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ABSTRAK

Sejajar dengan kemajuan sains dan teknologi, pelbagai kemudahan dapat diperolehi. Aplikasi sains dan teknologi yang semakin moden dapat membawa kepada perubahan dalam kehidupan seharian kita. Justeru itu aktiviti seharian kita dapat dilakukan dengan pantas dan efektif. Tujuan projek ini direka untuk mengawal perkakas elektrik dengan menggunakan alat kawalan jauh. Alat kawalan jauh ini dicipta untuk mengawal perkakas elektrik terutama di makmal. Antara perkakas elektrik yang mampu dikawal adalah seperti lampu, kipas, kelajuan kipas dan ianya juga boleh digunakan untuk mengawal pintu samada dalam keadaan buka atau tutup. Alat kawalan jauh ini dibina dengan menggunakan sistem penghantaran frekuensi radio. Ianya dicipta untuk mengawal perkakas elektrik dalam keadaan buka (ON) dan tutup (OFF). Semua perkakas elektrik ini dapat dikawal hanya menggunakan satu alat kawalan jauh sahaja. Kawalan pintu dapat meningkatkan lagi sistem keselamatan terutama di makmal. Alat kawalan jauh menggunakan frekuensi radio ini terdiri daripada pemancar dan penerima. Pemancar akan menghantar isyarat kawalan perkakas elektrik melalui antena pemancar dan akan diterima oleh antena penerima. Seterusnya, penerima akan mengawal isyarat yang diterima melalui geganti sebagai pengantara kepada setiap perkakas elektrik yang hendak dikawal. Geganti sebagai suis untuk menghidup dan mematikan operasi. Operasi projek ini dikawal dengan frekuensi radio yang tetap iaitu 315Mhz. Selain itu, alat kawalan jauh ini dapat memudahkan pengguna untuk melakukan aktiviti seharian dengan pantas.

ABSTRACT

In line with the advancement of science and technology, a lot of facilities are available. Application of science and technology are able to lead the changes in our daily lives. Hence our daily activities can be done quickly and effectively. The purpose of this project is to control electrical appliances using the remote control especially laboratory. Among the appliances that can be controlled such as lights, fans, fan speed, and it can also be used to control the door whether it is open or closed state. The remote control is built by using radio frequency transmission system. It was created to control appliances in the open (ON) and close (OFF). Condition remote control is used to control the entire appliances. To improve the system security especially in laboratory the door system control is applied. The remote control used radio frequency consists of a transmitter and receiver. The transmitter will transmit a signal through the antenna of the control electric appliances and the signal is receive by the antennas receiver. Next, the receiver will control signal received by the relay as an interface to all appliances which will be control. Relay as a switch to turn on and turn off the operation. Project operations are controlled by the radio frequency of 315 MHz fixed. In addition, this remote control can help users to perform daily activities immediately.



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To my beloved parents



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND NOMENCLATURE

RF	-	Radio Frequency
PCB	-	Printed Circuit Board
LED	-	Light Emitting Diode
LCD	-	Liquid Crystal Display
ID	-	Identification
GUI	-	Graphic User Interface
WPAN	-	Wireless Personal Area Networks
PIC	-	Peripheral Interface Controller
ASK	-	Amplitude Shift Keying
MHz	-	Mega Hertz
М	-	Metre
СМ	-	Centimetre
V	-	Voltage
А	-	Ampere
DC	-	Direct Current
AC	-	Alternative Current

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

Radio Frequency (RF) is a rate of oscillation in the range of about 3 kHz to 300 GHz, which corresponds to the frequency of radio waves and the alternating currents which carry radio signals. The person who developed this method is Heinrich Hertz from Germany which is Germany physicist. The first primitive radio transmitters were built by him during his pioneering investigations of radio waves. These generated radio waves by a high voltage spark between two conductors.

By using this technology, people life will be easier and will make user satisfaction. So this paper intends to address the problem associated. RF was chosen because of its characteristic, which can penetrate most solids, low power required, receiver sensitivity, not light sensitive and can transmit data for longer range. At present, as we know the main disadvantage of RF is signal collision, it is happen because nowadays many applications used in RF device, one of them is hand phone, car key, and walkie-talkie. And the probability of signal collision will occur. This paper introduces a better alternative by proposing a method between transmitter and receiver.



1.2 Problem Statement



Figure 1.1 Distance Between Switch and Door

Figure 1.1 shows the problems occur at Control, Instrumentation & Mechatronic laboratory of the Faculty of Engineering Technology (FTK) building. It also shows the distance between the doors with the main switch is too far. The distance between the door and switches is about 15 meters which is far enough. When staff and students come at early of the morning, they need to walk in the dark in order to reach the main switch.





Figure 1.2 Actual View of Control, Instrumentation & Mechatronic Lab

In addition, Figure 1.2 show the actual view of Control, Instrumentation & Mechatronic Lab, there is a lot of equipment in the lab, such as computers and other devices. Furthermore, the spaces are really cramped to users in order to move around. In the case of negligence by the user, it can lead to accident and will lead to huge losses. The device in the lab is very expensive to purchase and repair.

1.3 Project Objectives

The objectives of this project are as follow:

- (i) To design a remote control for lighting application system and fan by using radio frequency method.
- (ii) To control fan speed by designing a remote.
- (iii)To control the door whether it locked or not by using remote control.

1.4 Scope of project

In order to achieve the objectives of the project, the scope of this project are: Hardware system

- (i) Design RF circuit.
- (ii) Designs relay circuit.
- (iii)Develop remote control and receiver circuit.

Software system

(i) Develop program (receiver & transmitter).



CHAPTER 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

The aim of this chapter is to give the overview information about type of wireless technology nowadays. The best type of wireless is choose and suitable towards the problem identification. The comparison between all the types of wireless is done. Moreover, in this chapter, the explanations will focus more on radio frequency (RF). Nevertheless the review also discuss about the method to prevent frequency disturbance. Combination of reference from various sources such as journal, previous thesis and references book, the literature review has been carried out to collect information related to this project.

2.2 Ultrasonic

Adler, et al, (1982), explains about how to make an Ultrasonic Remote Control for Home Receivers. Electromagnetic signaling systems can be designed to bridge the short distance involved, but their signals do not remain confined between the walls of buildings or apartments. Because the distance between receivers in adjacent apartments may easily be less than the viewing distance in a single large home, individual receivers must operate on different frequencies this is inconvenient in manufacture and installation.



2.3 Infrared

Maureen Kaine-Krolak, et al, (1995), studies about infrared to make an Introduction to Infrared Technology, Applications in the Home, Classroom, Workplaces and Beyond. Infrared technology increasingly present in mainstream applications, but there is several disadvantage by using the method, receiver and transmitter must be almost directly aligned. Main problem is the signal will lose if blocked by common material, people wall, plant and etc.

2.4 Xbee

Gill, K, et al, (2009), created about a Zigbee-Based Home Automation System. A ZigBee based home automation system and Wi-Fi network are integrated through a common home gateway as shown in Figure 2.1 . The home gateway provides network interoperability, a simple and flexible user interface and remote access to the system. This system demonstrates the feasibility and effectiveness of the proposed system. The ZigBee (IEEE 802.15.4) is a new technology that permits the implementation of Wireless Personal Area Networks (WPAN). It is very suitable for wireless sensor networks due to the very low power consumption. System allows home owners to monitor and control connected devices in the home, through a variety of controls, including a ZigBee based remote control, and any Wi-Fi enabled device which supports by Java.

Lili, Y, Y.Shuang-Hua et al, (2006), research about the Safety and Security of Remote Monitoring and Control of intelligent Home Environments in Systems, Man and Cybernetics. Safety and security are two most important issues in the remote monitoring and control of intelligent home environments. The outdoor part is a mobile phone (or a PDA) equipped with a specially designed GUI (Graphic User Interface). The indoor part includes a broadband modem, a home portal (or called home server), and a wireless home network. The broadband modem maintains a permanent internet connection.



Figure 2.1 Conceptual Architecture Overview

2.5 Radio Frequency Module

Maureen Kaine-Krolak, et al, (1995), studies about infrared to make An Introduction to Infrared Technology, Applications in the Home, Classroom, Workplace and Beyond. RF receiver and transmitter as shown in Figure 2.2 can communicate without line of sight. The signal also cannot block by any material. In addition, it can use for long range application. They also highlighted that RF is better than IR because radio recurrence vitality wave superimposed upon an infrared vitality wave and outlines the backwards relationship between recurrence and wavelength. The infrared vitality wave finishes almost 5 and a half cycles in the time that the radio recurrence wave finishes 2 cycles.



Figure 2.2 Transmitter and Receiver

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2.6 Applying of Microcontroller Based on RF

Aru, O.E, et al, (2013), research about Design Exploration of a Microcontroller Based RF Remote. The PIC microcontroller family is manufactured by Microchip Technology Inc. Currently; they are one of the most popular microcontrollers, used in many commercial and industrial applications. Over 120 million devices are sold each year. The PIC microcontroller architecture is based on a modified Harvard RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computer) instruction set with dual – bus architecture, providing fast and flexible design with an easy migration path from only 6 pins to 80 pins and from 384 bytes to 128 Kbytes of program memory.

Balasubramaniam, et al, (1992), design of Microprocessor based multifunction relay switching [home automation]. Implementing microcontroller based on RF provides a more flexible and functional alternative to the current commercial systems in controlling electronic devices as shown in Figure 2.3. The author state that the project consists of microcontroller interfaced with" KYL-500S" micro power wireless transceiver data module and connected with an electromagnetic relay which turns the switch OFF with open contact and turns it ON with closed contact. The remote control transmits radio frequency signals which are received by the receiver of the wall socket and decoded by the microcontroller which now turns the relay ON or OFF.



Figure 2.3 Circuit Diagram

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