    menuIndex = (menuIndex - 1 + itemCount) % itemCount;
  } else if (buttonPressed(BTN_DOWN)) {
    menuIndex = (menuIndex + 1) % itemCount;
  } else if (buttonPressed(BTN_MENU)) {
    switch(menuIndex) {
      case 0: currentScreen = CALIBRATE; break;
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      case 1: currentScreen = CONTROL_SOCKET; break;
      case 2: currentScreen = CONTROL_IOT; break;
    }
    lcd.clear();
    delay(200);
  } else if (buttonPressed(BTN_BACK)) {
    currentScreen = MAIN;
    lcd.clear();
    delay(200);
  }
}

void showCalibrate() {
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
  lcd.print("Set Limit:");
  lcd.setCursor(0,1);
  lcd.print(powerLimit);
  lcd.print(" W     ");

  if (buttonPressed(BTN_UP)) {
    powerLimit = constrain(powerLimit + 5, 10, 1000);
  } else if (buttonPressed(BTN_DOWN)) {
    powerLimit = constrain(powerLimit - 5, 10, 1000);
  } else if (buttonPressed(BTN_MENU)) {
    EEPROM.put(ADDR_LIMIT, powerLimit);
```

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    lcd.clear();
    lcd.print("Saved!");
    delay(800);
    currentScreen = MAIN;
  } else if (buttonPressed(BTN_BACK)) {
    // Reload limit from EEPROM if button back is pressed without saving
    EEPROM.get(ADDR_LIMIT, powerLimit);
    currentScreen = MAIN;
    lcd.clear();
  }
}

void showControlSocket() {
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
  lcd.print("Socket: ");
  lcd.print(relayState ? "ON " : "OFF");
  lcd.setCursor(0,1);
  lcd.print("UP/DN to toggle");

  if (buttonPressed(BTN_UP) || buttonPressed(BTN_DOWN)) {
    bool requestedState = !relayState;

    // Check for overload conflict on turning ON
    if (requestedState && sensorData.p > powerLimit) {
        // If user tries to turn ON, but it's an overload, do nothing
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      lcd.clear();
      lcd.print("!! Overload !!");
      delay(1000);

    } else {
      relayState = requestedState;
      digitalWrite(RELAY_PIN, relayState);
      EEPROM.put(ADDR_RELAY, relayState);
    }
    delay(300);
  } else if (buttonPressed(BTN_BACK)) {
    currentScreen = MAIN;
    lcd.clear();
  }
}

void showControlIoT() {
  lcd.setCursor(0,0);
  lcd.print("IoT: ");
  lcd.print(iotEnabled ? "ENABLED " : "DISABLED");
  lcd.setCursor(0,1);
  lcd.print("UP/DN to toggle");

  if (buttonPressed(BTN_UP) || buttonPressed(BTN_DOWN)) {
    iotEnabled = !iotEnabled;
```

```
    EEPROM.put(ADDR_IOT, iotEnabled);
    delay(300);
  } else if (buttonPressed(BTN_BACK)) {
    currentScreen = MAIN;
    lcd.clear();
  }
}

void beep() {
  tone(BUZZER_PIN, 2000, 150);
}

// Simple button debounce
bool buttonPressed(int pin) {
  if (digitalRead(pin) == LOW) {
    delay(150);
    while (digitalRead(pin) == LOW);
    delay(100);
    return true;
  }
  return false;
}
```