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## ABSTRACT

Nowadays, AC power control has becoming a common issue relates to the energy efficiency. The drop in efficiency mostly because of electrical energy consumed by the electrical devices. AC power control can be controlled by adjusting the desired level of output power of the electrical device. The present technology is able to feedback the ambient light intensity to adjust the require output power deliver to the light by using sensors. Although the present technology is mostly designed with self-controlled system, but are these devices really can give the desired output power to achieve the higher efficiency. Hence, the solution to solve this issue is to control the electrical appliances with Bluetooth signal. The electrical appliance is control manually by using Bluetooth device. Furthermore, disabilities they need this device to control the desired output power. The development of AC power control using smartphone via Bluetooth is designed with the microcontroller to adjust the servo motor and the motor is attached to the potentiometer which can adjust the output voltage deviate from 240V to the load. The servo motor as the mechanical way to control the potentiometer is because the motor and the electronics components could not withstand as much 240V from the source. Therefore, the output voltage to the load is able to control at voltage range of 0V - 240V. The servo motor will only rotate when the Bluetooth signal from smartphone is sent to the Bluetooth device which connected to the PIC microcontroller. The software for the smartphone to control the Bluetooth signal is designed by the MIT Apps Inventor (Android-based only).

## **ABSTRAK**

Kini, kawalan kuasa AC telah menjadikan isu biasa yang berkaitan dengan kecekapan tenaga. Kejatuhan dalam kecekapan kebanyakan disebabkan oleh tenaga elektrik yang digunakan dalam alatan elektrik. Kawalan kuasa AC boleh dikawalkan dengan melaraskan kuasa keluaran alatan elektrik pada tahap kemahuan. Teknologi terkini adalah membolehkan intensiti cahaya ambien sebagai maklum balas untuk melaraskan kuasa keluaran yang dikehendaki dan digunakan sebagai tenaga cahaya dengan menggunakan sensor. Walaupun teknologi terkini kebanyakan dicipta dengan sistem ubahsuai sendiri, tetapi sejauh manakah alatan ini betul boleh memberikan kuasa keluaran yang dimahukan untuk mencapai kecekapan yang lebih optimum. Jadi, solusi untuk menangani masalah ini adalah mengawal alatan elektrik dengan menggunakan isyarat Bluetooth. Alatan elektrik adalah dikawal secara manual dengan aplikasi Bluetooth. Di samping itu, orang kurang upaya perlukan alat ini untuk mengawal kuasa keluaran yang dimahukan kepada mereka. 'Pembangunan kawalan kuasa AC menggunakan telefon pintar melalui Bluetooth' adalah dicipta dengan mikro-pengawal untuk melaraskan motor servo dan motor itu adalah digabungkan dengan potentiometer dimana ia boleh melaraskan voltan keluaran simpang dari 240V kepada beban. Motor servo sebagai cara mekanikal untuk mengawal potentiometer adalah disebabkan motor dan komponen elektronik tidak boleh tahan voltan 240V. Oleh itu, motor akan pusing bila isyarat Bluetooth dari telefon pintar kepada alat Bluetooth dimana telah disambung dengan mikro-pengawal. Perisian untuk dikawal dalam telefon pintar adalah dicipta dengan MIT Apps Inventor (asas Android sahaja).

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## **Chapter 1 – Introduction**

## 1.1 Background

The AC power control is technology to use device to control the output voltage delivers to the load to achieve higher efficiency. In this technology, we can control the desired output power more precisely other than using the old-school discrete control (e.g ceiling fan). The power control is able to control the output from 0% - 100% and precision is up to sensitivity of 1%.

Ying-Wen Bai and Yi-Te Ku (2008) have described in recent years the energy crisis has become one problem which the whole world must face. The home power consumptions are the largest part of energy consumption in the world. In particular, the electricity consumption of lamps in a typical domestic house is a factor which can't be neglected. The desired light intensity of differ to many place due to its ambient. Sometimes it is sufficient light source from outside, and thus light does not necessary to be always on. Also, some users are not turn off the light if it is not necessary. These could be the major problem on energy wasting. Therefore, an advance power management of light control in a home is launched in order to save energy.

Chia-Hung Lien, Ying-Wen Bai, and Ming-Bo Lin, Member, IEEE (2007) they have mentioned that due the large scale increase in electric home appliance the electricity consumption tends to grow with proportion rate. Home power management is necessity to lower down energy consumption and reduce emission carbon dioxide. To design home power management, electric home appliances are networked with control and monitoring capabilities and home networks need to be installed. The home networks have been proposed and developed in order to access the networks.

Sherif Matta and Syed Masud Mahmud (2009) have mentioned about over decades, as number of electrical appliance and domestic home increase drastically, the waste of energy is gradually hard to control due to inefficient power control. In addition, it is not user friendly to rely on the users to manually adjust the power level to save energy. In this era, so much of sensors had been developed such as motion sensors and light sensors (photodiode). These technology provides the us to more convenient to detect the presence of human or the intensity of the ambient light.

Chin-Pao Hung, Kai-Chih Chang, You-Cheng Lai and Fu-Tsai Shieh (2014) have described Networking is the indispensable requirement of intelligent living technology. The home networking able to let us exchange data between electrical appliance and achieved the desired objective. For instance, power device can be monitor and control on or off by using remote power saving operation.

Annan Zhu, Peijie Lin, Shuying Cheng (2012) have explained that the development of technology is improved as the human gradually seek for high quality of life, people are preferred automated, convenient and smart home control systems. The PC is commonly used as the remote control for most home electrical appliance systems, However, there are some limitation in the PC monitor control such as its size, that inconvenience to carry, high cost and limited range of monitoring. The design in terminal based on cellphone is a good to instead the PC. The Android based smartphone are developed popular in our society. So, the power remote control based on Android smartphone will become a trend. After logged into the control interface, users can easily control the lights, TVs and air conditionings.



## **1.2 Problem Statement**

The energy efficiency is become the most challenging problem nowadays. The most waste of energy comes from the inefficient use of the electrical energy consumed by electrical devices (lamps or Fans). For the modern control, it is still a great capacity of improvement to control the desired electrical usage. Modern control such as the speed of the fan is designed in discrete control. Discrete control is not the ideal way to control electrical devices. Discrete control sometimes not user friendly just like the air conditioner wind speed in automobile and hardly to achieve the desired level as user wanted. For some reason, the power control has becoming more difficult to disabled person. If we can design a device which can be control by finger tips on our smartphone, it could make their lives convenient.

## **1.3 Objectives**

- i) To design android apps to control Bluetooth enabled electrical device.
- ii) Efficiently control any ac power appliance at a very specific level.
- iii) Study suitability of Bluetooth device to control ac power.

## **1.4 Scopes**

- i) The connected device only suitable for lights and fans.
- ii) Study Bluetooth range only in a closed room.
- iii) Smartphone focus on android operating system using MIT Apps Inventor.

## 1.5 Thesis Organization

The 5 chapters will be covered in this report to describe the process of the thesis research. The first chapter will be an introduction which include the background of this project, problem statement, objectives, project scope and expected outcome of this project.

Also, chapter 2 Literature Review will be discussed the related theory about the project. Besides, this chapter will demonstrate the related methods developed by the past researcher and contrasting the specifications of each method to see which part of the past projects can be modified to improve the development of this project.

In chapter 3 Methodology will discussed about the process flow of this projects. Furthermore, the implementation of the projects using simulation software such as Proteus 8.3 Professional, Multisims 13 and VSPE (Virtual Serial Port Emulator) will be explained. The results from the simulation will be attached in this chapter for to convenience know the power consumptions etc.

Besides, chapter 4 Discussion will be explained the details about hardware part of the project. The hardware physical quantities of the project will be measured and compared with the simulation one. Also, the deviation from the physical output and theoretical one will be explained in this chapter.

Last but not least, the last chapter will be summarise the project report from the beginning to the conclusion. The recommendations of the projects are also stated in this report.

## **Chapter 2 – Literature Review**

## 2.1 Introduction of Literature Review

In this chapter, I will discuss about related theory to the project. From this chapter, I started to define the related equipment and example of Power control via Bluetooth signal transfer. This chapter will include the transformer, principle of voltage divider(potentiometer), Microcontroller(PIC) and Bluetooth circuit to control motor.

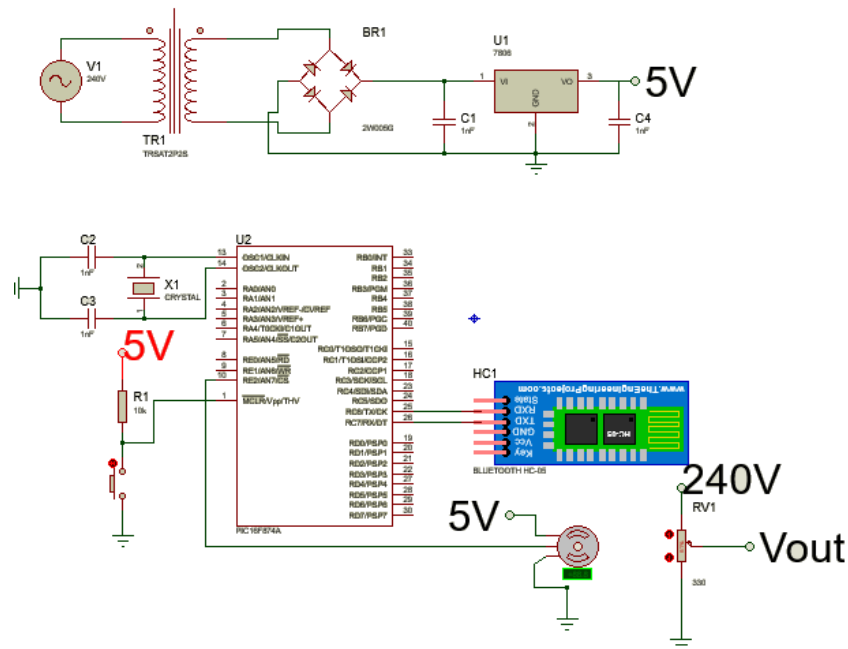


Figure 2.1.1: Expected circuit for Ac Power Control Using Smartphone Via Bluetooth

As shown in the figure 2.1, the circuit divided into 2 parts. First part the voltage is transform and step down to a suitable level for the microcontroller to function as Bluetooth signal receiver and the motor controller. Furthermore, the servomotor act as a mechanical actuator to control the position of the potentiometer in the second part. Practically, our house electrical appliances are supply and support by 240 V of voltage. The second part of the circuit controls the desired output by the servo motor.

After we build the Bluetooth control apps in smartphone (android based), we can communication from our smartphone to the PIC controller and command the servo motor to move desired position and hence the output AC voltage will achieved. The output AC voltage level will be shown in the LCD display in the device as percentage value.

## 2.2 Demonstration of others Power Control Design

### 2.2.1: Method 1 - An Intelligent Light Control System for Power Saving by Sherif Matta and Syed Masud Mahmud (2009)

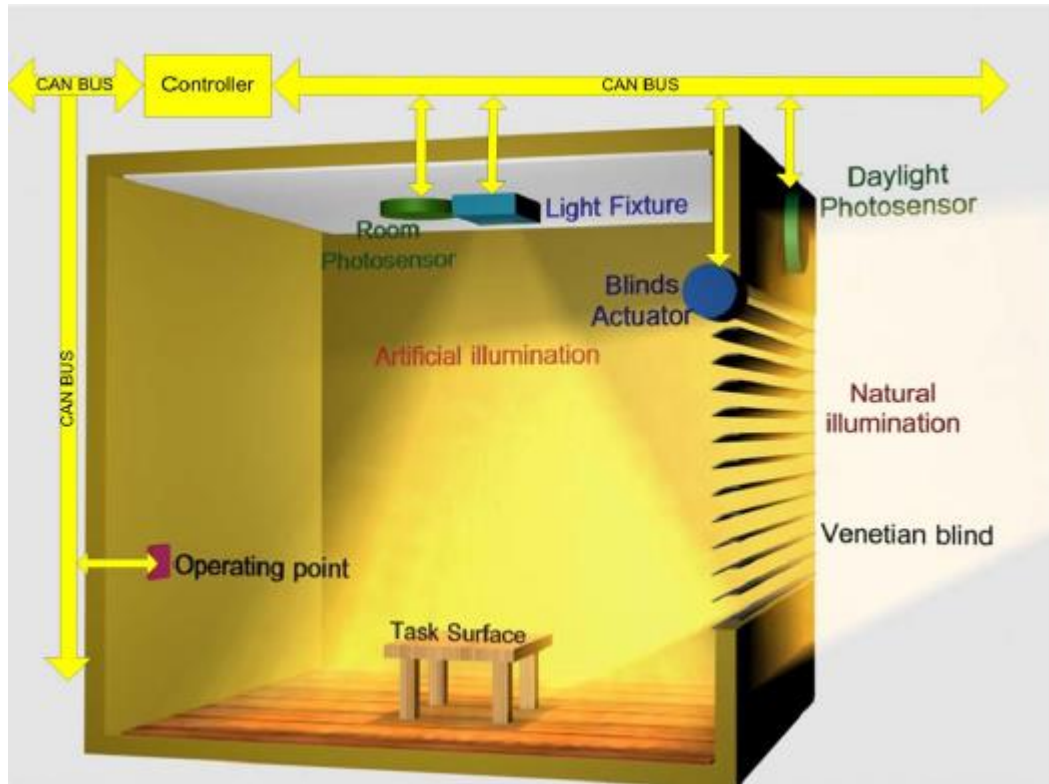


Figure 2.2.1.1: System components and physical connectivity

#### A) System Components:

Controlled Area Network bus, photosensors, AC/DC light bulb, servo motor, microcontroller

#### B) System Operation

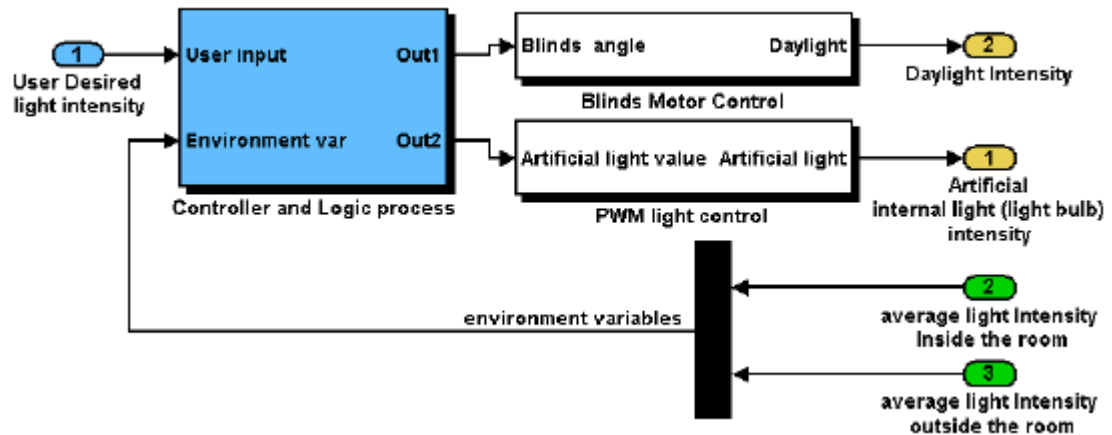


Figure 2.2.1.2: System Control Loop

The CAN Bus is to impart all segments. The estimation of room and sunlight brightening will utilize photosensors. The room photosensor ought not be set in way that it coordinate light from light sources and in the meantime it gets light from the errand surface. Average area for the room photosensor is the roof over the assignment surface. Both room or light photograph sensor can be a gathering of photosensors and by taking the normal among the whole gathering better exact readings can be acquired. The venetian blinds actuators are utilized to control the blinds edge to pass sunshine or to piece it. The light force required is balanced by means of the working point unit. The inside light source can be a DC or AC lights. DC lights are typically controlled by means of PWM signs to convey a particular measure of force without squandering any vitality in detached resistors. Air conditioning lights are controlled by means of thyristors to cut a part of the AC wave and consequently convey the predefined measure of vitality required for the fancied brightening. The fundamental controller speaks with alternate parts through the CAN transport.

The controller and logic handle pieces are dependable to gather all the approaching environment factors including light power outside the room (sunlight), light force inside the room (light) lastly the client input. The controller will handle every one of the sources of info and will be capable to give the best answer for light up the stay with the minimum conceivable power utilization. For instance, if the client needs to expand the room

enlightenment, the controller will first check how much light can be gotten from the sunlight. On the off chance that it is sufficient notwithstanding for little commitment, the controller will begin to open the venetian blinds to bring a part of the sunlight inside. In the event that the sunshine commitment is insufficient to fulfill the client necessities, the controller will incompletely utilize the fake (light) as a collaborator source to fulfill the sought light level. The controller will go about as the basic leadership piece. In addition, the controller will handle all CAN messages. Venetian blinds engine control piece is mindful to change the venetian visually impaired edge; it contains a controller and an engine driver enhancer to supply energy to the engine.

**2.2.2: Method 2- Remote-Controllable Power Outlet System for Home Power Management by Chia-Hung Lien, Ying-Wen Bai, and Ming-Bo Lin (2007)**

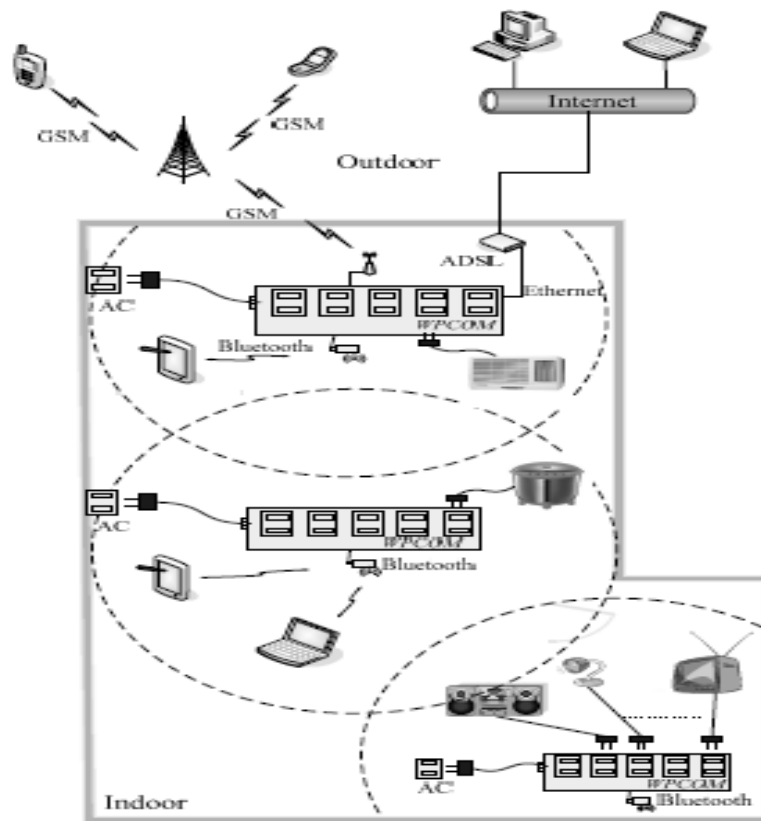


Figure 2.2.2.1: Remote-controllable power outlet system.

A) System Components:

Bluetooth module, Ethernet module, Microcontroller, GSM module and SD Card module.

## B) System Operation

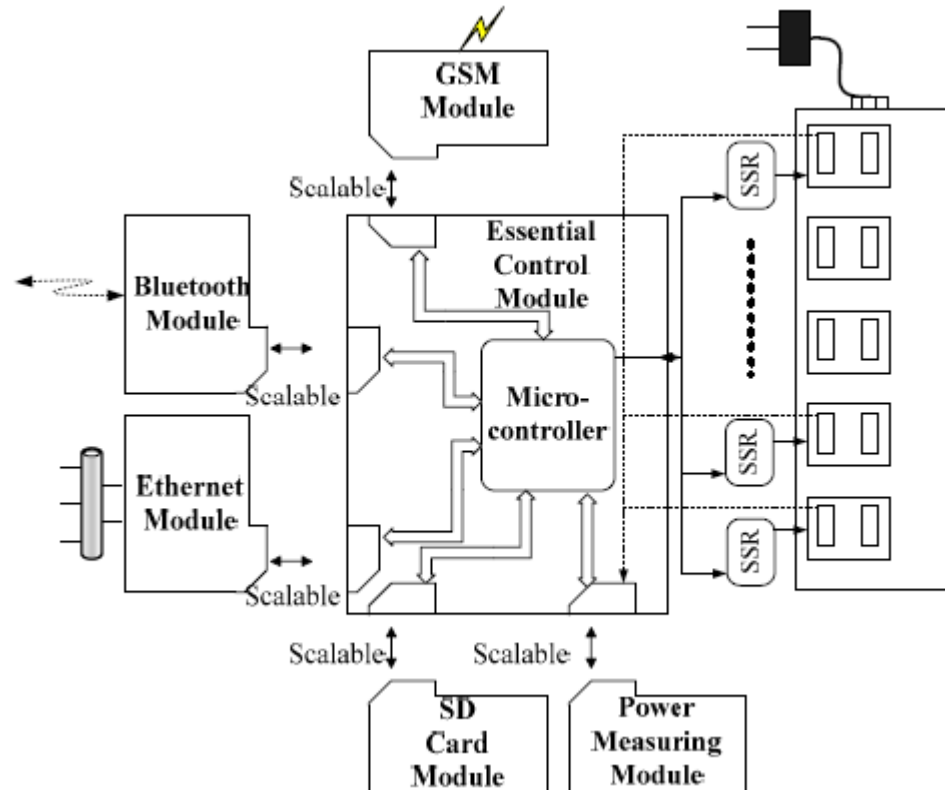


Figure 2.2.2.2: The complete block of the WPCOM.

An AC electrical plug comprising line one end and couple of attachments outlet on other. The WPCOM associated with an AC electrical plug is comprised of numerous AC control attachments, an Essential Control Module, a Bluetooth Module, a GSM Module, an Ethernet Module, a SD Card Module and a Power Measuring Module. The total piece of the WPCOM is appeared in Fig. 2.2.2.2.

The utilization of Solid State Relays (SSR) to switch every attachment are connect to electric home machine. SSR have been used to supplant mechanical transfers as a result of their many points of interest, including scaled down design, disposal of contact skip, low-vitality utilization, diminished electrical clamor, similarity with advanced hardware and rapid exchanging execution. Besides, SSR gives separation between an exchanged