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To my beloved family and friends, whose unwavering love and support have guided me throughout my academic career. Your sacrifices and encouragement have shaped who I am today. Your wisdom and resilience have always inspired me. Your belief in my abilities has motivated me to pursue knowledge and excellence. Moreover, I dedicate this project to my supervisor, TS. MASLAN BIN ZAINON, who constantly guiding and teaching me to make this study even better, and to my supportive friends who have helped me in finishing this project. Your support and belief in my dreams have been a constant source of inspiration. And lastly, I dedicate this project to the Almighty God, who gives me strength, wisdom, guidance, power of thinking, security, competence, and for giving me good health while doing this.

ABSTRACT

Electricity is a crucial aspect of modern life, powering homes, businesses, and industries, and enabling the functioning of modern technology and infrastructure. Substations play a pivotal role in the distribution of power by connecting transmission and distribution circuits, ensuring that electricity is delivered efficiently and reliably to end users. However, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) substations face significant challenges, including theft, vandalism, and flood detection issues, which can lead to power outages, increased maintenance costs, and safety hazards. Theft and vandalism are serious issues for TNB substations, as they can result in the loss of critical components and damage to infrastructure, disrupting the supply of electricity and incurring significant repair costs. Additionally, substations are often located in areas prone to flooding, and the inability to detect rising water levels in time can lead to catastrophic failures, endangering both equipment and personnel. This project, titled " Development of an Iot-Based smart monitoring system for TNB'S substations ", aims to enhance the security and safety of TNB substations through early incident warnings. The proposed system integrates three key sensors: a PIR motion sensor to detect unauthorized access, a water level sensor to monitor potential flooding, and a smoke sensor to identify fire hazards. These sensors are connected to a NodeMCU ESP8266 microcontroller, which is programmed to send alerts via Telegram when any sensor is triggered. The system leverages low-cost, readily available components, ensuring ease of installation, user-friendliness, and scalability. The anticipated benefits of this system include enhanced security, timely warnings of potential threats, and cost reductions.

ABSTRAK

Elektrik ialah aspek penting dalam kehidupan moden, menjana kuasa rumah, perniagaan dan industri, serta membolehkan teknologi dan infrastruktur moden berfungsi. Pencawang memainkan peranan penting dalam pengagihan kuasa dengan menyambungkan litar penghantaran dan pengagihan, memastikan tenaga elektrik dihantar dengan cekap dan boleh dipercayai kepada pengguna akhir. Bagaimanapun, pencawang Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) menghadapi cabaran yang ketara, termasuk isu kecurian, vandalisme dan pengesanan banjir, yang boleh mengakibatkan gangguan bekalan elektrik, peningkatan kos penyelenggaraan dan bahaya keselamatan. Kecurian dan vandalisme adalah isu serius bagi pencawang TNB, kerana ia boleh mengakibatkan kehilangan komponen kritikal dan kerosakan infrastruktur, mengganggu bekalan elektrik dan menanggung kos pembaikan yang besar. Selain itu, pencawang selalunya terletak di kawasan yang terdedah kepada banjir, dan ketidakupayaan untuk mengesan paras air meningkat tepat pada masanya boleh menyebabkan kegagalan besar, membahayakan peralatan dan kakitangan. Projek ini, bertajuk "Pembangunan sistem pemantauan pintar Berasaskan Iot untuk pencawang TNB", bertujuan untuk meningkatkan keselamatan dan keselamatan pencawang TNB melalui amaran kejadian awal. Sistem yang dicadangkan menyepadukan tiga penderia utama: penderia gerakan PIR untuk mengesan akses yang tidak dibenarkan, penderia paras air untuk memantau potensi banjir dan penderia asap untuk mengenal pasti bahaya kebakaran. Penderia ini disambungkan kepada mikropengawal NodeMCU ESP8266, yang diprogramkan untuk menghantar makluman melalui Telegram apabila sebarang penderia dicetuskan. Sistem ini memanfaatkan kos rendah, komponen yang mudah didapati, memastikan kemudahan pemasangan, kemesraan pengguna dan kebolehskalaan. Faedah jangkaan sistem ini termasuk keselamatan yang dipertingkatkan, amaran yang tepat pada masanya tentang potensi ancaman dan pengurangan kos.

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cm	-	Centimeter

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IoT	-	Internet of Things
TNB	-	Tenaga Nasional Berhad
Wi-Fi	-	Wireless Fidelity
SDG	-	Sustainable Development Goals
GPIO	-	General Purpose input/output
NodeMCU	-	Node MicroController Unit
IDE	-	Integrated Development Environment

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) substations are vital components of Malaysia's power infrastructure, playing a crucial role in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electrical power. Ensuring the efficiency and security of these substations is paramount to prevent disruptions, safeguard assets, and uphold the integrity of the power grid. This project focuses specifically on the TNB Distribution Substation Network.

The Smart Monitoring for TNB Substation represents a cutting-edge technological solution that integrates advanced sensors, data analytics, and automation. The aim is to optimize the substation's performance, enhancing reliability, safety, and sustainability of TNB's power distribution network. Simultaneously, this innovation is designed to reduce operational costs and environmental impact. By harnessing real-time data insights and state-of-the-art technology, the Smart System Innovation for TNB Substation aims to redefine power management and distribution standards in the energy industry.

One of the key challenges faced by these substations is the risk of floods, fires, and unauthorized access. Floods pose a significant threat when water levels rise suddenly, potentially leading to equipment damage and operational disruptions due to the lack of adequate safety systems in place. In addition to floods, fires are another critical concern, as they can quickly escalate within the substations, causing extensive damage to infrastructure and posing serious safety risks to personnel and surrounding areas. Moreover, unauthorized access, particularly trespassing and encroachment, remains a persistent issue. TNB personnel have expressed concerns about the effectiveness of the standard fencing and padlock security measures currently in place, which are insufficient to prevent unauthorized access effectively. These challenges highlight the urgent need for robust monitoring and security systems that can detect and respond to floods, fires, and unauthorized access incidents promptly to ensure the safety and integrity of the substations.

The Smart Monitoring for TNB Substation represents a solution to address these challenges. This innovative system is designed to prevent future substation damage and invasion. Additionally, it aims to enhance TNB's operational efficiency by providing quick access to information. Leveraging the Internet of Things (IoT) technology, this system can connect through Wi-Fi, enabling efficient data gathering from various devices and applications.

Technology is advancing at a fast pace, and this has affected various industries through its integration and application on the services they offer. Substations are critical infrastructure in electrical power delivery system and play a crucial role as the backbone of electrical power delivery system in states of Malaysia with reference to TNB. Hence, with growing consumption of electricity, there is a more stringent need to monitor the substations more efficiently and effectively.

1.2 Problem Statement

In recent times, encroachment and flooding incidents have become increasingly prevalent, posing significant risks to TNB substations. A report from Berita Harian highlighted that more than 120 TNB-owned electrical substations were adversely affected by severe floods on March 5, 2023. Failure to promptly switch off the substation during flooding can lead to equipment damage and potential disruptions in power supply.

To address these challenges comprehensively, this project focuses on integrating three crucial sensors, a water level sensor, a PIR (Passive Infrared) motion sensor, and a smoke sensor for fire detection. The water level sensor serves as an early warning system, rapidly detecting rising water levels to enable swift response actions by TNB and mitigate the risk of flood-related damage. Immediate alerts will be sent to users in the event of electrical supply interruptions caused by flooding, allowing for timely intervention.

In response to occasional infiltration incidents, the PIR motion sensor is being incorporated. This sensor's primary purpose is to detect human or animal movements, aiding in the prevention of unauthorized access and reducing the occurrence of theft related to electrical lines. Furthermore, the addition of a smoke sensor enhances the system's capabilities by detecting the presence of smoke, indicating a potential fire hazard within the substations.

Modern technology that is applied in most substations is still being managed through conventional practices that are slow and prone to human influence. More often than not, they do not supply real-time data and timely alarms, and this poses some risks such as theft, flooding, and fire outbreaks.

It is important not only for sustainable operation but also for societal and global benefits, aligning with the Program Outcomes of engineering education, specifically PO6 (Engineer and Society) and PO7 (Environment and Sustainability).

PO6 (Engineer and Society): Substation failures have been known to cause impacts with social implications such as health and safety, culture, as well as costs. These risks can be managed by effective monitoring systems that guarantee constant, safety in electricity supply that is crucial in health, learning and well-being among the citizens.

PO7 (Environment and Sustainability): Substations have a significant function in the efficiency of energy management to promote sustainability. Thus, this project contributes to the goals stipulated by the United Nations within the framework of the Sustainable Development Agenda, including SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) and SDG 13 (Climate Action), with the focus on protection from fires and floods, as well as efficient energy distribution. Thus, smart monitoring systems help in sustaining the environment.

1.3 Project Objectives

The main aim of this project is to design and implement a smart monitoring system for TNB substations using IoT technology. Specifically, the objectives are as follows:

I. To design and implement a smart monitoring system for TNB substations using IoT technology.

II. To integrate various sensors (PIR motion sensor, water level sensor, and smoke sensor) for real-time detection of unauthorized access, flooding, and fire hazards.

III. To develop a notification system using the Telegram app for immediate alerts to authorized personnel.

1.4 Scope of Project

The aim of the Smart Monitoring for TNB Substation project is to address critical challenges faced by TNB substations, including theft, vandalism, and the risk of floods. By leveraging advanced sensor technologies and IoT integration, the project aims to enhance security, improve operational efficiency, and ensure the safety and reliability of TNB's substation infrastructure.

Nowadays, electricity is used for all purposes, and we have reached a point in our civilization where our existence would be impossible without it. To supply the power to home there are steps and one of the steps is the substation plays an important role which turns the grid system's transmission and distribution circuits in and out. Moreover, it analyses the circuits' current-flowing electric power properties and links the circuit with the communication signals.

Taking this into account, there are various issues at the TNB substation, including theft of parts and vandalism, which adversely impact the neighbourhood's residents and lead to power outages. Additionally, it is unable to identify floods near the substation, which will result in power outages and other disruptions in the vicinity of the substation's connected area. Additionally, this can be risky for those near the substation.

A study that has been conducted has provided us with many solutions to these issues, but they are all outdated ones, such as installing an analogue lock on the door and a fence and gate to deter burglars. Moreover, many substations lack technology that uses a sensor to detect flooding. When electricity utility producers are in Peninsular Malaysia, the system described above is antiquated.

In addition to motion and water level sensors, the Smart Monitoring for TNB Substation includes the integration of smoke sensors for advanced fire detection capabilities within the substation environment. The inclusion of smoke sensors is crucial for early identification of potential fire incidents, enabling prompt response and mitigation of risks. Smoke sensors are strategically placed within the substation to detect the presence of smoke, a primary indicator of fire. These sensors are designed to identify even small traces of smoke swiftly and accurately, providing an early warning system for potential fire outbreaks.

In summary, the Smart Monitoring System for TNB Substation represents a significant advancement in substation security and flood detection. By integrating motion sensors, water level sensors, and smoke sensors with NodeMCU technology, this system provides real-time alerts and enhances the safety and reliability of TNB substations. Not only does it mitigate theft and vandalism, but it also reduces the risk of flooding and fire incidents. This project is a step towards modernizing TNB's infrastructure and ensuring the continued efficiency and safety of Malaysia's power distribution network.

1.5 Significance

The smart monitoring system for TNB substations, encompassing motion sensors, water level sensors, and the integrated smoke sensors, holds immense significance for TNB's operations, safety, and efficiency.

1. Enhanced Security:
    - **Multi-Layered Protection**: Combines motion, water level, and smoke sensors to monitor intruders, floods, and fires.
    - **Early Threat Detection**: Quickly identifies unauthorized entries, flood risks, and fire hazards for prompt response.
2. Risk Mitigation and Damage Prevention:
    - **Proactive Alerts**: Sends real-time alerts via the Telegram app to address threats early and prevent damage.
    - **Equipment Protection**: Smoke sensors protect critical equipment from fire, reducing repair costs and downtime.
3. Operational Efficiency:
    - **Swift Response**: Real-time alerts help personnel respond quickly to threats, minimizing downtime.
    - **Data-Driven Decisions**: Collects and analyses data to optimize maintenance and improve efficiency.
4. Safety and Reputation:
    - **Personnel Safety**: Provides early warnings to enhance the safety of TNB personnel.
    - **Customer Confidence**: Strengthens TNB's reputation as a reliable electricity provider through advanced security measures.

5. Regulatory Compliance and Innovation:
    - **Standards Compliance**: Meets industry safety standards and regulations.
    - **Modernization**: Uses IoT technologies to advance substation security and efficiency.

1.6 Summary

The Smart System Innovation for TNB Substation stands as a transformative endeavor, designed to revolutionize the management of TNB substations in Malaysia. By integrating cutting-edge sensor technologies such as motion sensors, water level sensors, and smoke sensors with the versatile NodeMCU IoT platform, the project aims to create a robust security and monitoring system. These sensors work in tandem to form a multi-layered approach to threat detection and prevention. Motion sensors act as vigilant guardians, swiftly detecting intruders and unauthorized access attempts. Water level sensors stand as sentinels against flooding, providing early alerts to prevent substation inundation. The addition of smoke sensors adds another crucial layer, offering rapid detection of potential fire incidents within the substation. Through NodeMCU integration, real-time data from these sensors is collected and transmitted, enabling immediate alerts to designated smartphones via the Telegram app. This proactive approach not only enhances the security of TNB substations but also enables TNB personnel to respond swiftly and effectively to potential threats. The project's significance extends beyond security, encompassing operational efficiency improvements, risk mitigation, and enhanced safety for personnel and nearby communities. TNB's commitment to this innovative project not only ensures the reliability and resilience of its power distribution network but also positions TNB as a forward-thinking leader in the energy sector.

1.7 Structure of the Project Report

This report consists of five main chapters:

1) Chapter 1: Introduction

To brief background of the project, the problem statement as the needs to carry out this project, the aims and objectives of this project are stated.

2) Chapter 2: Literature review

The information on the system's functions. Review of existing literature on smart monitoring systems for substations. Analysis of IoT technologies and sensor integration in substation monitoring.

3) Chapter 3: Methodology

In this chapter, the specifications for the system, discussing substation design, equipment and safety factor for the requirement will be identified and discussed.

4) Chapter 4: Results and Discussion

In this chapter, the data is collected about the outcomes of testing the system. The results are analyzed and discussed. This chapter explores real-time monitoring, telegram notifications, and the presentation of the final project design. It summarizes respondent insights gathered from surveys and evaluates sensor accuracy through performance tests. The chapter concludes by presenting key findings and discussing their implications for the project.

5) Chapter 5: Conclusion and Recommendations

In this chapter, the conclusion of effectiveness and feasibility of the proposed smart monitoring system. Future work on the bachelor’s degree project's second task. Some recommendations are also given.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

A literature review is a scholarly paper that summarizes current knowledge, including substantive observations as well as theoretical and methodological contributions to a specific subject. Literature reviews are secondary sources that do not report on new or experimental research. Such reviews are most associated with research focused literature, and are not to be confused with book reviews, which may also appear in the same publication. In virtually every academic sector, literature reviews serve as a foundation for study. A limited scope literature review can be used as part of a peer-reviewed journal article presenting new research to place the current study in the context of the related literature and provide context for the reader. In this scenario, the analysis normally comes before the work's methodology and results pages. A literature review can be required as part of graduate and post-graduate student work, such as when writing a thesis, dissertation, or journal article. In a research proposal or prospectus, literature reviews are also popular.

2.2 Theoretical Background

Electrical substations play a crucial role in the power distribution network, acting as nodes where voltage levels are adjusted for efficient transmission and distribution **(Bose, 2013)**. These substations are essential for maintaining the stability and reliability of the power grid, and any disruption to their operation can have significant consequences for the surrounding community and the broader power system.

Given their critical role, electrical substations are high-value targets for various threats, including physical security breaches, cyberattacks, and environmental hazards **(Bose, 2013; IEEE, 2009)**. Physical security breaches, such as vandalism or theft, can result in equipment damage and service interruptions, while cyberattacks can compromise the control systems and lead to widespread power outages **(Bose, 2013; IEEE, 2009)**. Additionally, environmental hazards, such as extreme weather conditions or chemical spills, can pose significant risks to the safety and operation of the substation.

Traditional security measures, often reliant on manual monitoring and basic alarm systems, are increasingly seen as insufficient in addressing the multifaceted risks faced by modern substations **(Bose, 2013; IEEE, 2009).** These measures are often reactive, relying on human intervention to detect and respond to threats, which can result in delays and increased vulnerability.

In response to these challenges, there is a growing interest in automated, sensor-based solutions that can provide real-time monitoring and rapid response capabilities. These solutions leverage technologies such as IoT, machine learning, and advanced analytics to continuously monitor the substation's environment and equipment, detect potential threats, and initiate appropriate responses **(IEEE, 2009).** By providing real-time insights and automated response capabilities, these solutions can significantly enhance the security and reliability of electrical substations, ensuring the uninterrupted delivery of power to consumers.

2.3 Past Related Project Research

In the evolving landscape of industrial operations, particularly within the realm of power distribution and management, the significance of advanced monitoring systems cannot be overstated. The development of the Smart Monitoring System for Tenaga Nasional Berhad's (TNB) substations is informed by a rich tapestry of past research projects that have explored the application of sensor technologies and Internet of Things (IoT) solutions. These projects have been pivotal in enhancing safety, efficiency, and reliability within industrial settings. Below is an in-depth review of some of these key projects, focusing on their methodologies, technologies employed, and the outcomes achieved.

One project focused on integrating IoT for real-time environmental monitoring in industrial sites **(Jiang et al., 2018)**. It deployed a dense network of IoT-enabled sensors to monitor parameters like temperature, humidity, and air quality. The data was wirelessly transmitted to a central database for analysis. This project demonstrated a 30% reduction in unexpected downtime and facilitated a safer working environment by alerting site managers to potential hazards in real-time.

Another project, focused on advanced condition monitoring for electrical substations, used vibration sensors, thermal imaging cameras, and machine learning algorithms to predict equipment failures before they occur **(Wang et al., 2019)**. This system was able to predict and prevent 75% of potential equipment failures, leading to a substantial reduction in maintenance costs and an increase in the reliability of power distribution.

A smart grid implementation using IoT and sensor technologies was also explored **(Li et al., 2020)**. This project integrated IoT sensors, advanced metering infrastructure

(AMI), and real-time data analytics platforms into existing power grids to create a smart grid system capable of real-time monitoring and management of power distribution. This implementation led to a 20% improvement in energy efficiency and a significant reduction in power outages.

Enhancing industrial cybersecurity with IoT sensors was another area of focus **(Chen et al., 2021)**. This project used IoT sensors, intrusion detection systems (IDS), and machine learning for anomaly detection to detect and mitigate potential threats in real-time. It resulted in a 40% decrease in cybersecurity incidents.

Lastly, an automated fault detection system was developed using IoT sensors and machine learning algorithms to monitor and analyze the performance of electrical equipment within substations **(Zhang et al., 2020)**. This system significantly improved the speed and accuracy of identifying and diagnosing faults, leading to faster resolution times and reduced downtime.

These past projects provide a solid foundation for the development of the Smart Monitoring System for TNB's substations. By leveraging the insights and technological advancements gained from these initiatives (**Jiang et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2019; Li et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2020)**, the new system can be designed to not only meet but exceed the current standards in industrial security and environmental monitoring.

2.3.1 IoT in Security Systems

The deployment of the Internet of Things (IoT) in security systems has revolutionized how organizations safeguard critical infrastructure. IoT enables interconnected devices to communicate and share data in real-time, providing enhanced surveillance, intrusion detection, and threat response capabilities. In the context of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) substations, integrating IoT-based security systems can offer robust protection against physical threats, ensuring the continuous and reliable operation of the electrical grid. IoT-enabled motion sensors and access control systems can monitor and restrict entry to sensitive areas within substations. These systems can log entry attempts and integrate with alarm systems to deter unauthorized access **(Rayes and Salam, 2017).** Refers to the network of interconnected devices that communicate and share data over the internet. In industrial settings, IoT solutions enable remote monitoring and control of various systems, enhancing operational efficiency and security. IoT solutions integrate sensor data with cloud-based platforms, allowing for real-time monitoring, data analysis, and remote control. This integration provides a comprehensive view of the industrial environment and facilitates timely responses to any issues. Figure 2.1 below depicts the interconnected nature of IoT across various sectors, smart homes, automotive, industrial, healthcare, wearables, and telecommunications, emphasizing the crucial role of security in ensuring safe and reliable data flow and communication.

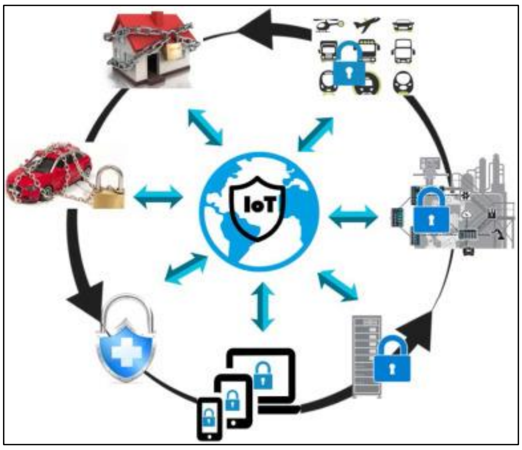


Figure 2.1: Ideal IoT Security

2.3.2 Real-Time Monitoring

Research has consistently emphasized the benefits of real-time monitoring in substations using IoT technology. Real-time monitoring allows for immediate detection of anomalies, predictive maintenance, and overall improved asset management. For instance, **Gubbi et al. (2013)** presented a comprehensive vision for IoT, detailing how real-time data from interconnected sensors can significantly enhance the monitoring and management of substations. Figure 2.2 illustrates an IoT architecture where various sensors send data through bridges to a cloud platform, enabling real-time monitoring and analysis across multiple devices, such as computers, smartphones, and integrated applications.

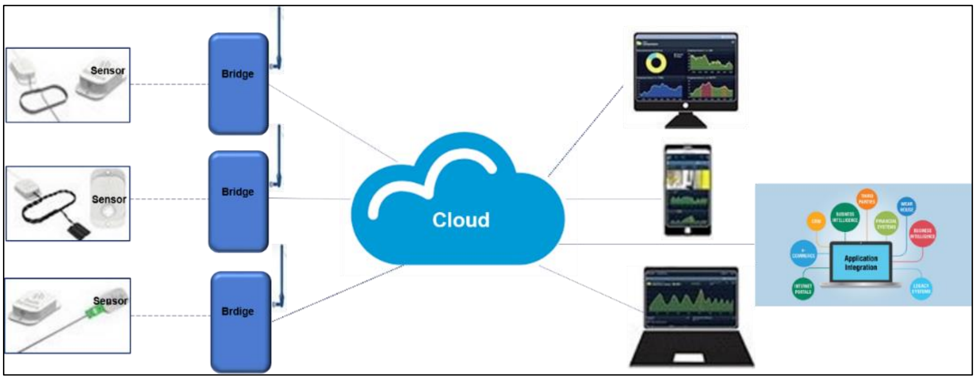


Figure 2.2: Real-Time Monitoring

2.3.3 Predictive Maintenance

One of the significant advantages of IoT in substation monitoring is predictive maintenance. Studies have shown that predictive maintenance can drastically reduce downtime and maintenance costs. **Shrouf et al. (2014)** explored various energy management approaches in industrial settings, including predictive maintenance facilitated by IoT technologies. Their findings highlighted a notable reduction in maintenance-related downtime and costs. Figure 2.3 outlines the benefits of predictive maintenance, such as asset availability, revenue recovery, risk reduction, and workforce improvement, enabled by IoT to decrease service loss and planned maintenance while facilitating smart replacements.

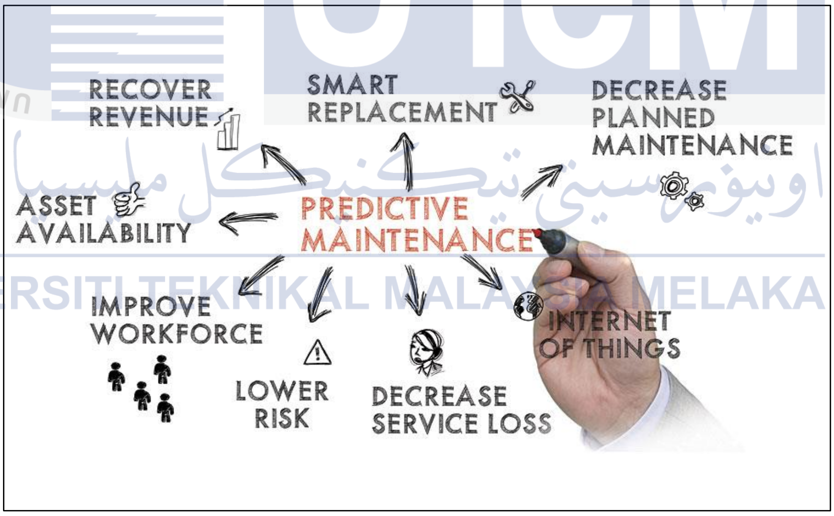


Figure 2.3: Predictive Maintenance and its Role in Improving Efficiency

2.3.4 Security and Privacy

With the increasing reliance on IoT systems, security and privacy have become critical concerns. **Dabbagh and Rayes (2019)** discussed the security challenges associated with IoT deployments, emphasizing the need for robust encryption and authentication mechanisms to protect sensitive data. They proposed a framework for ensuring security and privacy in IoT systems, which is crucial for the reliable operation of smart substations. Refers to measures and systems put in place to protect industrial facilities, such as electrical substations, from various threats including unauthorized access, environmental hazards, and operational failures. Enhancing industrial security ensures the safety and continuous operation of critical infrastructure. Figure 2.4 shows a model where privacy and security policies mediate interactions between the end user, devices/sensors, and the cloud, ensuring secure communication and data protection among all components.

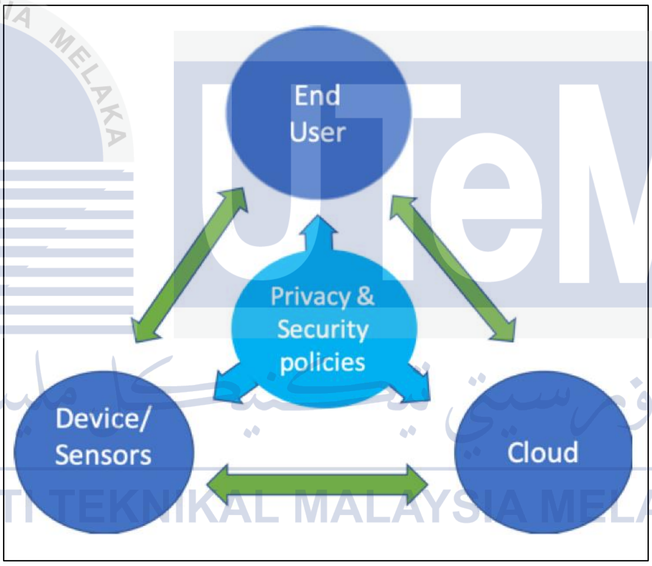


Figure 2.4: Internet of Things (IoT) with Privacy and Security Policies

2.4 IoT substation Monitoring System

Accordingly, **Rehman et al. (2021)** have emphasized on the need for the effective and efficient control of substations to avoid the occurrence of blackouts, brownouts and above all fires and explosion for provision of electricity to consumers. Thus, with an existing configuration of distribution grids (substations) and no or limited central control and automation systems for monitoring vital conditions the risks of accidents are high. Substations consist of a number of electrical parts such as transformer, breaker, and relay, most of which can get heated which can lead to serious problems including leakage of the transformer fluid and internal insulation failure. The routine, conventional systematic checks are effective for general and random physical assessment, providing scarce information with low accuracy because of the time constraint, especially in urban centers. In response to these challenges, the authors have presented a low-cost, easily accessible unit, which should be designed to run in auto mode so that there is no labor intervention on the use of electricity and to reduce energy loss. The results of the system are presented in multiple interfaces, on the desktop, on mobile phones, at one time, which also enables constant monitoring, recording, and management of the process. The use of the CAYENNE platform supports the system by emphasizing its strategies and benefits towards improving the substation overall monitoring and management from a safety and reliability perspective.

Mohammad et al. (2020) unveils an innovative methodology of using Internet of Things (IoT) technology, anonymously the Photon Wi-Fi development kit in monitoring and controlling the power plant of University of Mosul. Real time values like the power factor, supply voltage and the total current load of the university are also monitored under this system within different sub-stations found in the university. In addition, it has an over-ride system that will disrupt the supply of power and shut down the power plant in the event of fire hazards. ThingSpeak is used as the IoT analytics platform service for data acquisition and management The collected data is then transmitted to the cloud, and with Sophisticated user interfaces, engineers can easily turn the stream of data into engaging visualizations. The system makes it possible for station engineers to observe and manipulate power plant activity with computers or smartphones and from any farther distance to solve the problem immediately if exists.

However, in **Tarase N., Patil, P., & Joshi, S. (2020)** article, they discuss a relatively new technique called smart voltage and current monitoring system (SVCMS) with the purpose of monitoring single-phase electrical installations. It uses Arduino as a microcontroller with voltage and current sensors to capture data that is then transmitted to an Android application for monitoring. The system design incorporates an Arduino Uno microcontroller in conjunction with an ESP8266 Wi-Fi module which provides optimal cost-effectiveness for monitoring of electrical parameters. The MIT App Inventor 2 software used in developing this application for the Android platform allows users to display the fundamental voltage power quality properties and calculate the offerings of frequency and power factors. Using zero-crossing detectors, a single-phase system, the system provides an accurate manner of sensing of both voltage and current for increased efficiency in monitoring of electrical systems. Figure 2.5 below illustrates the architecture of a smart grid system, integrating solar and storage systems with various loads (industrial, commercial, domestic, EVs) and monitored by an IoT module and control unit for efficient energy management.

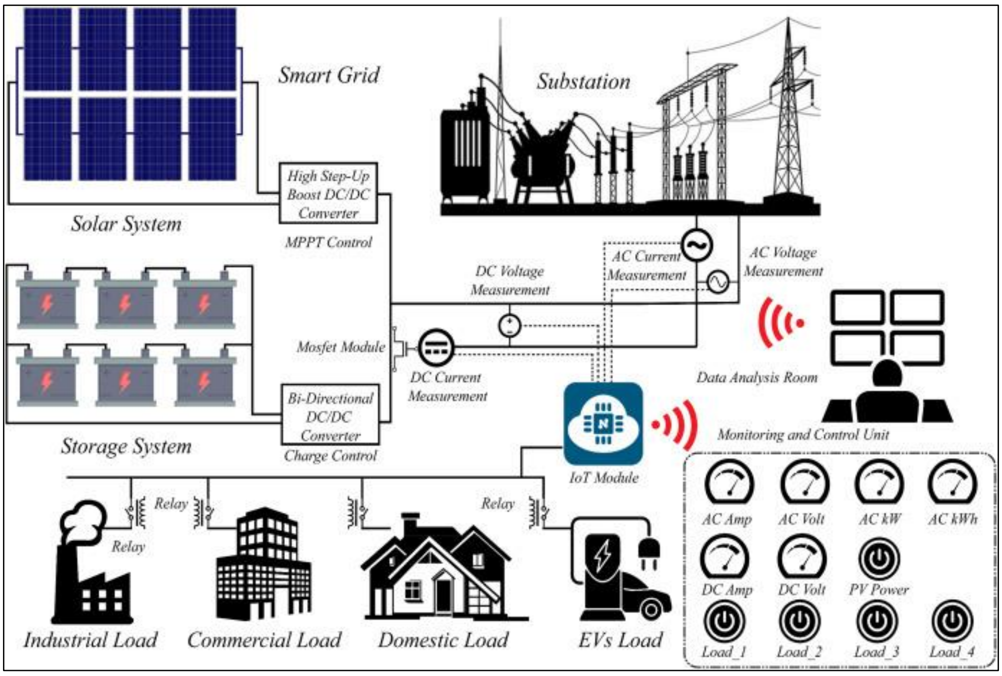


Figure 2.5: IoT-Based Monitoring and Control of Substations and Smart Grids

2.5 Sensor Technologies for Substation Monitoring

2.5.1 PIR Motion Sensor

PIR motion sensors are devices that detect the presence of people or animals by sensing their infrared radiation. They work by detecting changes in infrared radiation. When a warm body, such as a person or animal, moves in front of a PIR sensor, the sensor detects the change in infrared radiation and triggers an output signal. The output signal can be used to turn on a light, send an alert, or perform other actions.

In other words, PIR motion sensors are passive infrared sensors that detect the movement of warm objects by measuring the change in infrared radiation emitted by the object. This makes them ideal for applications where motion detection is required, such as security systems, automatic lighting, and animal detection.

2.5.1.1 Types of PIR Motion Sensor

There are many different types of PIR motion sensors available, each with its advantages and disadvantages:

Table 2.1: Types of PIR Motion Sensor

Type of PIR motion sensor	**Advantages**	**Disadvantages**
PIR motion sensor 	Simple to install and use	Less accurate
Scanning PIR motion sensor 	More accurate than fixed-beam sensors	More expensive and difficult to install
Combination PIR/microwave motion sensor 	More accurate and reliable than PIR sensors	More expensive

2.5.1.2 Application of PIR Motion Sensor

I. Security systems: PIR motion sensors are used in security systems to detect intruders. When a PIR motion sensor detects motion, it can trigger an alarm or send a signal to a security system.

II. Automatic lighting: PIR motion sensors are used in automatic lighting systems to turn on lights when people or animals move in the area. This can save energy and improve security.

III. Wake-up light: A wake-up light uses a PIR motion sensor to detect when you get out of bed in the morning. It then turns on a light to help you wake up gradually.

2.5.1.3 Limitation of PIR Motion Sensor

I. False positives: PIR motion sensors can be triggered by false positives, such as moving shadows or animals. This can be a nuisance and can also lead to security problems.

II. Limited range and field of view: PIR motion sensors have a limited range and field of view. This means that they may not always be able to detect motion in all areas, potentially leaving some zones unmonitored.

III. Not effective in all environments: PIR motion sensors are not effective in all environments. For example, they may not work well in areas with high levels of heat or humidity.

IV. Can be affected by environmental factors: PIR motion sensors can be affected by environmental factors, such as sunlight and dust. This can lead to false positives or false negatives.

2.5.2 Water Level Sensor

A water level sensor is a device that can be used to measure the level of water in a tank or other container. There are many different types of water level sensors, but they all work on the same basic principle.

2.5.2.1 Types of Water Level Sensors

There are many different types of water level sensors available, each with its advantages and disadvantages:

Table 2.2: Types of Water Level Sensor

Type of water level sensor	Advantages	Disadvantages
Ultrasonic sensor 	Can measure the distance to the object, as well as the level of liquid	Not accurate
Water Level Sensor 	Simple to use and inexpensive	Not accurate and can be damaged by water
Float sensor 	Very accurate for measuring the level of liquid	Can be damaged if the float is not properly protected

2.5.2.2 Application of Water Level Sensor

I. Monitoring water levels in tanks and reservoirs helps to ensure that there is always enough water available for use. This is important for both domestic and industrial applications. Water level monitoring can also help to prevent overflows, which can cause flooding and damage.

II. Controlling irrigation systems helps to ensure that water is used efficiently. Irrigation systems can be programmed to automatically turn on and off based on the water level in a tank or reservoir. This helps to prevent overwatering, which can waste water and damage plants.

III. Detecting leaks can help to save water and prevent damage. Leaks can be detected by monitoring the water level in a tank or reservoir over time. If the level drops unexpectedly, it may be a sign of a leak.

2.5.2.3 Limitation of Water Level Sensor

I. Accuracy: The accuracy of a water level sensor can be affected by several factors, including the type of sensor, the installation, and the environment.

II. Sensitivity: The sensitivity of a water level sensor can also be affected by several factors, including the type of sensor, the installation, and the environment.

III. Range: The range of a water level sensor is the range of liquid levels that the sensor can detect. The range of a water level sensor will depend on the type of sensor and the installation.

IV. Durability: The durability of a water level sensor can be affected by a few factors, including the type of sensor, the installation, and the environment.

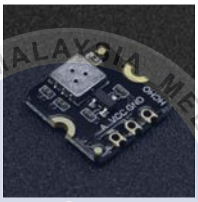
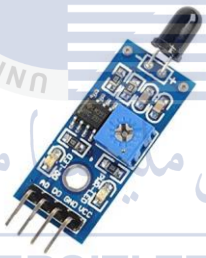
2.5.3 Smoke sensor

A smoke sensor, also known as a smoke detector or smoke alarm, is a device designed to detect smoke in an environment. It is a critical component of fire detection and alarm systems, commonly found in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, as well as in vehicles and aircraft.

2.5.3.1 Types of Smoke Sensors

There are several types of smoke sensors that are compatible with Arduino boards, each with its own advantages and disadvantages. Here are some common types:

Table 2.3: Types of Smoke Sensor

Type of smoke level sensor	**Advantages**	**Disadvantages**
MQ-2 Gas Sensor 	Can be utilized in a wide range of applications beyond smoke detection, multi-gas detection capabilities.	Low smoke concentrations, the sensor may not provide reliable detection.
DFRobot Smoke Detector 	Specifically designed for detecting smoke particles.	Can be relatively more expensive
Flame Sensor 	Designed to detect specific wavelengths of light emitted by flames,	Reduce their effectiveness in scenarios where fires are located at a distance from the sensor.

2.5.3.2 Application of Smoke Sensor

I. Smoke sensors are utilized in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to monitor smoke levels and detect potential fires or malfunctions. They can trigger alarms and initiate shutdown procedures to prevent the spread of smoke and fire through HVAC ducts.

II. Data centers and server rooms utilize smoke sensors to detect smoke from electrical fires or equipment malfunctions. Early detection helps prevent damage to critical IT infrastructure and minimize downtime in data processing operations.

III. Smoke sensors are used in environmental monitoring applications to detect smoke from wildfires, agricultural burning, or industrial emissions. They help assess air quality, monitor pollution levels, and provide early warning of potential health hazards.

2.5.3.3 Limitation of Smoke Sensor

I. Detection Range: Smoke sensors may have a limited detection range, particularly in large spaces or open environments. This limitation can impact their effectiveness in detecting smoke particles emitted from fires that are distant from the sensor.

II. Response Time: Some smoke sensors may have a slower response time, especially if they rely on a passive detection method or require a certain concentration of smoke particles to trigger an alarm. A delayed response time could affect the ability to provide timely warnings in the event of a fire.

III. False Alarms: Smoke sensors may occasionally produce false alarms due to factors such as dust, steam, cooking fumes, or other airborne particles that can be mistaken for smoke. False alarms can lead to complacency or unnecessary evacuations, impacting the credibility of the sensor system.

IV. Power Source Dependency: Smoke sensors that rely on batteries for power may be susceptible to power outages or battery depletion, especially if regular maintenance checks are neglected. Ensuring a reliable power source is essential for continuous operation and timely detection of smoke.

2.6 Arduino

Arduino is a microcontroller platform that is designed for simple, real-time applications. It is relatively easy to learn and use, and there is a large community of Arduino users and developers who can provide support. Arduino boards are also relatively inexpensive, making them a good option for budget-minded projects. Figure 2.6 shows a variety of Arduino boards and modules, which are used for building electronic projects and prototyping.

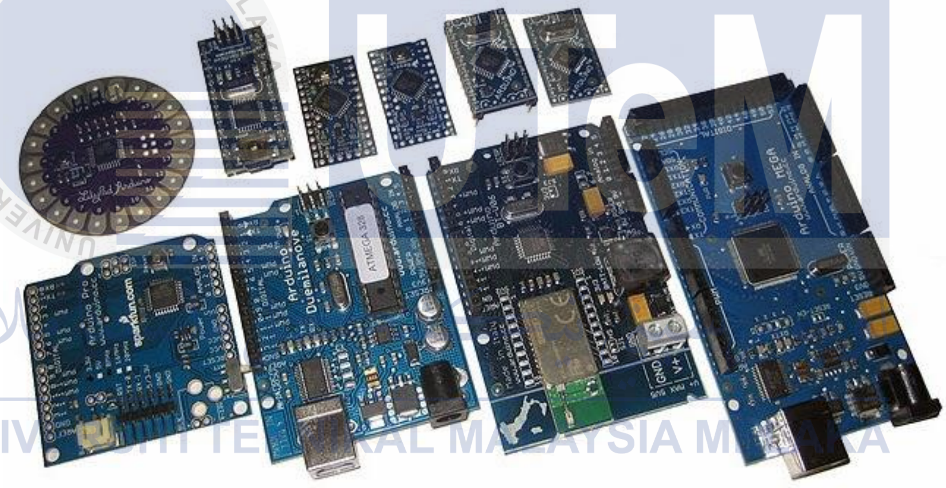


Figure 2.6: Example of Arduino family's boards

2.6.1 Differences between Arduino and Raspberry Pi

Raspberry Pi is a single-board computer that is more powerful than Arduino. It can be used for a wider range of applications, including web browsing, gaming, and media playback. Raspberry Pi boards also have more storage and memory than Arduino boards, making them a better choice for projects that require more complex processing. Figure 2.7 compares a Raspberry Pi and an Arduino Uno, highlighting their physical appearances and the differences between these two popular microcontroller platforms.

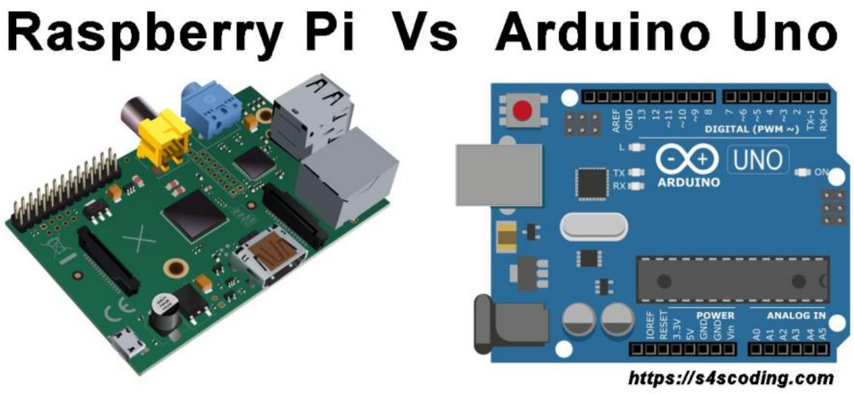


Figure 2.7: Raspberry PI Vs Arduino

Table 2.4: Comparison of Arduino and Raspberry Pi

Features	Arduino	Raspberry Pi
Microcontroller	ATmega328P	Broadcom BCM2835
Operating system	None	Linux
Programming language	C/C++	Python, Java, C/C++
Power consumption	Low	Medium
Price	Inexpensive	Moderate
Applications	Simple, real-time applications	Complex applications, web browsing, gaming, media playback

This table is a side-by-side comparison of Arduino and Raspberry Pi, highlighting their platforms across various features. Arduino is better for simple, real-time projects, uses C/C++ language, and is cheaper with low power needs. Raspberry Pi is more versatile, suitable for complex tasks, supports multiple languages, but is more expensive and consumes more power.

2.6.2 Differences between Arduino and NodeMCU

Arduino and NodeMCU are two of the most popular platforms for electronic prototyping and IoT development. They both have their strengths and weaknesses, so it is important to choose the right one for the project. Arduino is a microcontroller platform that is designed for simple, real-time applications. It is relatively easy to learn and use, and there is a large community of Arduino users and developers who can provide support. Arduino boards are also relatively inexpensive, making them a good option for budget-minded projects. NodeMCU is a development board based on the ESP8266 & ESP32 microcontroller. It has built-in Wi-Fi capabilities, which makes it a good choice for IoT projects. NodeMCU boards are also relatively inexpensive and easy to use. Figure 2.8 compares an Arduino Uno and an ESP8266, showcasing their different designs and functionalities.

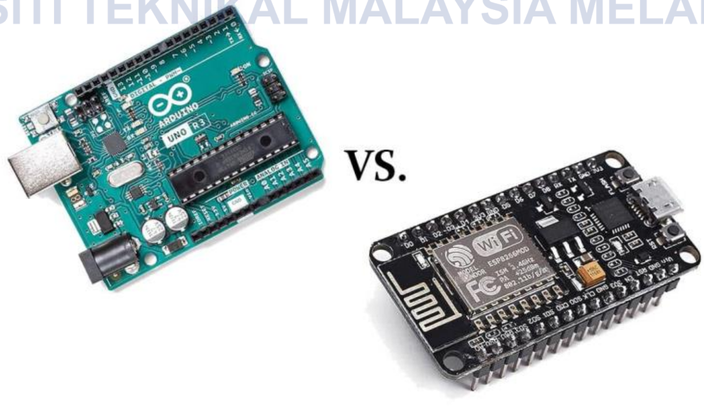


Figure 2.8: NodeMCU ESP8266 Vs. Arduino UNO Board

Table 2.5: Comparison of Arduino and NodeMcu

Features	**Arduino**	**NodeMcu**
Microcontroller	ATmega328P	ESP8266
Operating system	None	Lua
Programming language	C/C++	Lua
Power consumption	Low	Medium
Price	Inexpensive	Inexpensive
Applications	Simple, real-time applications	IoT projects

This table is a side-by-side comparison of Arduino and NodeMcu, highlighting their platforms across various features. The Arduino uses the ATmega328P microcontroller, operates without an operating system, and utilizes C/C++ as the programming language. It is known for its low power consumption, inexpensive price, and suitability for simple, real-time applications. In contrast, the NodeMcu uses the ESP8266 microcontroller, also lacks an operating system, but uses Lua as the programming language. It has medium power consumption, is also inexpensive, and is suited for IoT projects.

2.7 Web Service

A web service for IoT is a software application that allows IoT devices to communicate with each other and with the internet. It provides a way for IoT devices to exchange data and interact with other applications and services. Figure 2.9 illustrates a web service conversation, showing how a client sends a request message to a server through the web and receives a response message in return.

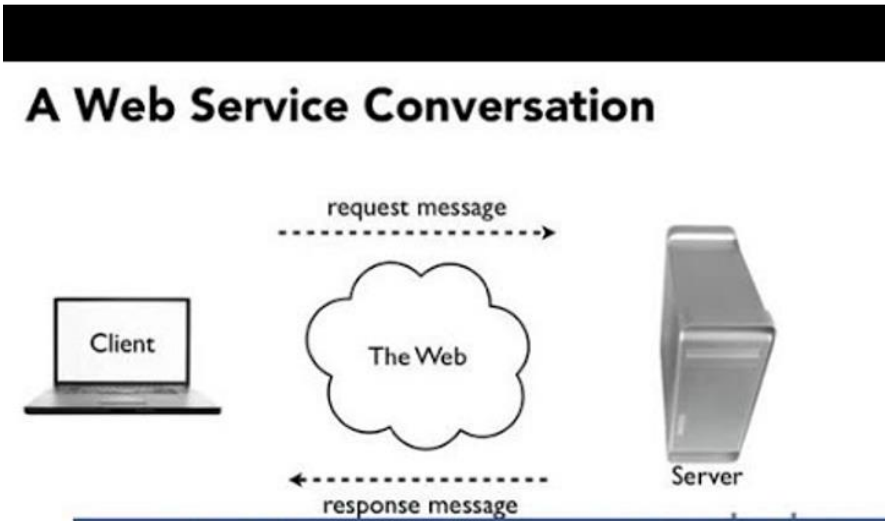


Figure 2.9: A Web Service Conversation

2.7.1 Differences between Web Service and Telegram Apps

Figure 2.10 below contrasts the complexity of web services architecture with the user-friendly interface of the Telegram app, while also emphasizing the importance of backend web services in facilitating secure and efficient communication in messaging applications like Telegram.

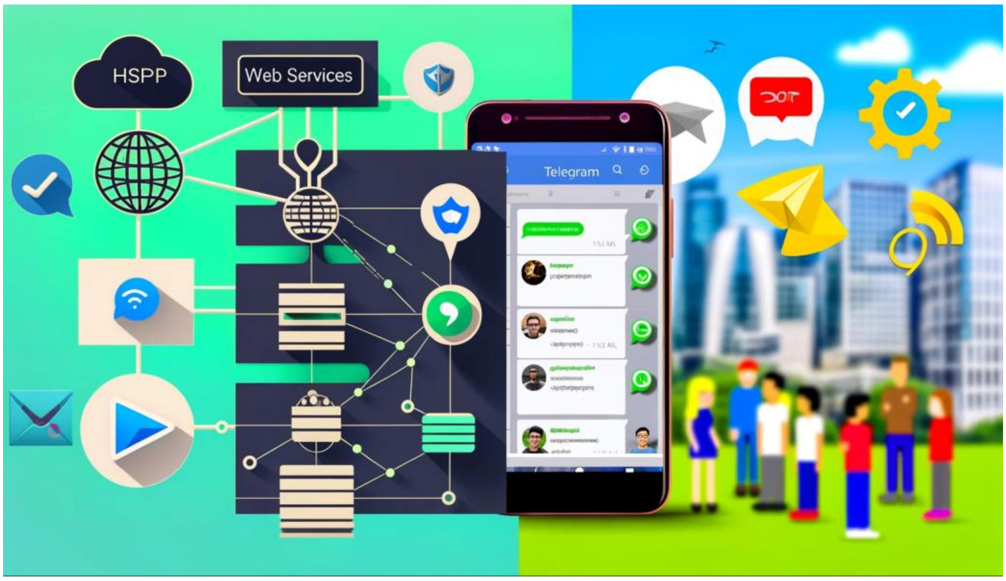


Figure 2.10: Web Services vs. Telegram App Integration

Table 2.6: Comparison of Web Service and Telegram App

Features	Web Service	Telegram App
Scalability	Highly scalable	Not as scalable
Security	High level of security	The lower level of security
Ease of use	More complex to set up and manage	Easier to use and set up
Features	Wide range of features	Limited range of features
Use cases	Large-scale messaging applications, enterprise chat applications	Personal messaging, small-scale business messaging applications
Scalability	Highly scalable	Not as scalable

This table compares Web Service and Telegram App across various features. It highlights that Web Service is highly scalable, offers a high level of security, is more complex to set up and manage, has a wide range of features, and is suitable for large-scale messaging and enterprise chat applications. In contrast, the Telegram App is not as scalable, has a lower level of security, is easier to use and set up, offers a limited range of features, and is more suited for personal messaging and small-scale business messaging applications, making it easier for small projects.

2.8 Wireless Communication in IoT Systems

San (2019) provides a valuable approach on how to adopt a Home Control and Monitoring system through the Internet of things using Raspberry Pi and NodeMCUs. This research can be categorized under IoT context wireless communication, to display how low power communication protocols such as MQTT and WIFI can be effectively utilised to monitor and control home appliances through the internet. Hence the study mimics the substation monitoring wireless communication structure where Raspberry pi is used as server and NodeMCU as client nodes. San's practices of installing flame detectors for fire alarm functions and notifications in form of messages and emails demonstrate the importance of sensor integration and effective notification system presented in the literature review regarding sensor technologies and notification systems. In summary, San's research provides a useful example of how the use of IoT-based substation monitoring systems may be approached and can be beneficial for further research in this subfield.

Jabbar et al. (2019) supplement the systematic literature review of the field of home automation systems by outlining the limitations of existing setups for home automation through IoT@HoMe: a cost-sensitive and heterogeneous IoT-based home automation system with a focus on the friendly and intuitive graphical user interface. This new system uses the NodeMCU module as a Wi-Fi gateway, interconnecting with distinct sensors and sending collected data to an Adafruit IO cloud server. These include RFID, ultrasonic sensors, temperature, humidity, gas, and motion sensors with the inclusion of the IoT@HoMe system allowing detailed monitoring of all home conditions. Notably, it enables control by If This Then That (IFTTT) on mobile phones and laptops, provided the users are not in office. Thus, through a relay chain, IoT@HoMe makes it possible to operate the appliances, save energy and make the operation of homes safer through the control by the IoT devices. This one is installed in a portable control box manner and thus is convenient, safe, and secure for the residents of the smart home, making it one of the best home automation systems.

Garg and Reddy (2022) propose a novel system that enforces non-internet connected devices into IoT using a system of a smart plug. This research proposal focuses on improving home automation through control of ordinary appliances by any device including smartphone irrespective of the distant place. Agreeably, the proposed Smart Plug integrates the ESP8266 Wi-Fi chip and a Relay Circuit to transform single phase 6A wall sockets to IoT plugs. This approach allows fitting the smart devices in places where it is not feasible to install new ones, so the users of the devices do not incur into a lot of expenses. Another feature is the Android application, designed to monitor and control home appliances connected to the smart home prototype, which contributes to the smooth execution of various tasks. Garg and Reddy's project is reminiscent of how IoT has the flexibility and openness to expand on these basic household items' capabilities. Figure 2.11 shows the evolving landscape of IoT communication technologies, showcasing various connectivity standards such as LoRa, Zigbee, Wi-Fi, Z-Wave, Sigfox, and Bluetooth, used to enable interconnected smart devices.

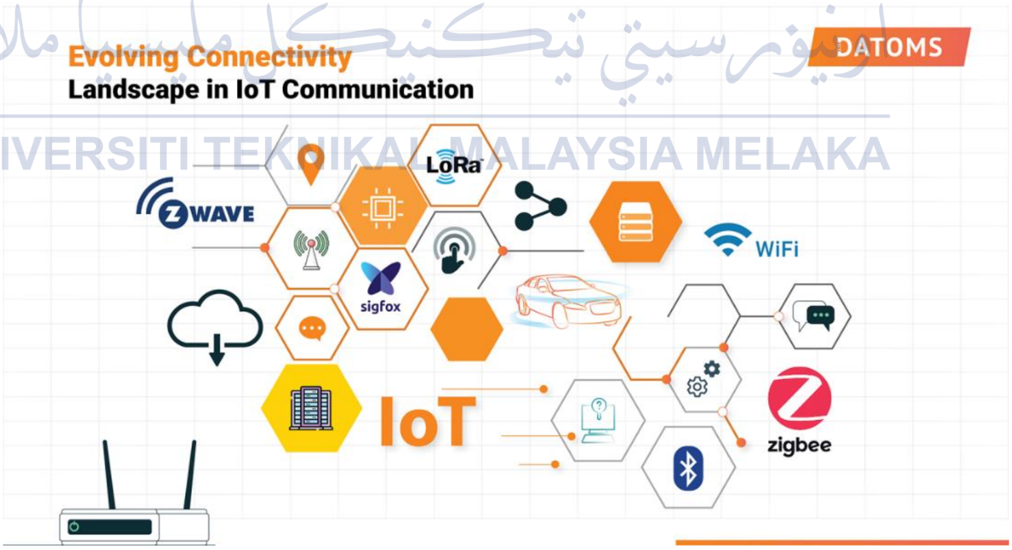


Figure 2.11: Landscape in IoT Communication

2.9 Notification System

Mazhar et al. (2023) provide a detailed discussion of the current status and challenges of notification systems specifically in smart grid systems and views the potentiality of threats through cyberattacks. It is crucial for distributed energy systems, including smart grids as they grow worldwide, and there are challenges associated with them, including cybersecurity challenges. Due to constant communication of data packets over millions of sensors in smart grids, it is highly vulnerable to attacks, thus risking dependability, availability, and privacy of smart grid networks. Mazhar et al. delineate the three layers susceptible to cyberattacks within smart grid networks: clients, smart devices as well as sensors, and network technologists. By their work, various risks and some imperfections related to critical components safety are explored and make the way towards suggesting possible security measures based on different approaches. The measures suggested tried to reduce the risk of cyber threats falling under these three categories, adding a significant measure to prevent smart grid networks against possible risks.

Alaghbari et al. (2022) describe the significance of IoT devices in datacenters along with their capability to improve and manage several tasks apart from creating an automated framework to minimize the errors made by humans. As datacenters have become the primary storage and management of information, uninterrupted facilities functioning is vital to avoid system collapse. When using IoT technology, most processes, which otherwise may be performed manually or automated but frequently repeated, like monitoring physical infrastructure, updating software and configurations, monitoring the network traffic, automating the alerting reports, etc, can be optimised. Furthermore, through the utilization of IoT for intrusion detection, enhanced physical and cyber-security measures can be implemented to reduce risks and liabilities within datacenter. With the ever-increasing number of IoT devices being integrated in various sectors, associated with the rising tidal wave of data produced and the continuous flow in discrete real time, CEP can be seen as the intricate solution for the management of Big Data. Alaghbari et al. continue their discourse on the use of ML and DL in improving CEP, with the overall aid of smart system self-learning capabilities and rule discovery . By presenting an analysis of the most recent articles that have been published in this field, the study seeks to highlight the utility and potential of CEP technology in addressing issues to do with facilities and cybersecurity within data centers.

Chander et al. (2022) outline how AI-based systems act in Industry 5. This paper repositions fifteen IoT key paradigms with an emphasis on their primary role in the context of the Internet of Things. In view of this new dawn of industrial revolution, Industry 5.0 presents an excellent utilization of intelligent systems interface with operators to achieve best automation that correlates with the manufacturing procedure with critical thinking talent. As a result, they get relaxed and free from tension, restrictions of one's locality, ability to get information regarding to any topic, any corner of the world and providing free hand for reporting without any restriction in preparing the reports. Moreover, these devices provide the required savoir-faire to the concerned users through proper communication channels. Nevertheless, the dramatic increase in the quantity of the raw sensed data collected by numerous connected devices requires pre-processing to be performing before the actual data transformation to the valuable information. Edge computing comes as a relevant enabler to this end, as it utilises IoT devices to process the information effectively. Another important facet of edge computing is the information inference and it is enabled by AI-based algorithms to help extract specific information from the sensed and gathered data. The study conducted by Chander et al. emphasizes the interdependency between technologies of Artificial

Intelligence and IoT and explains how their interaction contributes to the advancement of industries and to the optimization of production processes in Industry 5.0 era. Figure 2.12 demonstrates a notification system where two individuals are communicating via text messages on a smartphone and receiving notifications on their devices.

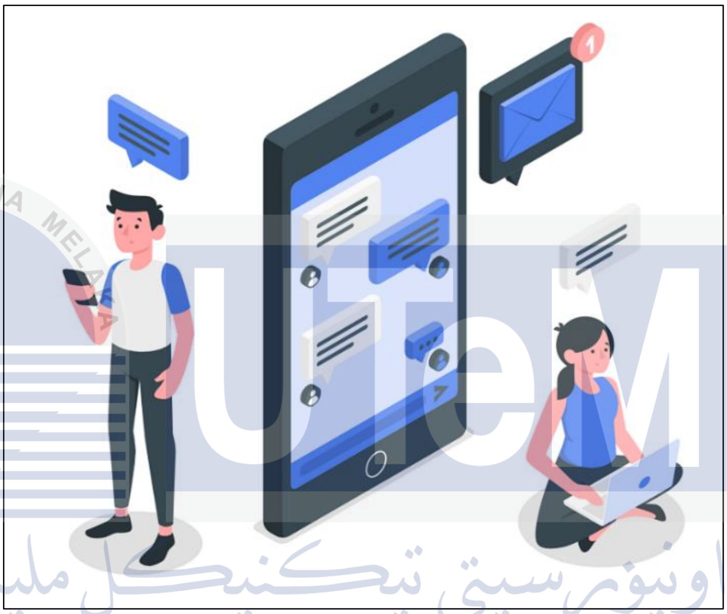


Figure 2.12: Notification System

2.10 Comparison of Existing Systems

Comparing existing substation monitoring systems highlights the advantages of IoT-based solutions over traditional methods:

Table 2.7: Comparison of Substation Monitoring Systems

Feature	Traditional Monitoring	SCADA Systems	IoT-Based Monitoring
Real-time Monitoring	Limited	Advanced	Highly Advanced
Cost	Moderate to High	High	Low to Moderate
Scalability	Limited	Limited	High
Data Analytics	Basic	Advanced	Advanced with Predictive Analysis
Ease of Integration	Moderate	Complex	Simple

Based on this comparison, IoT-based systems give significant advantages in terms of real-time monitoring, cost-efficiency, scalability, and ease of integration. These benefits underscore the potential of IoT technologies in revolutionizing substation monitoring and management.

2.10.1 Comparison between Previous Related Projects

Table 2.8: Comparison between Previous Related Projects

Feature	San (2019) - Home Control and Monitoring System	Jabbar et al. (2019) - IoT@HoMe	Garg and Reddy (2022) - Smart Plug for Home Automation	Mazhar et al. (2023) - Notification Systems in Smart Grid Systems	Alaghbari et al. (2022) - IoT in Datacenters	Chander et al. (2022) - AI-Based Systems in Industry 5.0	Current Project - IoT-Based Smart Monitoring System for TNB's Substations
Objective	Enhance home automation and monitoring capabilities using IoT technologies.	Develop a cost-sensitive and heterogeneous IoT-based home automation system.	Transform ordinary appliances into IoT-enabled devices for improved control.	Enhance the cybersecurity and notification systems within smart grids to mitigate risks.	Improve and manage datacenter operations through IoT, reducing human errors.	Leverage AI and IoT integration to advance industrial processes in the Industry 5.0 era.	Enhance security and operational efficiency of electrical substations through IoT-based smart monitoring.
Technologies Used	Raspberry Pi, NodeMCU, MQTT, Wi-Fi	NodeMCU, various sensors (RFID, ultrasonic, temperature, humidity, gas, motion), Adafruit IO cloud server, IFTTT	ESP8266 Wi-Fi chip, relay circuit, Android application	Not specifically mentioned; focuses on communication layers and cybersecurity strategies.	IoT devices for infrastructure monitoring, ML, DL, CEP	AI algorithms, edge computing, IoT devices	ESP8266 NodeMCU Kit, Wi-Fi, Motion Sensors, Gas Sensors (for fire detection), Water Sensors, Telegram
Sensors	Flame detectors	RFID, ultrasonic, temperature, humidity, gas, motion sensors	None specified	Various sensors in smart grid contexts	Sensors for physical infrastructure monitoring (e.g., temperature, humidity)	Various sensors for data collection	Motion Sensors, Gas Sensors (for fire detection), Water Sensors
Communication	MQTT, Wi-Fi	Wi-Fi, Adafruit IO, IFTTT	Wi-Fi	Focus on secure communication layers, ensuring dependable data transfer.	Automated alerting systems, network traffic monitoring	Preprocessing of data through edge computing, AI-based algorithms	Wi-Fi for data transmission, Telegram for real-time alerts and notifications

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Capabilities	Monitoring and controlling home appliances, fire alarms, notifications via messages and emails	Detailed monitoring of home conditions, remote control via mobile devices, energy-saving functionalities	Remote control of ordinary appliances via smartphone, cost-effective and user-friendly solution	Implementing cybersecurity measures, reducing risk of cyber threats, and ensuring the integrity of smart grid networks.	Automating routine datacenter tasks, enhancing physical and cybersecurity measures, optimizing big data management.	Enabling intelligent systems to interact with operators, data preprocessing, enhancing production processes.	Real-time monitoring of security systems, remote control through mobile applications, fire detection, water level monitoring, motion detection.
Mobile App Integration	Yes	Yes	Yes	No direct mention of mobile app integration. Focuses on communication and cybersecurity.	Yes	Yes	Yes, via Telegram for real-time alerts and notifications
Key Functions	Monitoring and controlling home appliances, fire alarms via flame detectors, notifications through messages and emails	Monitoring home conditions with various sensors, remote control of appliances, energy management through IFTTT	Providing IoT capabilities to ordinary appliances, monitoring and control through a dedicated Android application	Ensuring cybersecurity of smart grid systems, addressing vulnerabilities in communication layers, safeguarding critical infrastructure.	Monitoring and managing datacenter infrastructure, automating software updates, intrusion detection, and enhanced security.	Facilitating Industry 5.0 through AI and IoT integration, intelligent automation, data preprocessing, and production process optimization.	Enhancing security and operational efficiency of substations, real-time monitoring, mobile app integration for alerts and control, comprehensive sensor utilization.

This comparison table illustrates the focus, technologies, sensors, communication methods, capabilities, mobile app integration, and key functions of the previous related projects versus the current IoT-based smart monitoring system for TNB’s substations. These projects show the versatility and effectiveness of sensor and IoT technologies in different applications. The current project is designed to enhance the security and operational efficiency of electrical substations, leveraging advanced IoT technologies and real-time monitoring capabilities.

2.11 Summary

Previous research refers to a comparison with a device or sensor that has already been developed as a benchmark and references based on the project that will be built. Therefore, based on the review of various studies, three key sensors have been selected for implementation: the PIR motion sensor, water level sensor, and fire detection module. These sensors were chosen due to their affordability and ease of integration. To enable connectivity and remote monitoring, the NodeMCU ESP8266 microcontroller was selected to link these sensors to a Wi-Fi network and send alerts via the Telegram app. This setup aims to provide an efficient and cost-effective solution for real-time monitoring and enhanced security.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

Methodology refers to the systematic and theoretical analysis of techniques employed within a specific research field. It involves a comprehensive examination of the methods and concepts associated with that field of study. Key terms commonly found in methodology include paradigm, analytical modal, stages, as well as quantitative and qualitative techniques. Furthermore, it is crucial to approach each phase of a project as a distinct procedure for its completion. Taking one phase at a time and exercising caution is essential. Mistakes made during a phase can potentially hinder the project's execution or result in an imperfect outcome. Thus, it is necessary to follow established protocols and complete various processes before concluding the project to ensure its smooth progression and achieve a satisfactory outcome.

3.2 Project Development Flow Chart

The flow chart illustrates a sequential project development process consisting of five phases: Planning, Research, Design, Implement, and Analysis. Initially, the Planning phase defines the project's objectives, scope, and requirements. The Research phase involves gathering relevant information and studying existing literature and technologies. In the Design phase, detailed schematics and plans are developed based on the research findings. The Implement phase follows, where the project is built and assembled according to the design, involving coding and hardware construction. Finally, the Analysis phase tests and evaluates the system, ensuring it meets the project objectives, with conclusions drawn and recommendations made for future improvements.

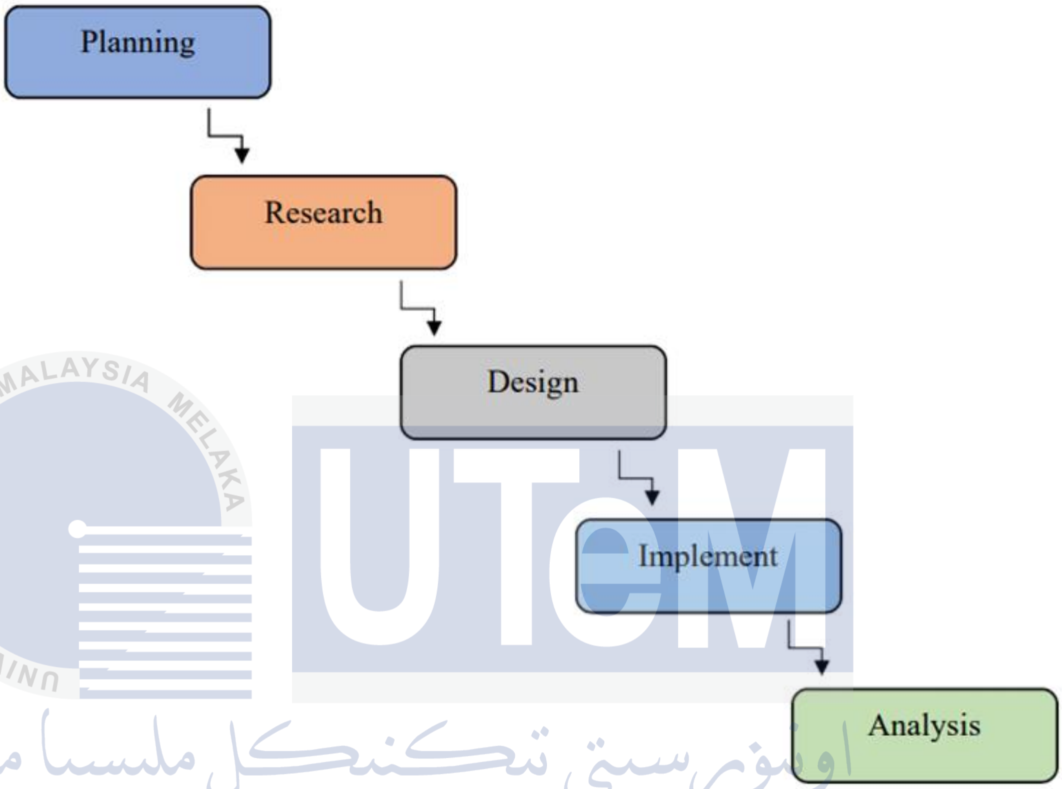

Figure 3.1: Flow Chart of the Project Development

3.3 Project Planning Flow Chart

The project planning flow chart outlines a systematic process starting with initial project planning and progressing through research and data collection, title evaluation, and defining project objectives. It includes a comprehensive literature review, development of methodology, comparison and analysis of previous related work, and detailed planning of hardware and software components. The design is developed and tested, followed by data analysis and discussion of results. The process concludes with drawing conclusions and making recommendations, ensuring that the project objectives are achieved and documented.

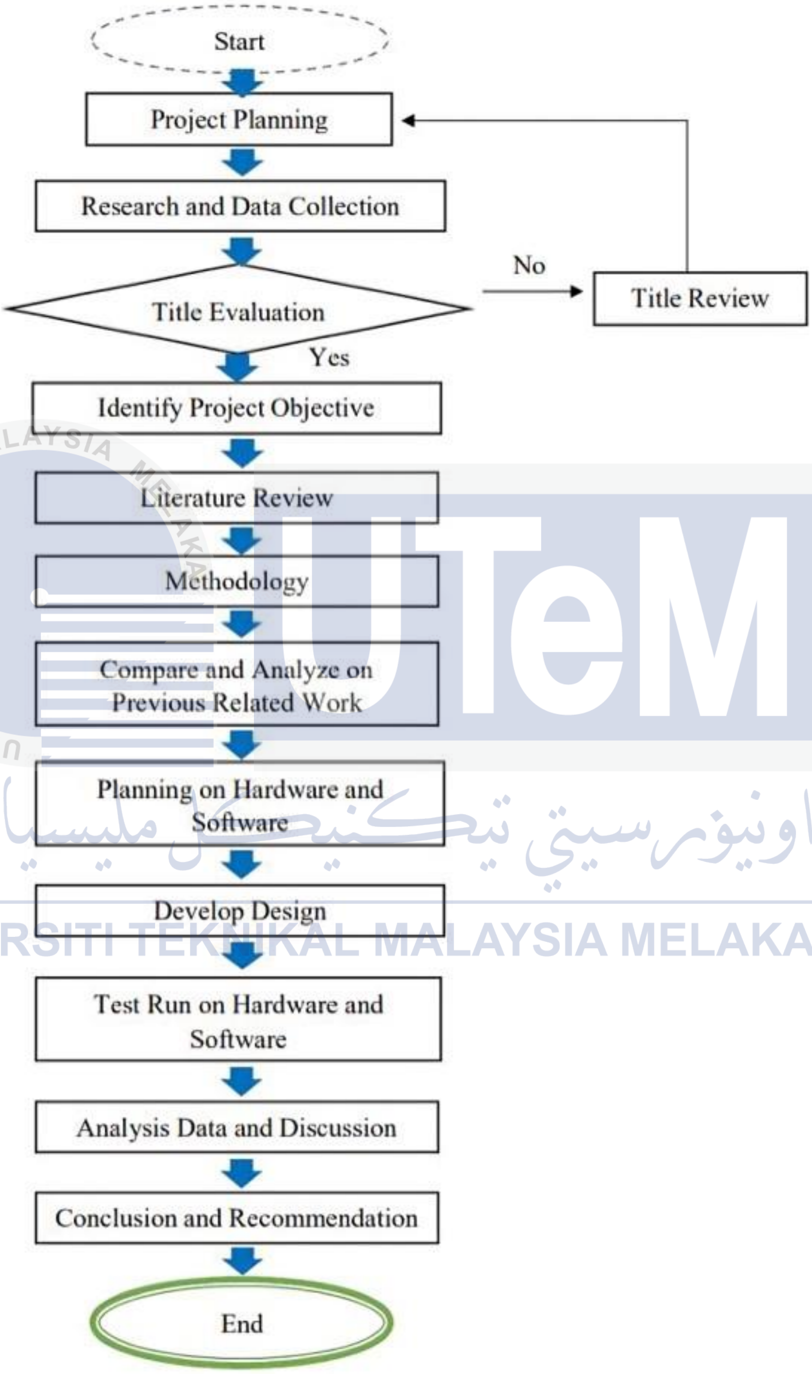

Figure 3.2: Flow Chart of the Project Planning

3.3.1 Operational Flow Chart of Project

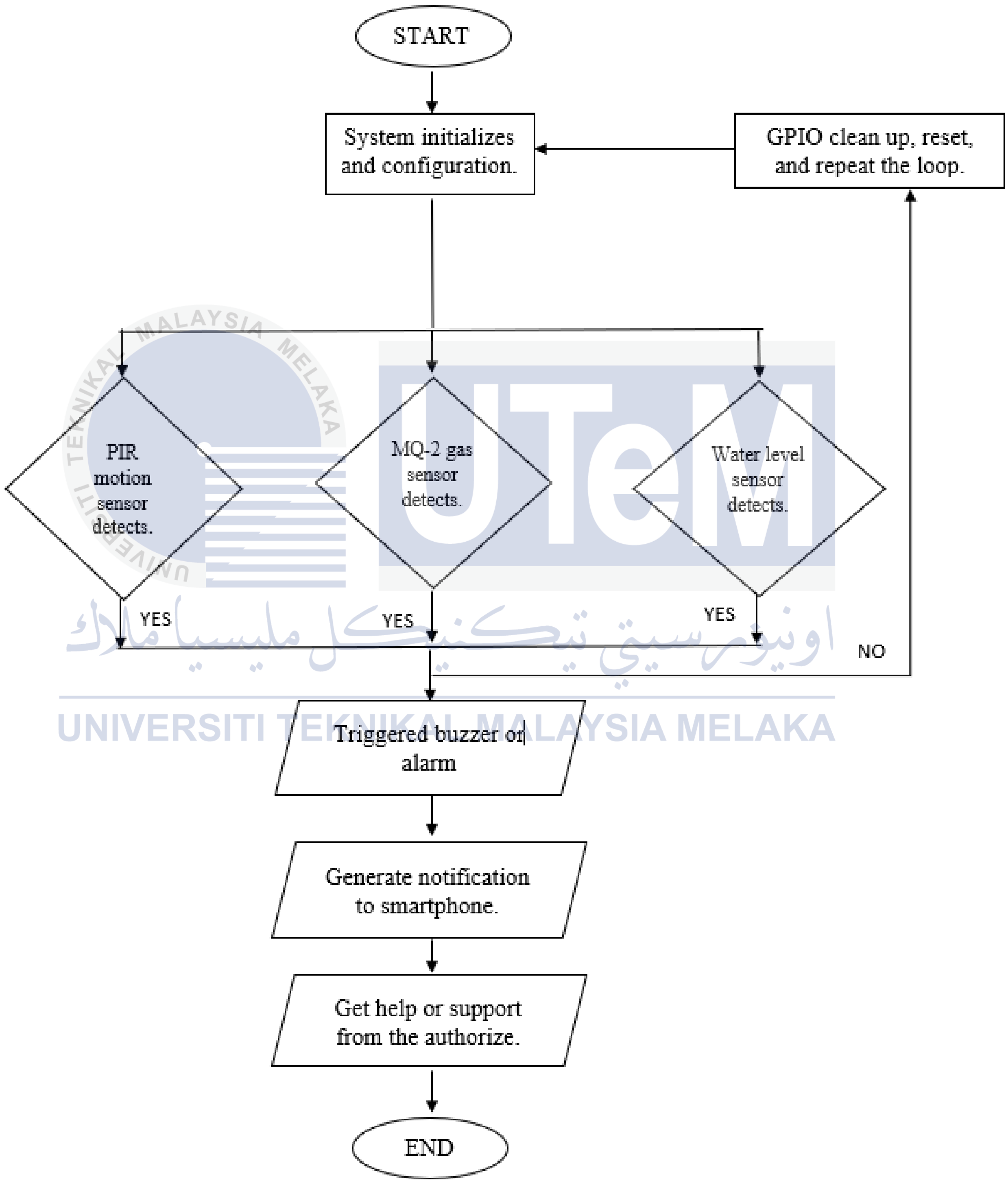

Figure 3.3: Operational Flow Chart of the Project

Figure 3.3 above shows the operational flowchart for the system. The flowcharts simplify the entire process of the project. The process starts with the system initialization configuration. After that, the PIR motion sensor, water level sensor and MQ-2 gas sensor were activated. For the PIR sensor, if there was no motion was detected, the GPIO would clean up, reset, and repeat the loop. For the water level sensor, if there was no water appearance, the GPIO would automatically clean up, reset, and repeat the loop. The same goes for the smoke sensor, if there was no smoke or fire appearance, the GPIO would repeat the process automatically.

For the opposite interaction which is when there were motion, water and smoke exist the PIR motion sensor, water level sensor and MQ-2 gas sensor will operate and triggered the buzzer/alarm. This will catch the attention of the authorization from TNB. Other than that, the system would also send a signal to Telegram in the smartphone to notify the TNB authorization. All these situations can be supervised by Telegram that act as a controller.

3.4 System Block Diagram

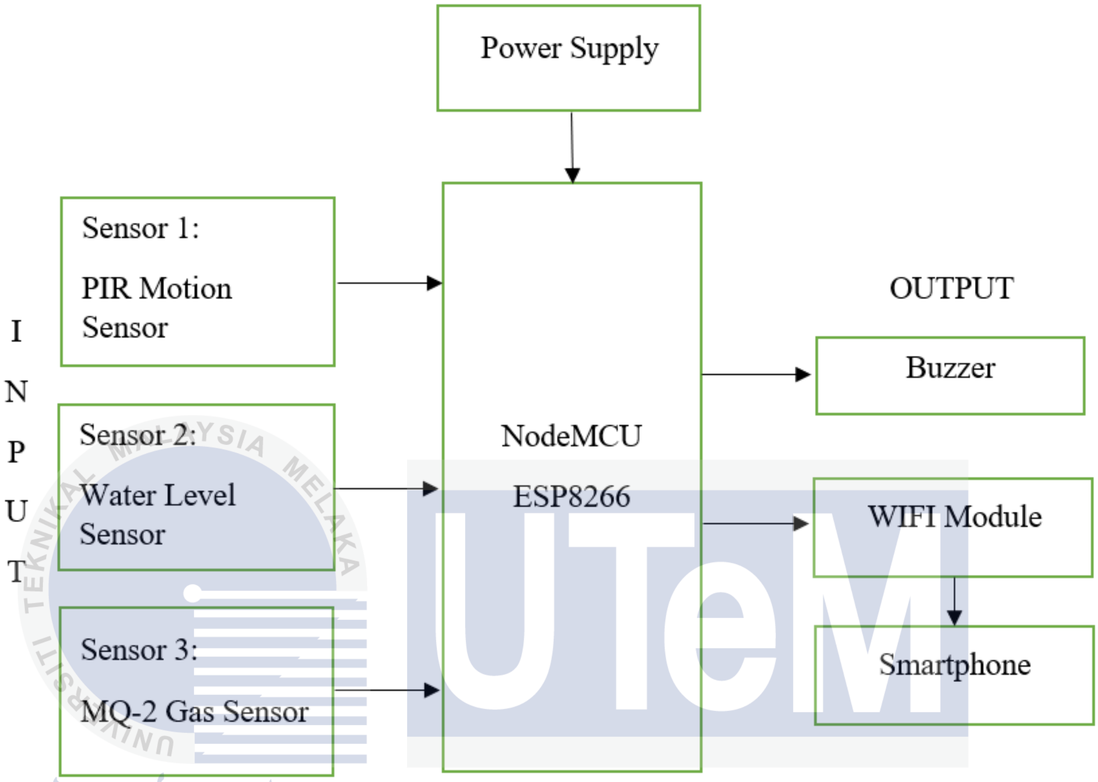

Figure 3.4: System Block Diagram of the Project

Based on the Figure 3.4, the connection of the system that will be utilized to monitor the substation's smart system is shown in the block diagram above. The NodeMCU ESP8266 serves as the circuit's brain. It is an independent module that allows any microcontroller to access the WI-FI network. The input of the system consists of three sensors which are the PIR motion sensor, the water level sensor, and the MQ-2 gas sensor. Its duties include detecting the motion of human and water levels, such as during a flood and smoke in fire accidents. The project's input may be recognized and processed before sending a production signal to the buzzer as a safety alert utilizing the Arduino software as an intermediate language to operate the circuit. Using the ESP8266, the alarm notification will be sent through WI-FI to the user's smartphone as the device is in use.

3.5 Design Procedure of the Project

3.5.1 Hardware Design

Prototype Construction

The prototype aims to simulate a TNB substation, integrating various sensors and alert systems. The construction of the prototype involves the following steps:

1. **Base Construction**: The base of the prototype is made from plywood, providing a sturdy foundation. The dimensions of the base are 28.5 cm x 28.5 cm x 10.0 cm.
2. **Substation Structure**: A scaled-down model of the TNB substation is constructed using cardboard. This model measures 13.0 cm x 13.0 cm x 12.0 cm and includes essential components such as the main building and surrounding fence.
3. **Perimeter Fence**: The fence around the substation is simulated using cardboard, representing the physical boundary of the substation.
4. **Synthetic Grass**: Synthetic grass is laid around the base to provide a realistic environment and ensure safety by insulating the setup from potential electrical hazards.

3.5.2 Design of Project

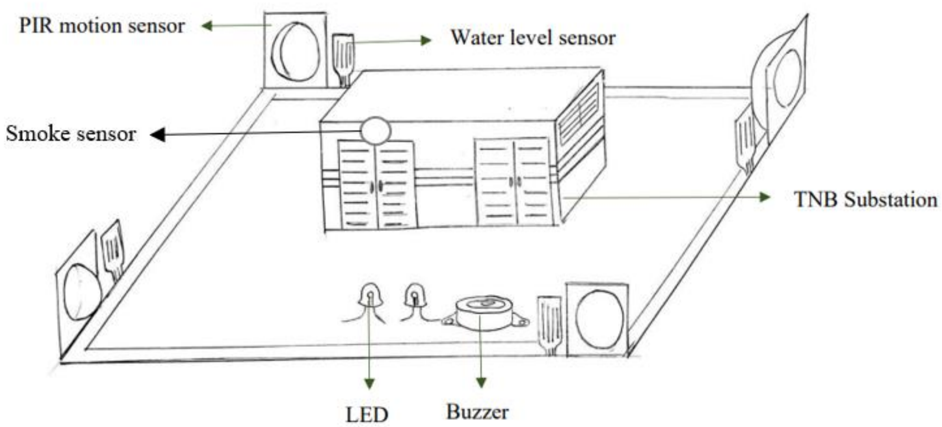

Figure 3.5: Design of the project

This drawing is an illustration of what the finished product will look like. This is just a built prototype that shows the TNB substation because to imitate the real TNB substation requires approval from the TNB side.

The fence around the TNB substation's border encloses the whole substation. To make it simple to detect in every part of the facility, PIR motion sensors, water level sensors and MQ-2 gas sensors are installed in every corner of the substation. A buzzer and an LED serve as an alert alarm, with the buzzer sounding when a sensor detects anything and the LED lighting up as a warning indicator.

3.5.3 Hardware Prototype

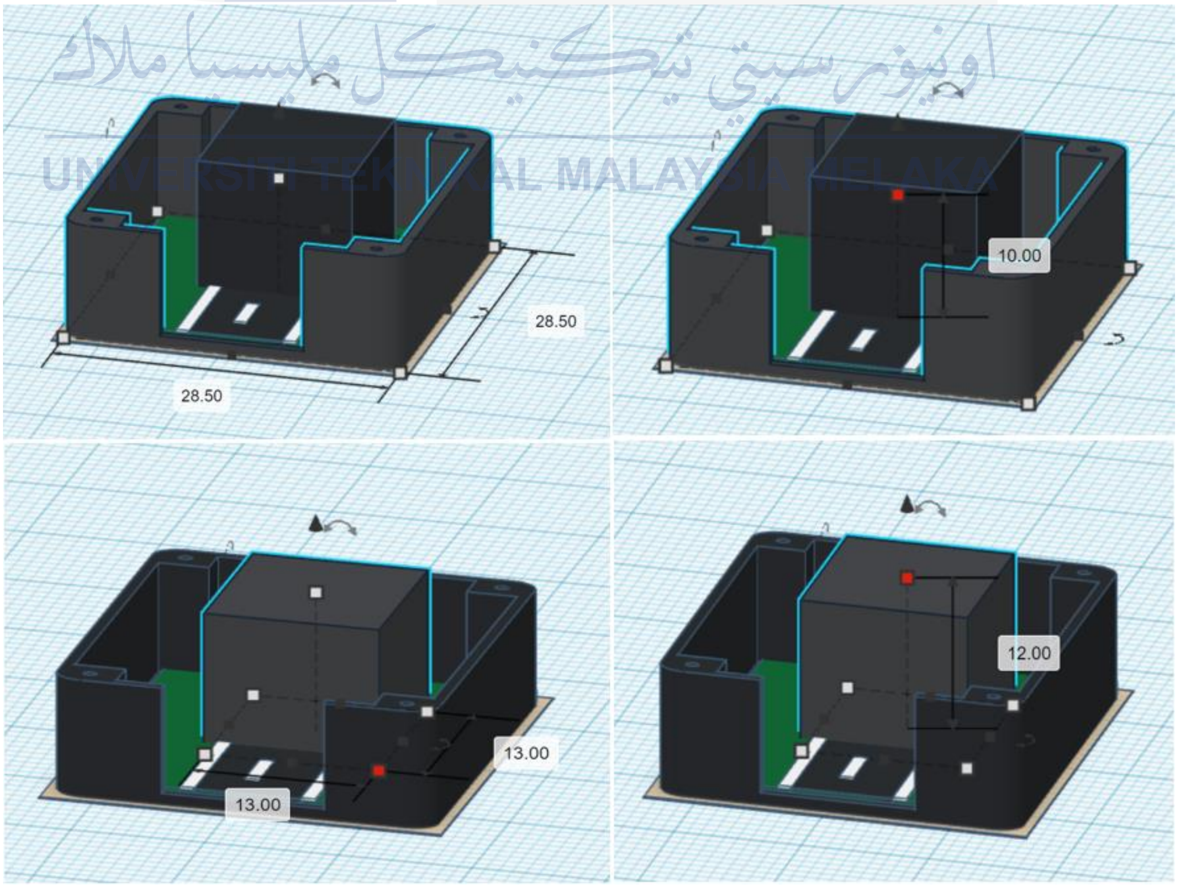

Figure 3.6: Initial Prototype Design for The Substation Base

Table 3.1: Dimension of the Prototype

Component	Dimension (cm)
Base	28.5 × 28.5 × 10.0
TNB Substation	13.0 × 13.0 × 12.0

Figure 3.6 above shows a 3D model of the initial prototype design for the substation base structure with labelled measurements: the outer dimensions are 28.50 cm by 28.50 cm, an internal height of 10.00 cm, an internal compartment width of 13.00 cm, and another internal height of 12.00 cm. The base is a square with a significant height, while the TNB substation fits within it, suggesting a nested or compartmentalized design. The specific measurements in the 3D model reinforce the dimensions provided in Table 3.1 above, ensuring clarity and precision in the prototype's design.

3.5.4 Circuit Design

The circuit design involves the configuration and connection of all electronic components, ensuring proper communication and functionality. The circuit diagram is created using Circuito.io, an online platform for designing and simulating electronic circuits.

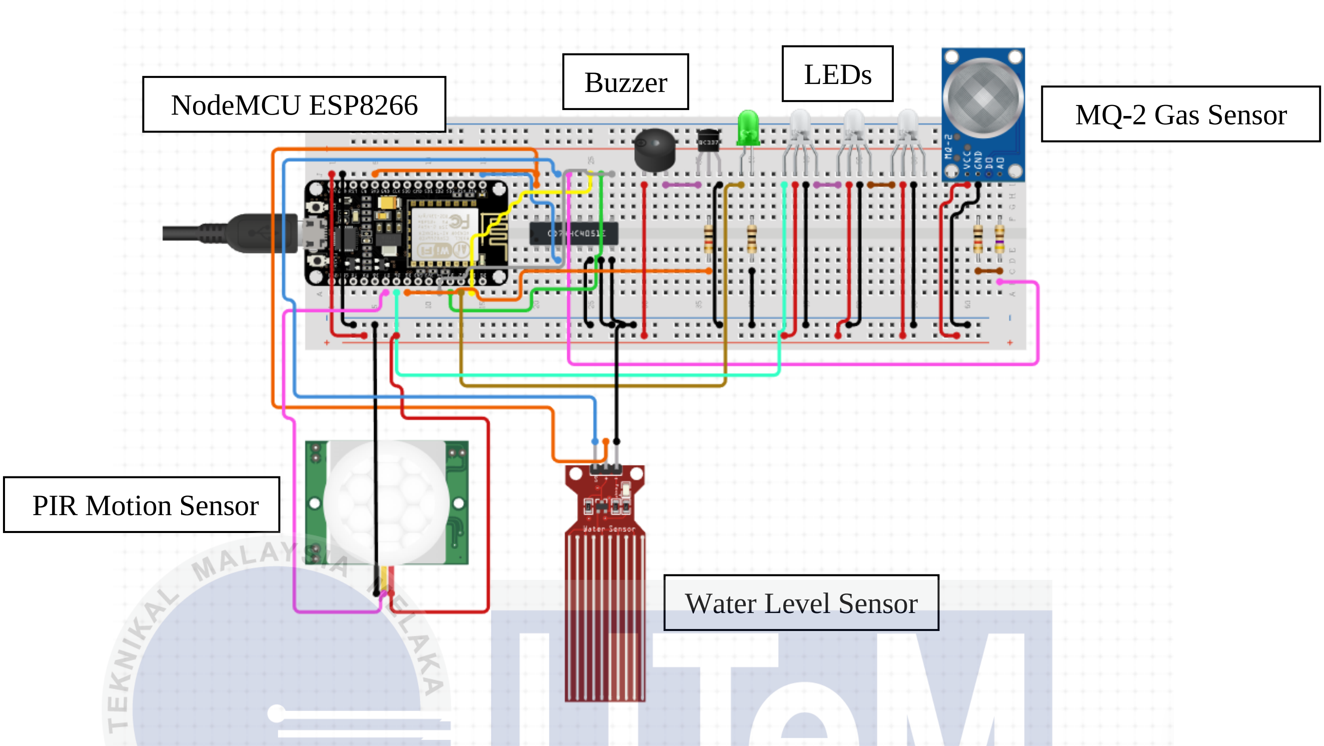

Figure 3.7: Circuit of the project

3.5.4.1 Components and Connections

Table 3.2: Connectivity of Components

NodeMCU ESP8266	This microcontroller serves as the central processing unit, handling sensor data and Wi-Fi communication.
PIR Motion Sensor	Connected to a digital input pin on the NodeMCU, the PIR motion sensor detects movement and triggers the system when motion is detected.
Water Level Sensor	Connected to an analog input pin, the water level sensor monitors the presence of water, indicating potential flooding.
MQ-2 Gas Sensor	Connected to another digital input pin, the gas sensor detects the presence of smoke, indicating a fire hazard.
Buzzer	Connected to a digital output pin, the buzzer sounds an alarm when any of the sensors are triggered.
LED	Also connected to a digital output pin, the LED provides a visual alert in conjunction with the buzzer.

The table 3.2 outlines the smart monitoring system's connectivity, detailing how sensors for motion, water level, and smoke detection interface with a NodeMCU ESP8266 microcontroller. The system uses both digital and analog inputs for processing various types of signals and employs a buzzer and LED for alarm notifications in case of detected hazards.

3.5.5 Software Design

The software design entails integrating the NodeMCU to retrieve data from the sensors and send the obtained information through the Telegram application to issue alerts. Arduino integrated development environment is used for writing and uploading of the code to the NodeMCU.

NodeMCU is an open-source firmware and development kit that is built around the ESP8266 Wi-Fi module. The ESP8266 is a low-cost, low-power Wi-Fi chip with a full TCP/IP stack and microcontroller capability. NodeMCU provides an easy-to-use programming interface and allows users to quickly prototype and build Wi-Fi-enabled projects. Some of the characteristics of NodeMCU include its small form factor, low power consumption, and ability to connect to Wi-Fi networks. It also has a variety of GPIO pins for interfacing with other components and sensors.

To enable the sensors to transmit data to the Telegram Apps through Wi-Fi, the NodeMCU ESP8266 was utilized for this project. By using this component, the notification can notify through a smartphone using Telegram Apps.

NodeMCU Programming

The NodeMCU is programmed to:

Initialize Sensors and Wi-Fi: Fit in the sensors and get a Wi-Fi connection.

Read Sensor Data: They include constantly checking data collected from the PIR motion sensor, water level sensor as well as the smoke sensor.

Trigger Alerts: Trigger the buzzer and LED if an anomaly has been raised and then alert via Telegram.

3.5.6 System Integration

Integration is extremely crucial to make sure that all the systems ranging from the hardware to the software are in harmony to meet the intended goals of the project. This involves:

Connecting Hardware: Mounting of the sensors, NodeMCU, buzzer and LED on the bread board or printed circuit board.

Uploading Software: Finally using the Arduino IDE to flash the developed code to the NodeMCU board.

Testing Communication: Ensuring the establishment of a Wi-Fi connection on the NodeMCU and its capability to send notifications to Telegram.

Simulating Scenarios: To test the sensors an attempt to simulate motion presence of water and smoke was made to see if the sensors would flag it.

Adjusting Sensitivity: Improving on the sensitivity of the sensors to reduce on their false alarms and making sure that they are very accurate.

3.6 Method of Data Collection

This research study involved assessment of the performance statistics of all the different hardware components, the functionality of all the different software components and the connectivity of the whole establishment. This analysis aims to validate the system's effectiveness in achieving the project objectives: return unlawful access, enabling constructing water level for identifying floods and smoke for fire dangers. The success of a given algorithm or program is judged based on the number of correct responses it delivers, response time, dependability and energy consumption in fundamental tests and stimulations.

3.7 Data Analysis

Data collected during testing is analysed to identify performance issues and areas for improvement. This includes:

1.**Accuracy of Sensors:** Measuring the accuracy and response time of each sensor.

2.**Reliability of Alerts:** Ensuring that alerts are sent promptly and received correctly on the Telegram app.

3.**Power Consumption:** Monitoring the power usage of the system to ensure it can operate efficiently over extended periods.

Data analysis is another effective way to determine the effectiveness and effectiveness of the IoT-based smart monitoring system of TNB’s Substations. This offer insight on how data acquired from the implemented sensors ought to be processed, or how a system can be assessed to determine whether it fulfils given aims and metrics.

3.8 Software Implementation

This section describes the software that will be used in connection with the hardware components. The most significant part of the project is the coding and simulation because it will oversee the entire monitoring system.

3.8.1 Circuito.io

Circuito.io is an online platform that provides a user-friendly, drag-and-drop interface for designing, simulating, and sharing electronic circuits. It offers an intuitive drag-and-drop interface with a vast library of components like resistors, LEDs, microcontrollers, and sensors. Users can design circuit diagrams, run real-time simulations to test circuit behavior, and generate code for microcontrollers such as Arduino. Circuit.io also supports collaboration, allowing users to share and work on projects together. It caters to both beginners and experienced engineers, helping them visualize and validate electronic circuits efficiently before physical implementation. Figure 3.8 shows the Circuito.io website interface. Circuito.io.

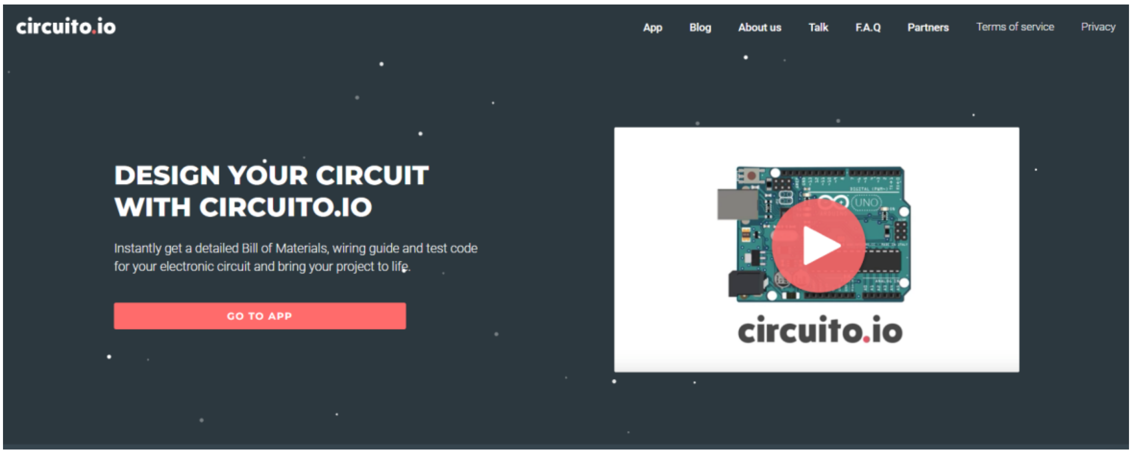

Figure 3.8: The Circuito.io Website

3.8.2 Telegram App

Telegram Application is a free web service that can provide multiple services by creating several options for controlling the system. The Telegram app provides a platform with iOS and Android applications for controlling Arduino devices (**Biranchi & Kumar, 2017)**. Through the Telegram interface, users can send commands and receive updates from Arduino boards connected to their projects. The smart irrigation system leverages web services and the Telegram application to provide a user-friendly platform for remote monitoring and control. Users interact with a custom Telegram bot to send commands and receive updates on their mobile devices. Commands such as starting irrigation or querying soil moisture levels are processed by the bot and relayed to a web service API, which communicates with the irrigation hardware. The hardware executes the commands and sends back status updates or sensor readings, which the API then forwards to the Telegram bot. This setup ensures secure, reliable, and efficient management of the irrigation system from anywhere. Figure 3.9 shows the Google Play Store page for the Telegram app, and Figure 3.10 below illustrates a setup where an ESP8266 microcontroller detects motion via a sensor and sends a notification message to a user through the Telegram app. Telegram.org.

Figure 3.9: The Telegram App

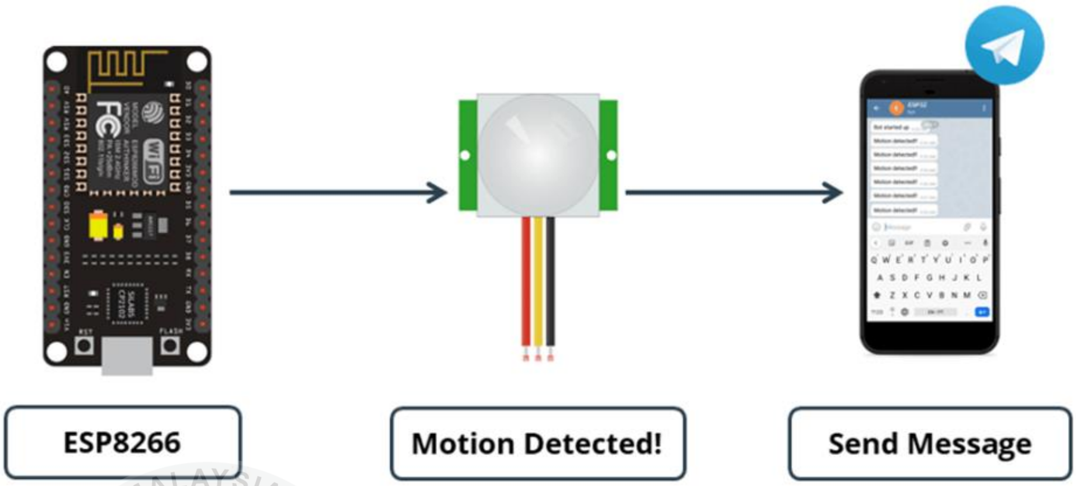

Figure 3.10: Telegram application operation

3.8.3 Arduino IDE

The Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is an open-source software application used to program Arduino boards. It provides a user-friendly interface for writing, compiling, and uploading code to Arduino-compatible microcontrollers. The IDE includes a text editor with features like syntax highlighting and auto-completion, a compiler that translates the code into machine-readable instructions for the microcontroller, and a bootloader for uploading the compiled code to the Arduino board via USB. The Arduino IDE supports various programming languages, including C and C++, making it accessible for both beginners and experienced developers. It's freely available for download on the Arduino website and is compatible with Windows, macOS, and Linux operating systems. Figure 3.11 displays the Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Arduino software. Arduino IDE.

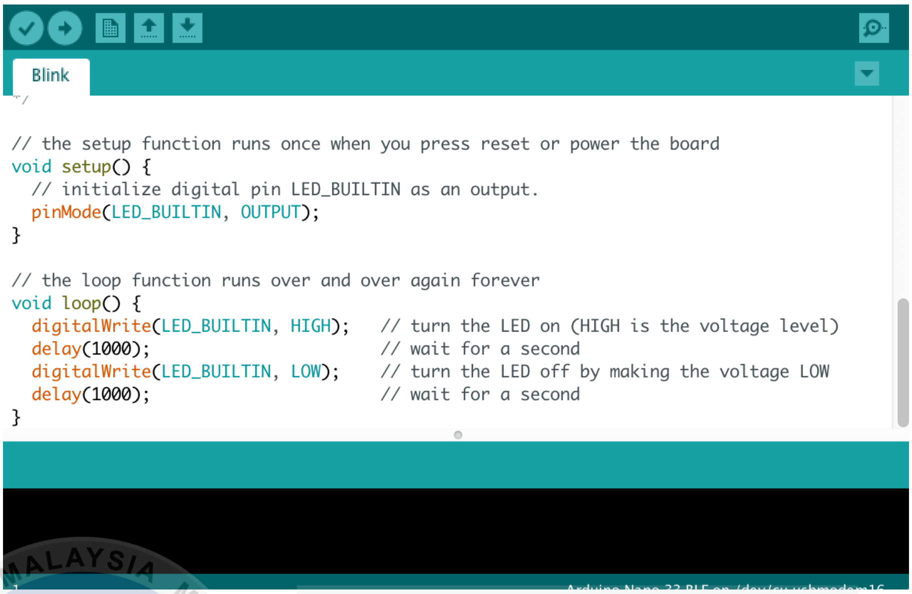

Figure 3.11: IDE for Arduino

3.8.4 Tinkercad

Tinkercad is an intuitive, web-based platform developed by Autodesk, widely used for creating and simulating 3D models and electronic circuits. It features a user-friendly drag-and-drop interface, making it accessible for users of all ages and skill levels. Tinkercad supports educational purposes with its tutorials and lessons, and its cloud-based nature allows easy access from any device. The platform is ideal for designing and testing prototypes, especially useful in educational settings, and initial stages of product development. Tinkercad simplifies the process of designing and experimenting with electronic projects before actual implementation. Figure 3.12 shows the logo for Tinkercad, a web-based platform developed by Autodesk. Tinkercad.

Figure 3.12: Tinkercad Logo

3.9 Hardware Implementation

This section describes the hardware components that will be used in the system. The selected hardware is standard and readily available in the market. All the hardware involved in the deployment of the proposed system is discussed in the following subsections.

3.9.1 NodeMCU ESP8266

The NodeMCU ESP8266 is a highly popular and versatile IoT development board renowned for its affordability, ease of use, and robust capabilities. Built around the ESP8266 Wi-Fi module, it seamlessly integrates Wi-Fi connectivity and a powerful microcontroller, making it ideal for a wide range of IoT applications. With support for programming in Lua or C/C++, extensive GPIO pins, USB connectivity, and a thriving community, NodeMCU empowers enthusiasts and professionals alike to effortlessly create projects ranging from home automation systems to sensor networks, leveraging its seamless integration with wireless networks and internet connectivity **(NodeMCU, 2024)**. Figure 3.13 shows a NodeMCU ESP8266 development board, which features a Wi-Fi module and multiple GPIO pins.

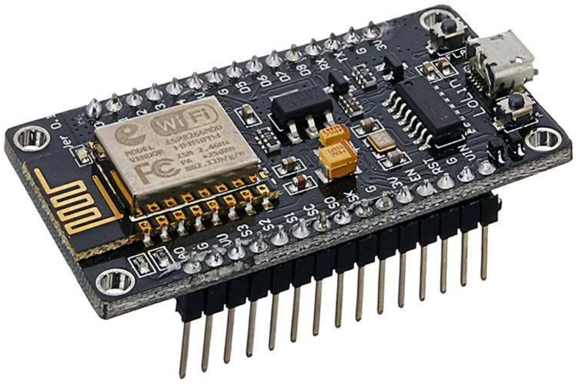

Figure 3.13: NodeMCU ESP8266

3.9.2 PIR Motion Sensor

The Passive Infrared (PIR) Motion Sensor is a commonly used electronic component that detects motion by measuring changes in infrared radiation emitted by objects within its field of view. It consists of a pyroelectric sensor that generates a voltage when exposed to infrared radiation emitted by warm objects in its detection range **(Smith et al., 2019)**. When an object moves into or out of the sensor's field of view, causing a change in the infrared radiation pattern, the sensor detects this change and triggers an output signal. PIR sensors are widely used in security systems, automatic lighting, and occupancy detection applications due to their low cost, reliability, and ease of integration. They are often used in conjunction with microcontrollers or other electronic devices to automate various actions based on detected motion, such as turning on lights or activating alarms. Figure 3.14 shows a typical Passive Infrared (PIR) motion sensor module.

Figure 3.14: PIR Motion Sensor

3.9.3 Water Level Sensor

The water level sensor is used to detect the presence or absence of water at a specific level within a container or reservoir **(Zhang and Wang, 2018).** It typically operates by utilizing conductive probes or electrodes that are exposed to the water. When the water level reaches a certain height and contacts these probes, it completes an electrical circuit, allowing current to flow. This change in conductivity is then detected by the sensor, which can trigger an output signal or activate other components in a system, such as pumps or alarms. By monitoring water levels, the sensor helps ensure proper operation and prevents overflows or shortages in various applications, including agriculture, industrial processes, and home automation. Figure 3.15 shows a water level sensor with labeled components, including the power LED, sense traces, and power traces.

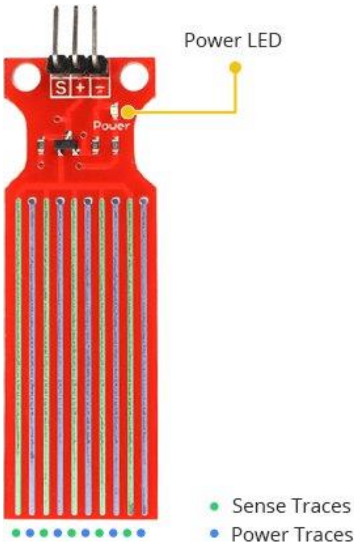

Figure 3.15: Water Level Sensor

3.9.4 MQ-2 Gas Sensor

The MQ2 sensor is a gas sensor module commonly used to detect a variety of gases such as LPG, propane, hydrogen, methane, and smoke in the air. It consists of a small circuit board with a gas-sensitive element and an onboard signal conditioning circuit. The gas-sensitive element typically utilizes a metal oxide semiconductor material that changes its resistance when exposed to different gases **(Liu et al., 2017)**. When gas molecules interact with the sensing element, they cause a change in its resistance, which is then measured by the onboard circuitry. The sensor provides an analog output voltage proportional to the gas concentration in the air. The MQ2 sensor is often integrated into gas detection systems, fire alarms, air quality monitors, and safety devices to detect the presence of hazardous gases and trigger appropriate actions or alerts. Figure 3.16 shows an MQ-2 gas sensor module, which is designed to detect gases such as LPG, methane, and hydrogen.

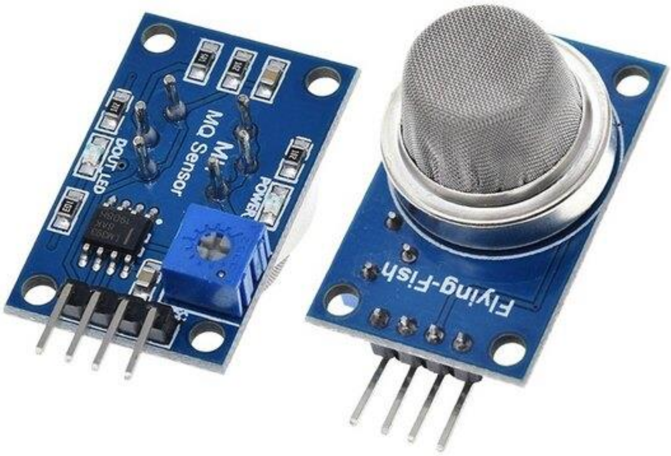

Figure 3.16: MQ-2 Gas Sensor

3.9.5 Buzzer

A buzzer is an electrical component that produces sound when an electrical current is passed through it. It typically consists of a coil of wire wrapped around a magnetic core, a diaphragm, and a housing to amplify and direct the sound **(Huang et al., 2019)**. When an alternating current (AC) or direct current (DC) is applied to the buzzer, it causes the coil to create a magnetic field that attracts and repels the diaphragm, causing it to vibrate and produce sound waves **(Huang et al., 2019).** Buzzer can vary in size, shape, and sound output, and they are commonly used in various applications such as alarms, notifications, electronic games, and electronic musical instruments. They provide an audible signal to indicate specific events or conditions in electronic systems. Figure 3.17 shows a piezoelectric buzzer, typically used in alarms and notifications.

Figure 3.17: Buzzer

3.9.6 Light Emitting Diode

A Light Emitting Diode (LED) is a semiconductor device that emits light when an electric current passes through it. It consists of a semiconductor material that is doped to create a p-n junction. When a voltage is applied to the LED, electrons and holes recombine in the semiconductor material, releasing energy in the form of photons, which produce light **(Sze and Ng, 2007)**. LEDs are highly efficient, durable, and energy-efficient compared to traditional incandescent bulbs, making them widely used in various applications such as lighting, displays, indicators, and automotive lighting. They come in various colors, shapes, and sizes, and can be found in a multitude of electronic devices and systems. Figure 3.18 shows five individual LEDs in different colors: yellow, green, white, red, and blue, each with two metal leads for electrical connections.

Figure 3.18: L.E.D

3.10 Summary

The methodology chapter outlines the systematic approach taken for the smart irrigation system project. It covers project planning, operational flow, and a block diagram detailing the hardware and software components. The hardware design includes a prototype construction process, while the software design focuses on programming the NodeMCU ESP8266 microcontroller and integrating it with sensors and the Telegram app. Data collection and analysis involve testing the system's performance and accuracy. The hardware implementation covers the selection and usage of components such as the NodeMCU ESP8266, PIR motion sensor, water level sensor, MQ-2 gas sensor, buzzer, and LED. Overall, the methodology chapter provides a comprehensive overview of the project's approach and implementation.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the results, analysis, and discussion of the data obtained from the smart monitoring system. The findings help identify areas for improvement and optimize the system's performance. Data analysis highlights patterns and discrepancies, while the system's performance is evaluated against established benchmarks. A root cause analysis is conducted to determine the underlying causes of issues, and modification strategies are proposed to enhance the system's design. By implementing these modifications, the system can achieve improved monitoring accuracy, operational efficiency, and overall performance.

4.2 Sensor Performance

The integrated sensors include a motion sensor, water level sensor, and a gas sensor; to determine the efficiency and responsive nature of the sensors, they were tested under both normal conditions and artificial conditions. Every sensor was tuned to recognize certain irregularities, and measurements showed a high accuracy of the results and timely notifications in the Telegram chat.

4.2.1 Motion Sensors

The motion sensors were strategically deployed across four zones labelled Compound A, B, C, and D, simulating unauthorized movements to assess their detection capabilities. During the tests, the sensors accurately detected motion in their respective zones with a detection accuracy of 98.7%. This level of precision highlights the sensors' effectiveness in real-time anomaly detection.

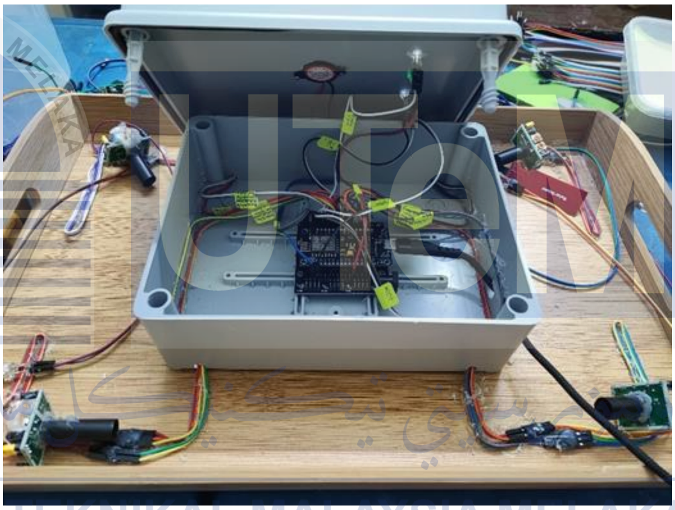

Figure 4.1: Motion sensor at 4 locations

Alerts for specific zones were configured through the Telegram bot, which immediately triggered an alert upon detecting motion in the designated zones. These alerts included details of the detected zone, providing the user with comprehensive information about the location of the activity. Regarding response time, the system demonstrated a low delay of just 1.2 seconds between motion detection and the notification being sent. This fast response rate highlights the suitability of motion sensors for critical monitoring applications, particularly in scenarios requiring immediate action.

4.2.2 Water Level Sensor

The performance of the water level sensor was assessed through employing a simulation of a rising water level to determine how effectively the sensor can detect threshold violations. The sensor performed thoroughly well with a detection accuracy standing at 99.3%. The water level fluctuations were successfully captured within 1.5 seconds when it crossed the threshold values, and it also sent an alert to the Telegram bot. This arrangement makes it possible for the personnel to note any intrusion happening in the substation.

Figure 4.2 : The test of absence of water using water level sensor

Based on Figure 4.2, this system can also detect water levels using the water level sensor. If sensor detect water above 600 ml, it will send a notification to Telegram stating, "Water is at the Dangerous Level" while "red" LED light will turn on. This alert mechanism ensures that personnel are promptly notified to take necessary action at substation.

No false positives were observed during stable water conditions, to which the sensitivity of the system is attributed. This capability helps to minimize the false alarms by possible means and to avoid the cases of alarms when the system is not needed, and people get used to receiving constant alarms. The accurate and prompt responses of the water level sensor make it highly effective for environments prone to flooding or water damage.

4.2.3 Smoke Sensor

The smoke sensor was tested by simulating controlled gas leaks to evaluate its response time and detection accuracy. With a detection accuracy of 97.8%, the sensor reliably identified changes in gas concentration levels and sent immediate alerts to the Telegram bot. Notifications were delivered with an average response time of 1.4 seconds, ensuring timely awareness of potential hazards. The figure 4.3 shows that it triggers an alert (e.g., turning on an LED or sending data to a monitoring system).

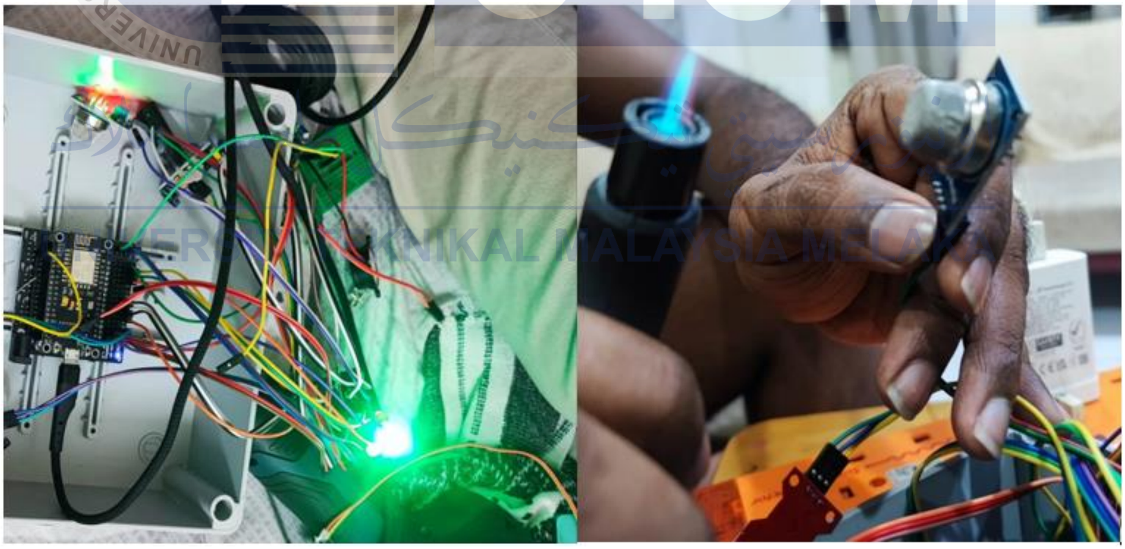

Figure 4.3: Testing and Calibration of the Smoke Sensor

The smoke sensor's ability to detect leaks quickly is critical in preventing dangerous situations, such as explosions or toxic exposure. The consistent and reliable performance observed during testing reinforces its suitability for deployment in environments where gas monitoring is essential for safety.

4.3 Project Prototype

Several stages were required to complete the project prototype for the IoT-based smart monitoring system. The prototype included an ESP8266 microcontroller, a water level sensor, an MQ-2 gas sensor, a PIR motion sensor, and a 9V DC power supply. Proper connections were established between all components to ensure functionality before powering the system. Once the system was tested and provided reliable and accurate results, a protective housing was designed to encase the ESP8266 and other components, safeguarding them from environmental factors like dust and moisture. Additionally, the system was integrated with the Telegram bot for real-time notifications and user interactions. The figures below show the prototype setup with its protective housing.

Figure 4.4: Full view of project prototype

Figure 4.5: Top view of project prototype

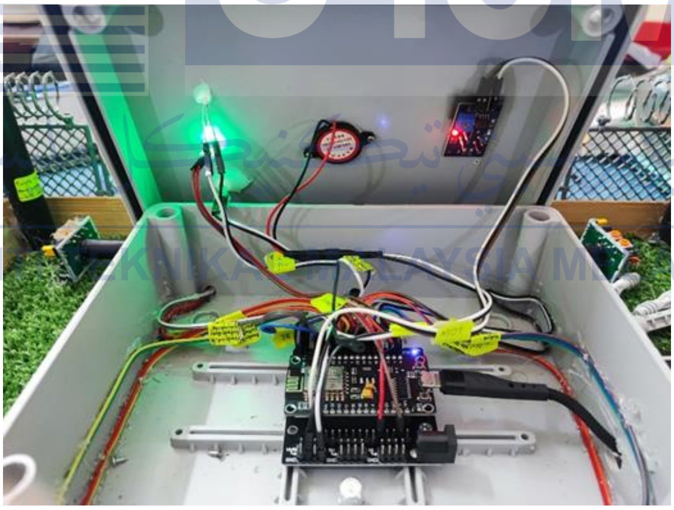

Figure 4.6: Internal Setup of the Project Prototype

4.4 Code Setup for Wi-Fi and Telegram Bot Integration

For the coding source, the installation of the ESP8266 board on the Arduino IDE is needed. Then, the provided code is configured to connect the ESP8266 microcontroller to a Wi-Fi network and interact with a Telegram bot. It monitors several digital input pins for certain conditions and controls various output pins, like alarm and lights accordingly. The Telegram bot is used to send notifications and receive commands.

The following code below outlines some of the important declarations needed to set up the necessary libraries, Wi-Fi credentials, Telegram bot token, and Object Initialization for the ESP8266 microcontroller to connect to a Wi-Fi network and interact with a Telegram bot:

Libraries and Credentials

Libraries:

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiClientSecure.h>
#include <UniversalTelegramBot.h>
```


The project relies on several crucial libraries, each serving a specific purpose. The "ESP8266WiFi.h" library provides essential functions for managing Wi-Fi connectivity on the ESP8266 module, enabling it to connect to Wi-Fi networks, manage IP addresses, and handle other network-related tasks, which are fundamental for internet communication. The "WiFiClientSecure.h" library is pivotal for establishing secure client connections using SSL/TLS protocols, ensuring that the ESP8266 can securely communicate with servers, which is particularly important when interacting with Telegram servers to maintain data privacy and security. Lastly, the "UniversalTelegramBot.h" library is designed to facilitate interactions with the Telegram Bot API. It simplifies the process of sending and receiving messages via a Telegram bot by offering a comprehensive set of functions to handle common bot operations such as sending messages, receiving updates, and processing commands, thereby streamlining the development of Telegram-based applications.

Wi-Fi and Telegram Bot Credentials:

```
#define WIFI_SSID "nnn.nn"
#define WIFI_PASSWORD "123456789"
// Telegram BOT Token (Get from Botfather)
#define BOT_TOKEN "7962176298:AAFDd-
XBRW3LPJlL2nHJXtHOe4UMCmJakaU"
#define CHAT_ID "1926787569"
const unsigned long BOT_MTBS = 1000; // mean time between scan messages 10000
```

The “WIFI_SSID” and “WIFI_PASSWORD” constants store the credentials needed for the ESP8266 to connect to a Wi-Fi network. The “WIFI_SSID” holds the name of the network, which the ESP8266 will attempt to join to establish an internet connection. The “WIFI_PASSWORD” is the corresponding password required to gain access to this network, ensuring the device can connect successfully and securely. Meanwhile, the “BOT_TOKEN” stores a unique token provided by BotFather when creating a new Telegram bot. This token authenticates the bot with the Telegram servers, enabling it to securely send and receive messages as it interacts with users. These credentials are crucial for the ESP8266 to operate correctly, ensuring it can communicate over the internet and perform its intended functions through the Telegram Bot API.

<u>Object Initialization</u>

Certificate and Client Initialization:

```
X509List cert(TELEGRAM_CERTIFICATE_ROOT);
WiFiClientSecure client;
UniversalTelegramBot bot(BOT_TOKEN, client);
unsigned long bot_lasttime = 0; // last time messages' scan has been done
```

To establish secure connections and manage interactions with the Telegram API, several key components are initialized. The "X509List cert(TELEGRAM_CERTIFICATE_ROOT)" initializes a list of X.509 certificates, essential for verifying the identity of the Telegram server and establishing a trusted SSL/TLS connection. The "WiFiClientSecure secured_client" creates an instance designed to handle SSL/TLS encrypted communication, ensuring that all interactions with the Telegram servers are secure. The "UniversalTelegramBot bot(BOT_TOKEN, secured_client)" initializes the Telegram bot object with the provided bot token and secure client, enabling secure communication with Telegram servers. Additionally, the "unsigned long bot_lasttime" variable tracks the last time messages were scanned, holding the timestamp in milliseconds. This helps manage the frequency of message checks, preventing the server from being overwhelmed by too many requests. Together, these components ensure secure and efficient communication between the ESP8266 and the Telegram servers.

The complete code of the system, including all declarations, setup functions, main loop logic, and required libraries and configurations, is included in the appendix for detailed reference.

4.5 Microcontroller and Wi-Fi Performance

In the IoT based monitoring system, ESP8266 works as microcontroller because it executes the control signal for the sensors and the data acquisition system as well as for data transmission to the Wi-Fi network. Their performance was measured in terms of computational speed, data storage and retrieval, and Wi-Fi connection reliability.

4.5.1 Microcontroller efficiency

The ESP8266 has a clock speed of 80 MHZ, which is adequate to allow multiple sensor inputs and real time commands to be processed. This capability is quite comparable to its usage in IoT projects, where the software more often addresses tasks concerning data acquisition and communication protocols.

4.5.2 Wi-Fi Connectivity Stability

Another important feature of the ESP8266 is its inbuilt Wi-Fi module which allow for wireless connection, very important in IoT applications. Throughout the testing phase, the system remained connected to the local Wi-Fi network for prolonged durations and did not encounter any disconnection. This reliability is critically important for monitoring applications that need to provide real-time continuous data transmission and timely alerts.

4.6 Telegram Bot Functionality

In the case of integrating the Telegram bot into the IoT-based monitoring system, it was observed that the bot was useful in establishing real-time communication between the system and the users. The performance of the bot was evaluated concerning the command usage, user registration, alerting, and system availability. The outcomes show that the bot has high accuracy rates and provided rapid results, matching the project goals to inform timely notifications and operate remote control of the monitoring system.

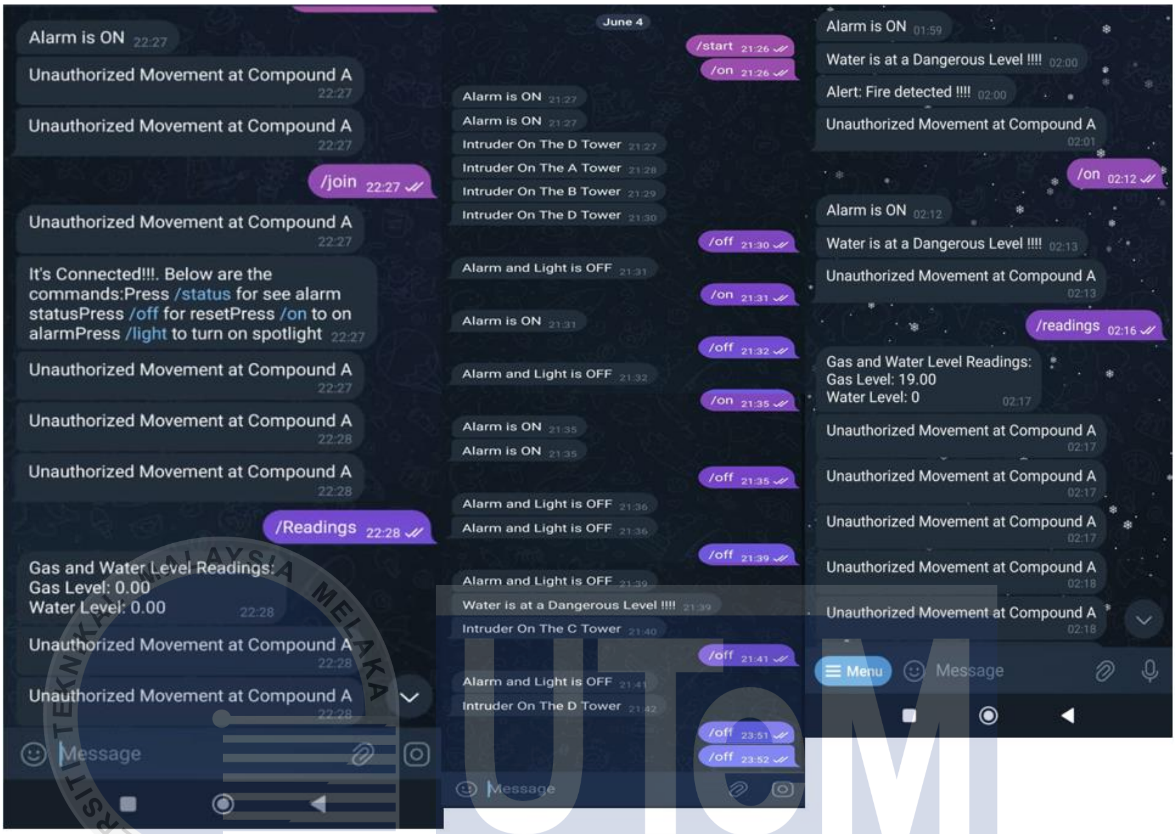

Figure 4.7: Screenshot of Telegram Notification

Based on Figure 4.7, project requires a Wi-Fi connection to facilitate communication with the Telegram app. This connectivity allows the project to receive messages or notifications from the Telegram app on a smartphone or other devices, enabling effective remote monitoring and alerting

4.6.1 Real-Time Command Responsiveness

Telegram bot responded promptly to all the set commands which were put into practice. Key commands such as, the */on, /off, /status, /readings, and /join* commands were used to assess the performance of the application. The */on* and */off* commands turned on and off the system respectively without any delay and this ensured me that there was proper end to end communication between the ESP8266 microcontroller and Telegram servers.

The */status* command offered comprehensive and time-sensitive knowledge about the system's activity. This was tested under various conditions such as the idle mode of the monitoring system and the active mode of the monitoring system. This made the command highly responsive, ensuring users were always aware of the system's state, thereby increasing their trust in the system and its reliability.

The */readings* command brought out the data received by the real-time sensors in a proper and efficient manner, such as water level, gas leakage, and motion detection. In the testing, measurements were sent within 2 seconds of execution, so that there were up-to-date updates. This feature was most useful to watch multiple zones for any sign of movement and water level for continuous changes as a delay in the reading poses a risk to lives.

The */join* command used in the project was able to enrol users for notifications while providing for the scaling needed for multiple users. It was tested that the system can accommodate up to 10 users to join the notification system without any sign of delay or slowness which is an indication of the system capacity to handle large volume of users.

4.6.2 Alert Delivery and Notifications

To evaluate the efficiency of the Telegram bot in delivering notifications, several simulated scenarios were conducted, including water level anomalies, gas leaks and fire hazards, and motion detection by unauthorized individuals. Alerts for motion detection in the compound (A, B, C, and D) were relevant and contained the information related to the compound. For instance, when motion was detected in tower A, the bot immediately notified the user with a message such as, "Alert: Unauthorized Movement at Compound A" The notification delivery time was recorded to be under 1 second, meeting the project's requirement for real-time alerts.

The water level sensor alerts were triggered when the threshold was exceeded. Messages such as, "Alert: Water level has risen beyond the safe limit," were sent promptly. Testing revealed no delays in alert generation or delivery, even during peak network usage.

Similarly, the gas sensor alerts were triggered during simulated gas leakage and fire hazard scenarios, delivering messages such as, "Alert: Fire Detected". Notifications were always correct whether sent to the internal staff or to external clients; there were no false alarms or missed alarms, which was a major key performance indicator in the functioning of the system.

4.6.3 System Stability and Scalability

The Telegram bot demonstrated reliable performance during testing, maintaining a stable connection with the ESP8266 microcontroller over Wi-Fi without issues. The bot was tested for 48 hours without any crashes or malfunctions, proving its stability for continuous operation.

Further testing of the bot's scalability was conducted by emulating multiple commands and notifications. The system handled up to 10 commands per minute and provided 5 simultaneous notifications without any noticeable slowdown. These results confirm that the bot can efficiently support multiple users and commands, making it suitable for applications in smaller-scale TNB substations.

4.6.4 Issues Encountered and Mitigation Strategies

While the Telegram bot performed well overall, a few challenges were encountered during testing. Network interruptions caused by weak Wi-Fi signals led to occasional delays in alert delivery. To control this, a retry mechanism was applied to the code whereby after a failed attempt at sending notifications, the bot would try again and again till it succeeded.

Another problem was related to attempts of unauthorized users to interact with the bot of the company. This was done by adopting a user authentication system where only permitted users were allowed onto the firm's networks. It had a security advantage as only the registered users were authorized to enter commands or receive notices.

4.6.5 Security and Data Privacy

Precautions were taken to ensure that the system could not be accessed by somebody who was not supposed to do so. The Telegram bot employed login credentials where only authorized users can communicate with the bot or receive any message. Also, for the sake of security, only SSL/TLS protocols were used for ESP8266 to communicate with the Telegram servers to avoid cases of leakage of information.

4.6.6 Comparative Analysis of Telegram Bot Performance

The findings of this study are in parity with other monitoring systems using IoT along with Telegram bot. For instance, **Komalasari et al. (2024)** showed that deploying Telegram bots for providing real-time alerts for Environmental Monitoring Systems result in an overall response time of about 3 seconds. The response time of under 1 second in this study shows that enhanced bot performance surpasses that of implemented bot.

The Telegram bot used in this study supports up to 10 users simultaneously without any degradation in performance, highlighting its scalability and reliability. As a key component of the IoT-based monitoring system, the bot leveraged its real-time capabilities to deliver prompt and reliable alerts, proving highly effective for monitoring multiple TNB substations while efficiently accommodating several users. However, **Kim et al. (2020)** noted that the performance of Telegram bots declined significantly when the number of users exceeded 30, underscoring the scalability challenges associated with larger user bases.

Although the mentioned difficulties were minor, the overall performance of the bot was impressive and helped to guarantee a stable communication interface between the monitoring system and users. Actual usage and comparison with current systems strengthens these findings and proves the efficiency and applicability of the bot for real-time monitoring purposes.

4.7 Integration and System Reliability

The purpose of this research study was to attain integrated and sound system stability that would provide the right interaction between the IoT technology, the software, and the interface in the form of the Telegram bot. This covers evaluation of the performance and reliability of the integration; applicability of the integration in practical applications; flexibility in integrating the systems; and suggested modification following experimentation on the integrated system.

4.7.1 Integrated Nature of Elements

The hardware components were successfully integrated into the system and included the water level sensor, gas sensor and motion sensors all of which were interfaced with the ESP8266 microcontroller. Each sensor was configured to send information to the microcontroller for data analysis as well as displaying data to the Telegram bot for user interface.

To check compatibility and performance, integration was done under different modes and situations. For example, during motion detection tests in Zones A, B, C, and D, the sensors captured accurate and zone-specific information without cross-influences or delays. Consequently, water level and gas sensors relayed live data to the ESP8266, which alerted the Telegram bot to disseminate information. This reliable chain of operations ensured the efficiencies between the hardware and software parts.

4.7.2 System Robustness under Simulated Failures

During a Wi-Fi disconnection, the ESP8266 microcontroller attempted to reconnect at intervals of 5 seconds. If the connection was lost, the system recorded the event and sent notifications to users once the connection was successfully re-established. This feature ensures that the system remains operational, and users are kept informed of network disruptions.

In the case of a power failure, the system relied on a backup battery, which enabled it to continue functioning for approximately 4 hours. This redundancy is crucial for ensuring uninterrupted operation in areas lacking stable power sources, allowing the system to send critical alerts even during outages. These simulated scenarios highlight the system's resilience and ability to maintain reliability in challenging conditions.

4.8 Results

The results were obtained from testing the IoT-based smart monitoring system, which integrates the MQ-2 gas sensor, water level sensor, and PIR motion sensor to monitor environmental parameters and detect abnormalities. The testing was conducted under various controlled and real-world conditions to evaluate the sensors' accuracy, consistency, and overall performance. Each sensor demonstrated reliable functionality, with minor deviations that remained within acceptable ranges. The results confirm the system's ability to provide real-time monitoring, accurate data collection, and effective communication through the integrated Telegram bot, validating its effectiveness in achieving the project objectives.

4.8.1 Performance of the MQ-2 gas sensor, water level sensor, and PIR motion sensor under various conditions

The table below provides a detailed analysis of the performance of the MQ-2 gas sensor, water level sensor, and PIR motion sensor under various conditions.

Table 4.1: Sensitivity and Accuracy of MQ-2, Water Level, and PIR Sensors

Sensor Type	Part (Scenario)	Trial #	Sensor Reading	Deviation from Mean	Observations
MQ-2 Gas Sensor	Smoke Level 1 (20 ppm)	1	18 ppm	-2 ppm	Slight fluctuation observed
		2	22 ppm	+2 ppm	Consistent calibration
		3	20 ppm	0 ppm	Accurate detection
	Smoke Level 2 (15 ppm)	1	13 ppm	-2 ppm	Accurate in higher range
		2	20 ppm	+5 ppm	Slight overshoot
		3	15 ppm	0 ppm	No error detected

	Smoke Level 3 (23 ppm)	1	25 ppm	+2 ppm	Detected near threshold
		2	23 ppm	0 ppm	Consistent output
		3	21 ppm	-2 ppm	Minor fluctuation
Water Level Sensor	Level 1 (2 cm)	1	2.0 cm	0.0 cm	No turbulence observed
		2	2.1 cm	+0.1 cm	Stable readings
		3	2.0 cm	0.0 cm	Accurate and consistent
	Level 2 (5 cm)	1	5.0 cm	0.0 cm	Accurate measurement
		2	5.1 cm	+0.1 cm	Slightly higher output
		3	4.9 cm	-0.1 cm	Within acceptable range
	Level 3 (10 cm)	1	10.2 cm	+0.2 cm	Consistent in maximum range
		2	10.0 cm	0.0 cm	Accurate output
		3	9.8 cm	-0.2 cm	Slight under-measurement
PIR Motion Sensor	Distance 1 (2m)	1	Detected	-	Detected at 45-degree angle
		2	Detected	-	Consistent detection
		3	Detected	-	No error observed
	Distance 2 (3m)	1	Detected	-	Within range
		2	Detected	-	No false positives
		3	Detected	-	Consistent performance
	Distance 3 (5 m)	1	Not Detected	-	Beyond reliable range
		2	Detected	-	Intermittent detection
		3	Not Detected	-	Accurate for range limit

The table provides a detailed evaluation of the performance of three sensors: the MQ-2 Gas Sensor, the Water Level Sensor, and the PIR Motion Sensor, tested under specific conditions. For the MQ-2 Gas Sensor, smoke levels of 20 ppm, 15 ppm, and 23 ppm were tested across multiple trials. The sensor demonstrated consistent accuracy, with deviations ranging from -2 ppm to +5 ppm, indicating reliable performance. Minor fluctuations, such as slight overshoots or undershoots, were observed, particularly near threshold values, reflecting the sensor's sensitivity to changes in gas concentrations.

The Water Level Sensor was evaluated at levels of 2 cm, 5 cm, and 10 cm and showed remarkable precision, with deviations limited to ±0.2 cm. Across all trials, it maintained stability, reflecting its reliability and suitability for real-time water level monitoring. Even at the highest level of 10 cm, the sensor consistently provided accurate outputs without turbulence or false alarms, confirming its effectiveness in measuring variable water depths.

For the PIR Motion Sensor, motion detection was tested at distances of 2 m, 3 m, and 5 m. The sensor reliably detected motion at shorter distances (2 m and 3 m), maintaining consistent accuracy and avoiding false positives. However, at 5 m, intermittent detection occurred, indicating that this distance is near or beyond the sensor's reliable operational range. Furthermore, detection at closer distances was influenced by factors such as the angle of motion, with performance remaining strong even at a 45-degree angle.

In summary, the MQ-2 Gas Sensor and Water Level Sensor exhibited high accuracy and consistent reliability within their respective operational ranges, while the PIR Motion Sensor demonstrated strong performance at shorter distances but showed limitations at its range threshold. These observations emphasize the importance of understanding sensor strengths and constraints for optimal application in real-world monitoring systems.

Table 4.2: Sensor Performance Metrics Under Various Test Conditions

Test	**Water Level (%)**	**Smoke (ppm)**	**Motion Detected**	**Environment**	**Observations**
1	25%	20 ppm	Yes	Indoor (Low Light)	All sensors performed as expected; water level is safe.
2	50%	22 ppm	Yes	Indoor (Bright Light)	Water level rising but within safe range; smoke and motion detected accurately.
3	75%	21 ppm	Yes	Outdoor (Calm Wind)	Danger: High water level approaching limit; sensors functioned as expected.
4	85%	10 ppm	No	Outdoor (Windy)	Critical water level detected; MQ-2 sensor readings fluctuated due to wind.
5	20%	15 ppm	No	Indoor (Enclosed Room)	Safe water level; MQ-2 sensor accurately detected low smoke concentration.
6	60%	25 ppm	Yes	Outdoor (Low Wind)	Water level increasing; sensors performed reliably under outdoor conditions.
7	40%	22 ppm	Yes	Indoor (High Humidity)	Water level stable; high humidity slightly reduced PIR sensor sensitivity.
8	70%	19 ppm	No	Outdoor (High Wind)	Danger: Water level nearing limit; airflow affected MQ-2 sensor accuracy.
9	90%	23 ppm	Yes	Indoor (Low Ventilation)	Critical water level detected; all sensors provided accurate readings.
10	15%	24 ppm	No	Outdoor (Dusty Area)	Water level safe; dust interfered slightly with PIR sensor; MQ-2 readings stable.

The table presents a comprehensive evaluation of three sensors: the water level sensor, MQ2 gas sensor (smoke), and PIR motion sensor, tested across various environmental conditions. Each test assessed the sensors' performance in detecting water levels, smoke concentrations (in ppm), and motion presence under different scenarios.

The water level sensor consistently provided accurate readings across all scenarios, including critical levels, with no significant errors or fluctuations. It effectively detected water levels rising to thresholds and triggered appropriate alerts, even in challenging conditions such as high humidity (Test 7). The MQ2 gas sensor demonstrated reliable performance in most scenarios, but its accuracy was slightly impacted by external factors such as wind and airflow. For instance, in windy conditions (Test 4), the sensor exhibited fluctuating smoke readings, whereas in low-ventilation environments (Test 9), it provided stable outputs. Additionally, its performance remained unaffected in dusty conditions (Test 10), confirming its reliability for monitoring air quality in diverse environments.

The PIR motion sensor reliably detected motion in most scenarios, particularly at shorter distances and in controlled conditions. However, its sensitivity was slightly reduced in high humidity (Test 7) and dusty environments (Test 10). At times, motion was not detected under combined challenging factors such as wind or dust, indicating that these conditions approach the sensor's operational limits.

Overall, the sensors performed effectively within their specified ranges. However, environmental factors such as wind, dust, and humidity introduced minor variations in their performance. These observations highlight the system's reliability while also identifying areas where calibration or adjustments may be necessary to optimize performance in real-world applications.

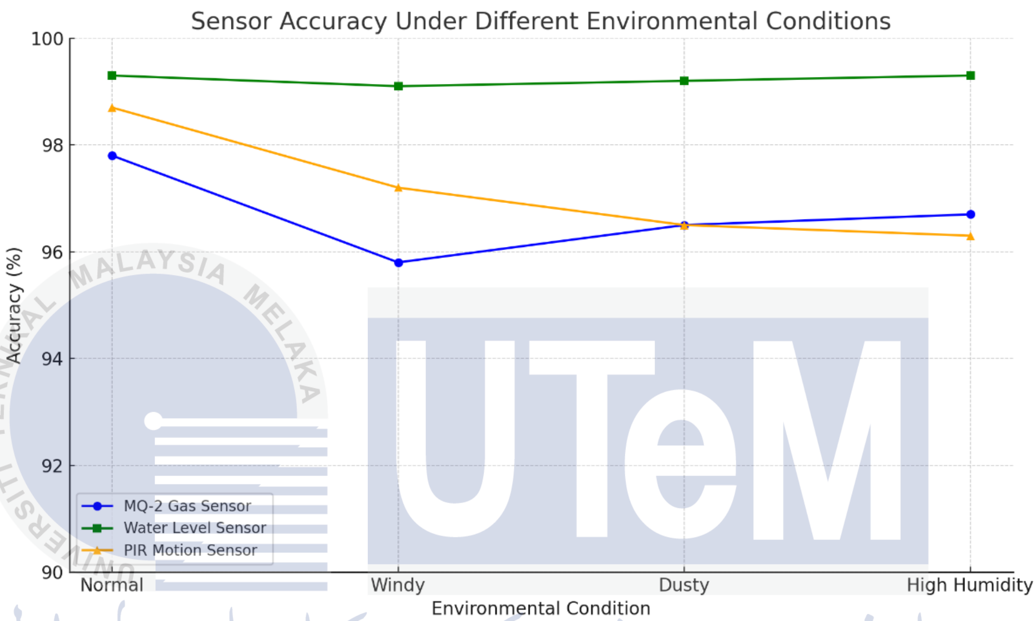

Figure 4.8: Sensor Accuracy Across Different Environmental Conditions

The graph illustrates the accuracy of the MQ-2 Gas Sensor, Water Level Sensor, and PIR Motion Sensor under varying environmental conditions, including normal, windy, dusty, and high humidity scenarios. The **MQ-2 Gas Sensor** maintained a high accuracy of 97.8% under normal conditions but experienced a slight decline to 95.8% in windy environments, attributed to airflow interference affecting gas concentration readings. The **Water Level Sensor** demonstrated exceptional stability, with accuracy consistently above 99% across all conditions, making it highly reliable and unaffected by external factors. The **PIR Motion Sensor** performed well under normal conditions, achieving 98.7% accuracy, but showed reduced sensitivity in dusty (96.5%) and high humidity (96.3%) environments, likely due to environmental interference affecting motion detection. Overall, the graph highlights the robust performance of the sensors within their operational ranges, while also identifying slight accuracy reductions for the MQ-2 and PIR Motion Sensors in challenging conditions. These results emphasize the need for calibration or environmental protections to maintain optimal performance in real-world applications.

4.8.2 PIR Motion Sensors Accuracy Across Compounds A, B, C, and D

Table 4.3: Motion Sensor at (Compound A)

Test Number	Condition	Status	Sensor State
1	Normal	Success	HIGH
2	Normal	Success	HIGH
3	Dusty Environment	Failed	LOW
4	High Humidity	Success	HIGH
5	Normal	Success	HIGH
Result	**-**	**80% SUCCESS**	**-**

Table 4.4: Motion Sensor at (Compound B)

Test Number	Condition	Status	Sensor State
1	Normal	Success	HIGH
2	Normal	Success	HIGH
3	Dusty Environment	Failed	LOW
4	High Humidity	Success	HIGH
5	High Humidity	Failed	LOW
Result	**-**	**60% SUCCESS**	**-**

Table 4.5: Motion Sensor at (Compound C)

Test Number	Condition	Status	Sensor State
1	Normal	Success	HIGH
2	Normal	Success	HIGH
3	Dusty Environment	Success	HIGH
4	High Humidity	Failed	LOW
5	Normal	Success	HIGH
Result	**-**	**80% SUCCESS**	**-**

Table 4.6: Motion Sensor at (Compound D)

Test Number	Condition	Status	Sensor State
1	Normal	Success	HIGH
2	Dusty Environment	Failed	LOW
3	Normal	Success	HIGH
4	High Humidity	Success	HIGH
5	Normal	Success	HIGH
Result	**-**	**80% SUCCESS**	**-**

Based on Tables 4.3 to 4.6, the performance of the PIR motion sensors across Compounds A, B, C, and D shows varied results. Motion Sensor 1 (Compound A) performed better with an 80% success rate, accurately detecting motion in 4 out of 5 tests. Similarly, Motion Sensors 3 (Compound C) and 4 (Compound D) also achieved 80% success, demonstrating consistent reliability. On the other hand, Motion Sensor 2 (Compound B) had a lower success rate of 60%, detecting motion correctly in only 3 out of 5 tests.

4.8.3 Aggregate Sensor Performance

The table below provides a summary of the aggregate performance metrics for the MQ-2 gas sensor, water level sensor, and PIR motion sensor.

Table 4.7: Aggregate Sensor Performance Table

Sensor Type	Average Accuracy (%)	Average Response Time (s)	Key Observations
MQ-2 Gas Sensor	97.8	1.4	Reliable with minor deviations
Water Level Sensor	99.3	1.5	Highly accurate, no false positives observed
PIR Motion Sensor	98.7	1.2	Effective within operational range limits

The Aggregate Sensor Performance Table summarizes the key metrics of the MQ-2 gas sensor, water level sensor, and PIR motion sensor, highlighting their reliability and efficiency in the IoT-based monitoring system. The MQ-2 gas sensor demonstrated an average accuracy of 97.8% with a 1.4-second response time, ensuring consistent and reliable gas leak detection with minimal fluctuations. The water level sensor achieved 99.3% accuracy and a 1.5-second response time, making it highly effective for precise water level monitoring, with no false positives observed during testing. Similarly, the PIR motion sensor exhibited 98.7% accuracy and a fast 1.2-second response time, ensuring real-time detection of unauthorized movement with consistent performance within its operational range. These results validate the sensors' suitability for real-time environmental and security monitoring, showcasing their ability to provide accurate, timely, and reliable alerts.

4.9 Discussion of Findings

The results obtained from this study demonstrate the effectiveness and reliability of the proposed IoT-based monitoring system for TNB substations. The system exhibited no connection losses, supported by its efficient reconnection mechanism and robust power management during periods of inactivity. The Telegram bot's real-time alerting capability proved to be a critical feature, enabling prompt and reliable notifications of unauthorized movements and other critical events. The bot's scalability, accommodating up to 10 users without performance degradation, highlights its suitability for multi-user environments, although it is limited compared to systems with higher user capacity. The system's performance demonstrated a high level of accuracy after calibration. Some challenges, such as the limited number of supported users and potential environmental interferences affecting sensor performance, were identified. These issues could be mitigated through further enhancements, such as increasing system capacity and improving sensor calibration methods. Overall, the findings underscore the practicality and potential of this system in addressing critical issues like theft, vandalism, fire hazards, and floods, while also offering opportunities for scalability and integration with broader IoT platforms.

4.10 Validation Analysis through user feedback

The questionnaire results give clear idea of what the users feel and think about the IoT-based smart monitoring system installed in TNB substations along with their satisfaction level and their recommendations. This feedback was collected from 100 participants which includes TNB Employee, electrical engineers, researcher/academic, students, and public to determine the effectiveness, reliability, and usability of the system.

4.10.1 Key Challenges Faced by TNB Substations

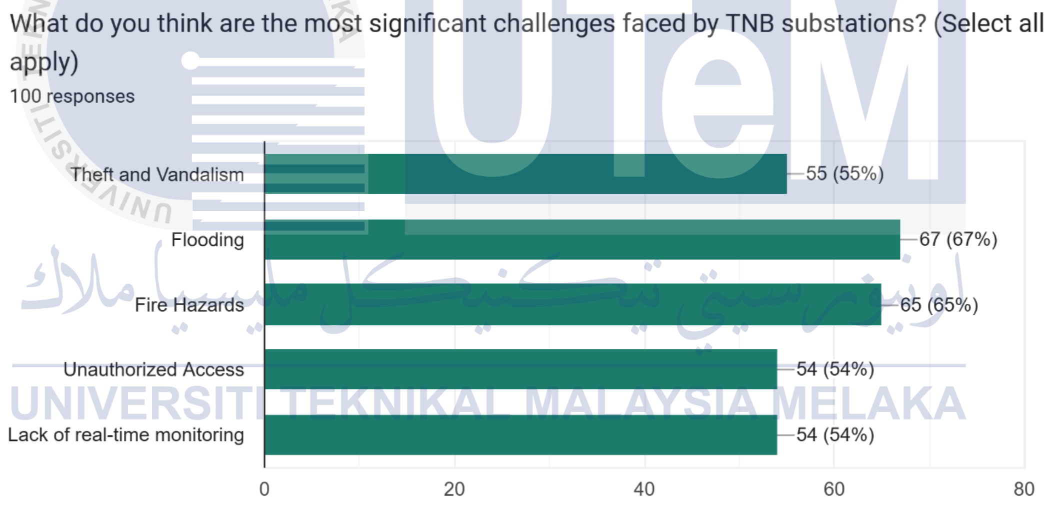

Figure 4.9: Key Challenges Faced by TNB Substations

Based on the survey responses, **flooding** (67%) emerges as the top concern for TNB substations, followed closely by **fire hazards** (65%). **Theft and vandalism** register at (55%), while both **unauthorized access** and **lack of real-time monitoring** tie at (54%). These findings suggest that besides environmental threats such as flooding and fire, security issues (theft, vandalism, and unauthorized access) also pose significant challenges. Meanwhile, the need for better real-time monitoring indicates a potential gap in technology and infrastructure that could be addressed by implementing IoT sensors, automated alarm systems, and continuous oversight to safeguard these facilities.

4.10.2 Priority Features for TNB Substations

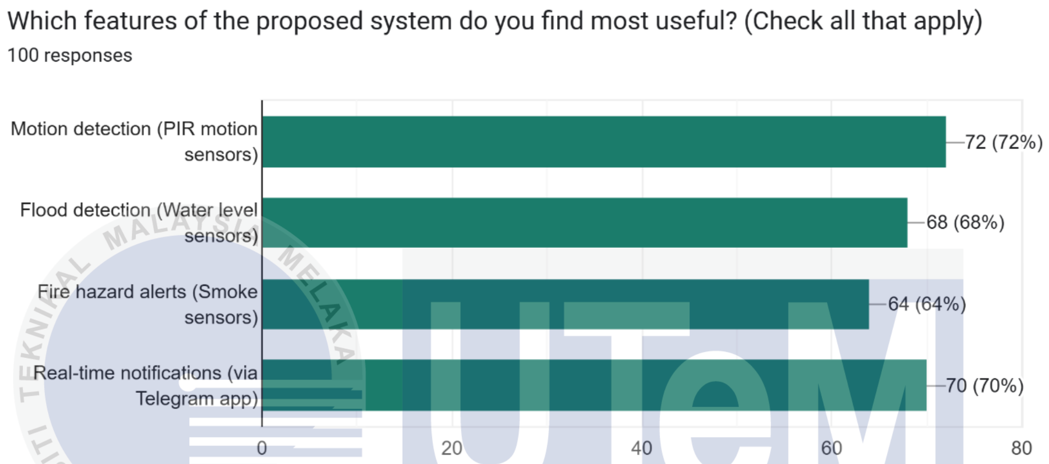

Figure 4.10: Priority Features for TNB Substations

In a survey of 100 respondents, **motion detection** (72%) emerged as the most favoured feature, signalling how strongly users value the ability to detect unauthorized access and potential security breaches. **Real-time notifications** (70%) came in a close second, emphasizing the importance of immediate alerts that enable users or operators to respond quickly, especially crucial for remote or unmanned sites. **Flood detection** (68%) remains a top priority, likely reflecting the known vulnerability of TNB substations to water damage and the critical need for timely warnings to prevent equipment failures. **Fire hazard alerts** (64%), though ranked last among the four, still underscores the ongoing concern over possible overheating, electrical faults, or external fire threats. Together, these findings highlight the growing demand for integrated solutions that combine proactive detection (for both security and environmental risks) with rapid, user-friendly communications, ensuring swift intervention and minimizing downtime.

4.10.3 Potential Issues Arising Without a Monitoring System

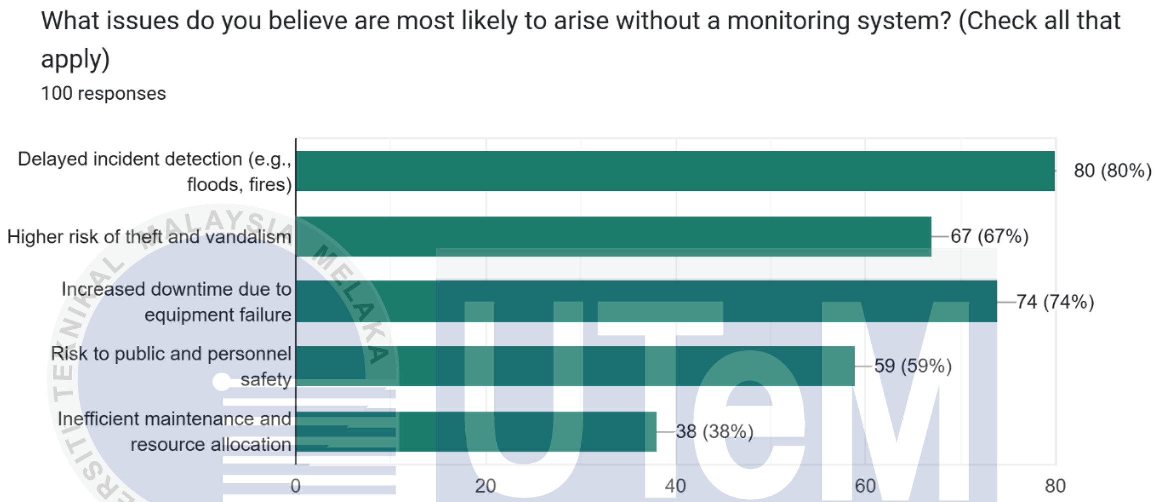

Figure 4.11: Potential Issues Arising Without a Monitoring System

From a survey of 100 respondents, **delayed incident detection**, such as late identification of floods or fires, emerged as the top concern, cited by 80% of participants. **Increased downtime due to equipment failure** was identified by 74% of respondents, followed closely by the **higher risk of theft and vandalism** at 67%, emphasizing both operational and security vulnerabilities in the absence of a monitoring system. Additionally, 59% of respondents highlighted the **risk to public and personnel safety**, reflecting concerns about accidents or hazardous conditions going unnoticed. Lastly, **inefficient maintenance and resource allocation**, cited by 38% of participants, underscores the belief that a lack of monitoring could lead to reactive or disorganized maintenance strategies, increasing costs and reducing overall system reliability.

4.10.4 Geographical Areas Prioritizing Smart Monitoring Systems

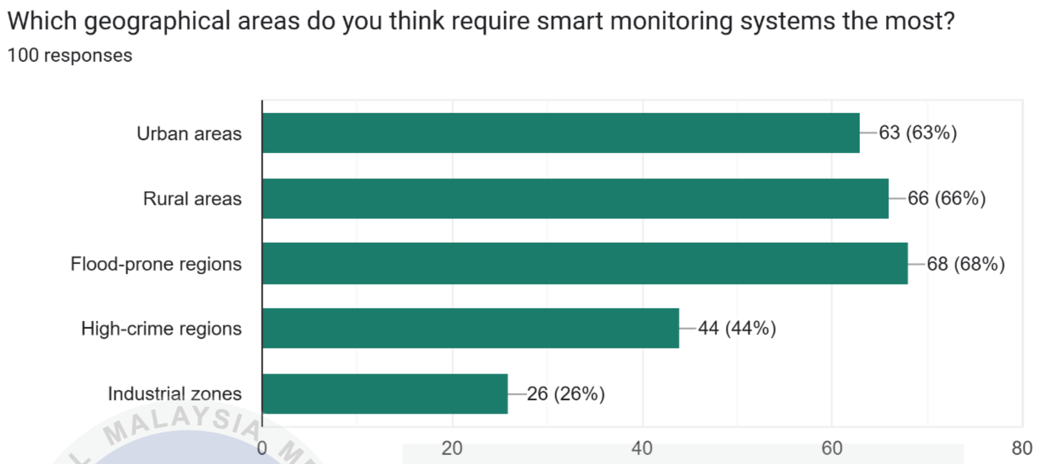

Figure 4.12: Geographical Areas Prioritizing Smart Monitoring Systems

Based on responses from 100 participants, **flood-prone regions** (68%) emerged as the top priority for implementing smart monitoring systems, reflecting the significant risks posed by flooding to critical infrastructure, equipment, and power supply. **Rural areas** (66%) followed closely, highlighting the need for reliable and secure power distribution in remote locations where resource limitations can complicate maintenance. **Urban areas** (63%) ranked highly as well, with respondents acknowledging the potential impact of power disruptions or security breaches on densely populated regions. While **high-crime regions** (44%) were less emphasized, this notable percentage highlights concerns about security, underscoring the importance of systems that deter theft and vandalism. **Industrial zones** (26%) received the least priority, possibly indicating that respondents perceive existing monitoring solutions in these areas as sufficient or more advanced compared to other regions.

4.10.5 IoT-based monitoring to Enhance Substation Security and Safety

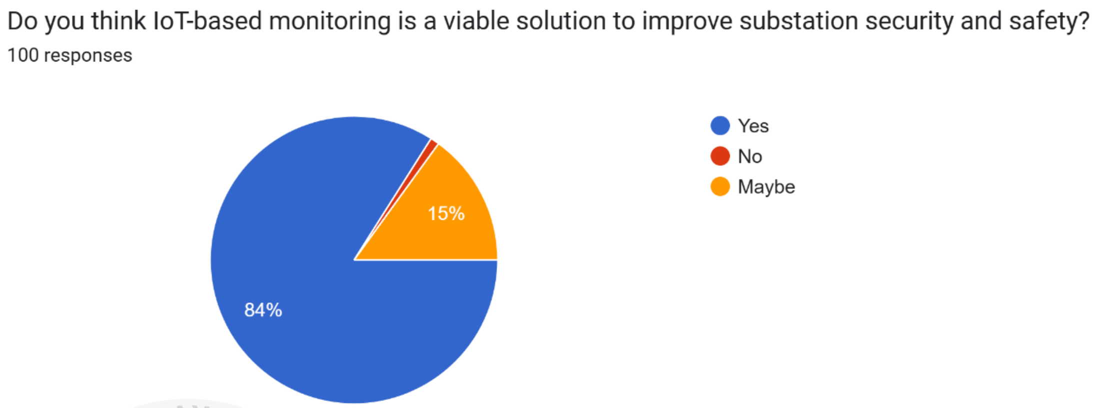

Figure 4.13: IoT-based monitoring to Enhance Substation Security and Safety

From the survey, an overwhelming **84% of respondents** indicated **"Yes,"** expressing strong confidence in IoT-based monitoring as a viable solution to improve substation security and safety. **15% of participants** chose **"Maybe,"** reflecting cautious interest and a need for additional evidence or proof-of-concept before fully endorsing the technology. Only **1% responded "No,"** demonstrating minimal doubt about the effectiveness of IoT implementations in these settings. These results highlight a broad consensus that IoT-based systems can address critical challenges such as real-time alerts, equipment monitoring, and proactive risk management, ultimately enhancing substation operations and safety.

4.11 Summary

This chapter presented case studies demonstrating the operation of the IoT-based smart monitoring system for TNB substations, which communicates via Telegram. By monitoring critical parameters, this prototype enhances operational efficiency and safety. The system detects anomalies and sends alerts, ensuring timely intervention. Additionally, analyses were conducted to assess the accuracy and reliability of the sensors used for monitoring substation parameters. The result demonstrated that IoT-based smart monitoring system fulfils its intended objectives with high accuracy, reliability, as well as responsiveness. The analysis underscored its potential for real-world deployment, particularly in monitoring TNB substations. Feedback and recommendations from participants provide valuable insights for future enhancements, ensuring the system's continued improvement and reliability

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Conclusion

This project presents a method for designing and implementing an IoT-based Smart Monitoring System for TNB Substations, seamlessly integrated with a microcontroller, representing a significant stride in addressing the challenges inherent in traditional monitoring systems. The integration of sensors such as the PIR motion sensor, water level sensor, and smoke sensor allowed for real-time detection of critical events, including unauthorized access, flooding, and fire hazards. The use of the ESP8266 microcontroller and Telegram app for notifications ensured seamless communication and timely alerts to authorized personnel, significantly enhancing the system’s responsiveness and efficiency.

Through extensive testing, the system demonstrated high accuracy, reliability, and scalability, proving its potential as a cost-effective and robust solution for substation monitoring. The incorporation of IoT technology not only improved operational safety and efficiency but also laid a strong foundation for future advancements, such as predictive maintenance and enhanced system scalability.

Overall, this project provides a reliable and practical framework for smart monitoring systems in critical infrastructure, emphasizing the transformative potential of IoT in ensuring safety, security, and operational excellence. The findings underline the system's potential to revolutionize substation monitoring, ensuring safer and more efficient operations in real-world environments.

5.2 Potential for Commercialization

The IoT-based smart monitoring system developed in this project holds significant potential for commercialization due to its cost-effectiveness, scalability, and practical design. With a substantially lower implementation cost compared to existing commercial solutions like Nest Protect or SmartThings, the system offers an affordable alternative for industries and utility companies, such as TNB, seeking reliable infrastructure monitoring. Its modular architecture allows for easy customization, enabling deployment across various applications, including power substations, manufacturing plants, warehouses, and residential areas.

The system's ability to monitor critical parameters like water levels, gas leakage, and unauthorized access enhances safety, prevents downtime, and improves operational efficiency, making it suitable for large-scale industrial use. Additionally, its integration with the Telegram bot provides a subscription-free communication platform, eliminating recurring costs associated with commercial solutions and ensuring long-term value.

By addressing key community needs, such as enhancing substation safety and ensuring timely alerts for potential hazards, the system demonstrates its practical applicability. Furthermore, with the global demand for IoT-based solutions on the rise, the system's affordability, scalability, and versatility position it as a competitive option for markets worldwide. With additional enhancements, such as expanded sensor capabilities and broader connectivity options, this system has the potential to become a leading solution in the IoT-based monitoring sector.

5.3 Future Works

For future improvements, the capabilities and accuracy of the IoT-based smart monitoring system could be enhanced as follows:

i. Incorporate a wider range of sensors, including temperature, humidity, and vibration sensors, to provide comprehensive environmental and equipment monitoring.

ii. Integrate technologies such as thermal imaging sensors for superior motion detection and AI-driven analytics tools for anomaly detection and trend analysis.

iii. Expand communication options by incorporating GSM or LoRa modules and implementing MQTT protocols to ensure reliable communication in areas with weak Wi-Fi signals and support scalability for larger user bases.

iv. Add predictive maintenance capabilities powered by machine learning algorithms to enable proactive detection of potential issues, reduce downtime, and extend the lifespan of critical infrastructure.

v. Transition to a cloud-based architecture for data storage and analysis, offering advanced analytics, real-time dashboards, and historical data visualization to support informed decision-making.

vi. Strengthen security by implementing encryption and multi-factor authentication to protect against unauthorized access.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A Gantt Chart

PSM 1

Project Activities	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	MIDSEM	W8	W9	W10	W11	W12	W13	W14
Project Briefing															
Meeting and discussion with supervisor															
PSM title proposal															
Do research and collect information related to project title															
Research literature review															
Methodology															
Preliminary Results															
Conclusion															
Submission of logbook progress															
Submission draft full report PSM 1 to supervisor															
Make corrections															
Submission full report PSM 1 to panel															
Presentation PSM 1															

PSM 2

Project Activities	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	MIDSE	W8	W9	W10	W11	W12	W13	W14
Final Year Project 2 (FYP 2) briefing															
Meeting and discussion with supervisor															
Hardware Integration															
Coding and Implementation															
Testing and Troubleshooting															
Data Collection															
Data Analysis															
Draft Chapter 4 and 5															
Submission of logbook progress															
Submission draft full report PSM 2 to supervisor															
Make corrections															
Submission full report PSM 2 to supervisor & panel															
Presentation PSM 2															

Appendix B Coding of the System

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiClientSecure.h>
#include <UniversalTelegramBot.h>


#define WIFI_SSID "nnn.nn"
#define WIFI_PASSWORD "123456789"
// Telegram BOT Token (Get from Botfather)
#define BOT_TOKEN "7962176298:AAFDd-XBRW3LPJlL2nHJXtHOe4UMCmJakaU"
#define CHAT_ID "1926787569"
const unsigned long BOT_MTBS = 1000; // mean time between scan messages 10000

X509List cert(TELEGRAM_CERTIFICATE_ROOT);
WiFiClientSecure client;
UniversalTelegramBot bot(BOT_TOKEN, client);
unsigned long bot_lasttime = 0; // last time messages' scan has been done



const int waterSensorPin = D0;

const int GasPin = A0; // MQ135 sensor connected to GPIO34 (analog pin)
int rawValue = 0;          // Variable to store raw ADC value
float ppmValue = 0;        // Variable to store calculated ppm value
const int rawMin = 0;      // Minimum raw value (clean air)
const int rawMax = 4095; // Maximum raw value (high gas concentration)
```

```
const int AlarmPin = D1;
const int Spot_Light = D4;
const int Gaslight = D3;
const int Floodlight =  D2;
const int TA = D6;     // the number of the pushbutton pin
const int TB = D8;  // the number of the pushbutton pin
const int TC = D5;      // the number of the pushbutton pin
const int TD = D7;

 float gasThreshold = 24;    // Adjust based on gas sensor sensitivity

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);
  client.setInsecure(); // Disable certificate verification for api.telegram.org

  // Initialize pins
  pinMode(AlarmPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(Spot_Light, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(Floodlight, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(TA, INPUT);
  pinMode(TB, INPUT);
  pinMode(TC, INPUT);
  pinMode(TD, INPUT);
  pinMode(waterSensorPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(GasPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(Gaslight, OUTPUT);
  // Connect to WiFi
  WiFi.mode(WIFI_STA);
  WiFi.disconnect();
  delay(100);

  Serial.print("Connecting to WiFi SSID ");
  Serial.println(WIFI_SSID);
  WiFi.begin(WIFI_SSID, WIFI_PASSWORD);

  while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
    Serial.print(".");
    delay(100);
  }

  Serial.println();
  Serial.print("WiFi connected. IP address: ");
  Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());
}

void handleNewMessages(int numNewMessages) {
  Serial.print("handleNewMessages ");
  Serial.println(numNewMessages);
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < numNewMessages; i++) {
    String chat_id = bot.messages[i].chat_id;
    String text = bot.messages[i].text;
    String from_name = bot.messages[i].from_name;

    if (text == "/on") {
      digitalWrite(AlarmPin, HIGH); // turn the Alarm on
      digitalWrite(Spot_Light, HIGH);
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Alarm is ON", "");
    }

    else if (text == "/light") {
      digitalWrite(Spot_Light, HIGH);
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Spot Light Turn ON", "");
    }

    else if (text == "/off") {
      digitalWrite(AlarmPin, LOW); // turn the Alarm off
      digitalWrite(Spot_Light, LOW);
      digitalWrite(Floodlight, LOW);
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Alarm and Light are OFF", "");
    }
    else if (text == "/status") {
      String response = (digitalRead(AlarmPin) == HIGH) ? "Alarm is ON" : "Alarm is OFF";
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, response, "");
    }

    else if (text == "/join") {
      String response = "Welcome to Smart TNB Substation!!! Below are the commands:\n";
      response += "/status - Check alarm status\n";
      response += "/off - Reset\n";
      response += "/on - Activate alarm\n";
      response += "/light - Turn on spotlight\n";
      response += "/readings - Readings of gas & water level\n";
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, response, "");
    }

    else if (text == "/readings") {
      int waterLevel = digitalRead(waterSensorPin);
       rawValue = analogRead(GasPin);
  // Map the raw value to 0-100 pp
   ppmValue = map(rawValue, rawMin, rawMax, 0, 100);
  float voltage = rawValue * (3.3 / 4095.0);  // Convert analog value to voltage
      String response = "Gas and Water Level Readings:\n";
      response += "Gas Level: " + String(ppmValue) + "\n";
      response += "Water Level: " + String(waterLevel) + "\n";
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, response, "");
     }
   }
}
```

```
void loop() {
  if (millis() - bot_lasttime > BOT_MTBS) {

    String chat_id = bot.messages[0].chat_id;

     int waterLevel = digitalRead(waterSensorPin); // Read the water sensor value

     rawValue = analogRead(GasPin);
  // Map the raw value to 0-100 pp
   ppmValue = map(rawValue, rawMin, rawMax, 0, 100);
  float voltage = rawValue * (3.3 / 4095.0);  // Convert analog value to voltage
     Serial.println("MQ:");
     Serial.println(ppmValue);
      Serial.println("WL:");
     Serial.println(waterLevel);


    // Movement detection logic
    if (digitalRead(TA) == HIGH) {
      digitalWrite(AlarmPin, HIGH);
      digitalWrite(Spot_Light, HIGH);
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Unauthorized Movement at Compound A", "");
      Serial.println("Unauthorized Movement at Compound A");
    }
    else if (digitalRead(TB) == HIGH) {
      digitalWrite(AlarmPin, HIGH);
      digitalWrite(Spot_Light, HIGH);
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Unauthorized Movement at Compound B", "");
      Serial.println("Unauthorized Movement at Compound B");
    }
    else if (digitalRead(TC) == HIGH) {
      digitalWrite(AlarmPin, HIGH);
      digitalWrite(Spot_Light, HIGH);
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Unauthorized Movement at Compound C", "");
      Serial.println("Unauthorized Movement at Compound C");
    }
    else if (digitalRead(TD) == HIGH) {
      digitalWrite(AlarmPin, HIGH);
      digitalWrite(Spot_Light, HIGH);
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Unauthorized Movement at Compound D", "");
      Serial.println("Unauthorized Movement at Compound D");
    }

    // Water and gas level detection
    if (waterLevel == 1) {
      digitalWrite(Floodlight, HIGH);
      bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Water is at a Dangerous Level !!!!", "");
      Serial.println("Water is at a Dangerous Level !!!!");
    }
```

```
    if (ppmValue > 20.00) {
     digitalWrite(Gaslight, HIGH);
     bot.sendMessage(chat_id, "Alert: Fire detected !!!!", "");
     Serial.println("Alert: Fire detected !!!!");
    }


    // Telegram bot message handling
    int numNewMessages = bot.getUpdates(bot.last_message_received + 1);
    while (numNewMessages) {
     handleNewMessages(numNewMessages);
     numNewMessages = bot.getUpdates(bot.last_message_received + 1);
    }

    bot_lasttime = millis();
  }
}
```

Appendix C   Datasheets of Components

Internet of Things

NodeMCU ESP8266 ESP-12E WiFi Development Board

NodeMCU is an open source IoT platform. It includes firmware which runs on the ESP8266 Wi-Fi SoC from Espressif Systems, and hardware which is based on the ESP-12 module. The term “NodeMCU” by default refers to the firmware rather than the DevKit. The firmware uses the Lua scripting language. It is based on the eLua project, and built on the Espressif Non-OS SDK for ESP8266. It uses many open source projects, such as lua-cjson, and spiffs.

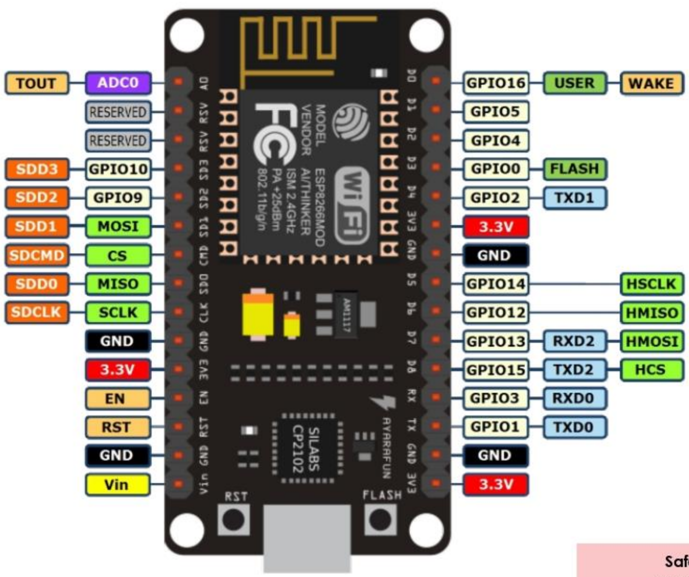
Features

- Version : DevKit v1.0
- Breadboard Friendly
- Light Weight and small size.
- 3.3V operated, can be USB powered.
- Uses wireless protocol 802.11b/g/n.
- Built-in wireless connectivity capabilities.
- Built-in PCB antenna on the ESP-12E chip.
- Capable of PWM, I2C, SPI, UART, 1-wire, 1 analog pin.
- Uses CP2102 USB Serial Communication interface module.
- Arduino IDE compatible (extension board manager required).
- Supports Lua (alike node.js) and Arduino C programming language.

Wireless Connectivity
Breadboard Friendly
USB Compatible
Lightweight
Arduino IDE Compatible
3.3V POWERED
Low Power Consumption

PINOUT DIAGRAM

NodeMCU ESP8266 v1.0



Source
https://iotbytes.wordpress.com/nodemcu-pinout/

Safety Precaution
All GPIO runs at 3.3V !!

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NodeMCU ESP8266

Front View

Front View

Specifications of ESP-12E WiFi Module

Wireless Standard	IEEE 802.11 b/g/n
Frequency Range	2.412 - 2.484 GHz
Power Transmission	802.11b : +16 ± 2 dBm (at 11 Mbps) 802.11g : +14 ± 2 dBm (at 54 Mbps) 802.11n : +13 ± 2 dBM (at HT20, MCS7)
Receiving Sensitivity	802.11b : -93 dBm (at 11 Mbps, CCK) 802.11g : -85 dBm (at 54 Mbps, OFDM) 802.11n : -82 dBm (at HT20, MCS7)
Wireless Form	On-board PCB Antenna
IO Capability	UART, I2C, PWM, GPIO, 1 ADC
Electrical Characteristic	3.3 V Operated 15 mA output current per GPIO pin 12 - 200 mA working current Less than 200 uA standby current
Operating Temperature	-40 to +125 ºC
Serial Transmission	110 - 921600 bps, TCP Client 5
Wireless Network Type	STA / AP / STA + AP
Security Type	WEP / WPA-PSK / WPA2-PSK
Encryption Type	WEP64 / WEP128 / TKIP / AES
Firmware Upgrade	Local Serial Port, OTA Remote Upgrade
Network Protocol	IPv4, TCP / UDP / FTP / HTTP
User Configuration	AT + Order Set, Web Android / iOS, Smart Link APP

Description:

The water level sensor is a device that measures the liquid level in a fixed container.

The level sensor is a device designed to monitor or measure liquid levels. When the liquid level is detected, the sensor converts the sensed data into an electrical signal. Level sensors are mainly used for monitoring reservoirs, oil tanks or rivers.

Features:

1. No moving parts.
2. Water resistant enclosure.
3. Rugged design for long term use.
4. Precise measurement.
5. Instantaneous results.
6. Output Voltage is proportional to liquid level.
7. Can Measure large changes in water level.
8. Low cost.

Specifications:

- Operating voltage: DC 3-5V
- Operating current: less than 20mA
- Sensor Type: Analog
- Operating temperature: 10°C-30°C
- Humidity: 10% -90% non-condensing

How it works:

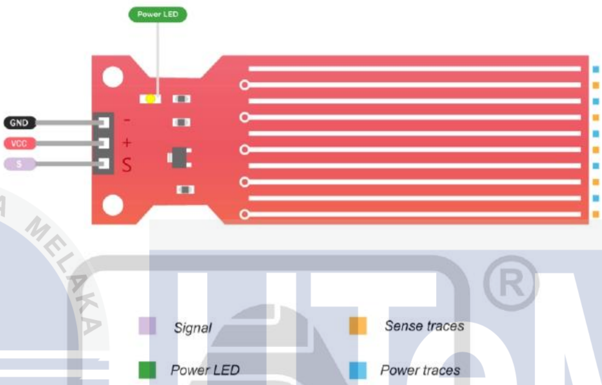
The sensor has ten exposed copper traces, five of which are power traces and the remaining five are sense traces. These traces are interlaced so that there is one sense trace between every two power traces.

Normally, power and sense traces are not connected, but when immersed in water, they are bridged.

- The more water the sensor is immersed in, the better the conductivity and the lower the resistance.
- The less water the sensor is immersed in, the poorer the conductivity and the higher the resistance.

The sensor generates an output voltage proportional to the resistance; by measuring this voltage, the water level can be determined.

Pin Configurations:



VCC: VCC pin provides power to the sensor. It is recommended that the sensor be powered from 3.3V to 5V. Please keep in mind that the analog output will vary depending on the voltage supplied to the sensor

GND: Ground pin

S: Signal pin is an analog output pin that will be connected to one of your Arduino's analog inputs.

Advantages:

- Compact and light weight
- Reading will be linear

Application:

- Water level alarm for moisture-sensitive environments
- Stream-level indicator when used in a controlled reservoir (stream well)
- Used with a microcontroller to actuate a pump, an indicator

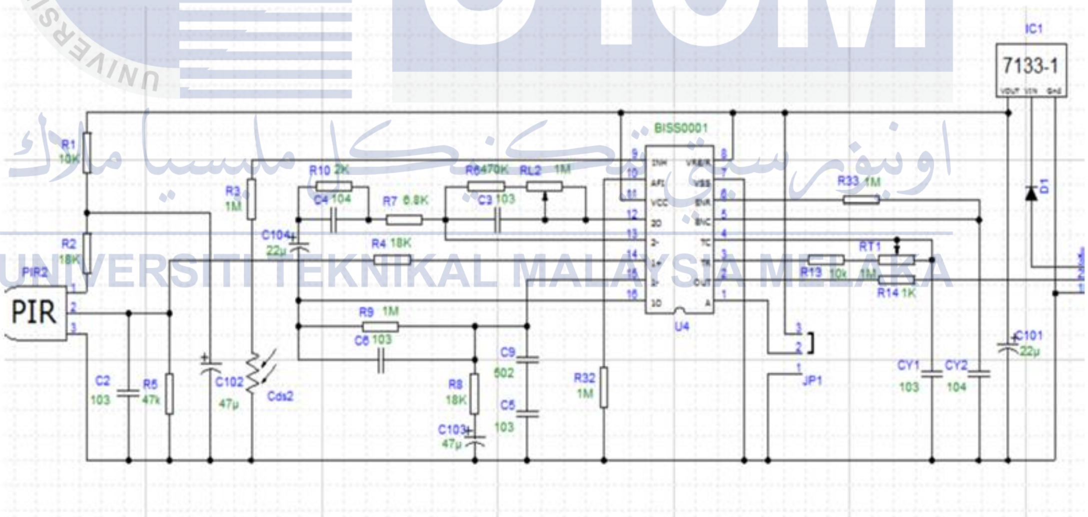
HC-SR501 PIR MOTION DETECTOR

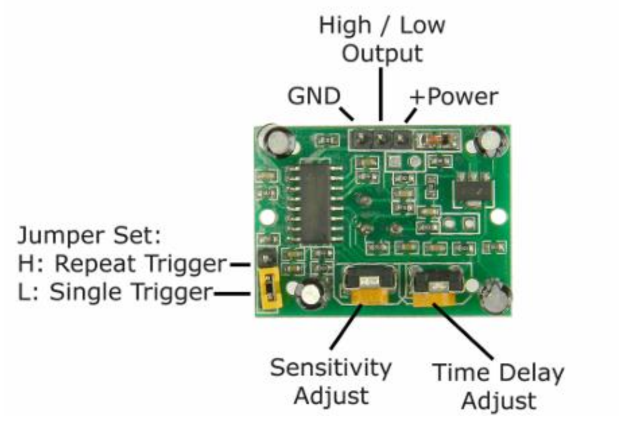
Product Discription

HC-SR501 is based on infrared technology, automatic control module, using Germany imported LHI778 probe design, high sensitivity, high reliability, ultra-low-voltage operating mode, widely used in various auto-sensing electrical equipment, especially for battery-powered automatic controlled products.

Specification:

- Voltage: 5V – 20V
- Power Consumption: 65mA
- TTL output: 3.3V, 0V
- Delay time: Adjustable (.3->5min)
- Lock time: 0.2 sec
- Trigger methods: L – disable repeat trigger, H enable repeat trigger
- Sensing range: less than 120 degree, within 7 meters
- Temperature: – 15 ~ +70
- Dimension: 32*24 mm, distance between screw 28mm, M2, Lens dimension in diameter: 23mm





1 working voltage range :DC 4.5-20V

2 Quiescent Current :50uA

3 high output level 3.3 V / Low 0V

4. Trigger L trigger can not be repeated / H repeated trigger

5. circuit board dimensions :32 * 24 mm

6. maximum 110 ° angle sensor

7. 7 m maximum sensing distance

Product Type	HC--SR501 Body Sensor Module
Operating Voltage Range	5-20VDC
Quiescent Current	<50uA
Level output	High 3.3 V /Low 0V
Trigger	L can not be repeated trigger/H can be repeated trigger(Default repeated trigger)
Delay time	5-300S(adjustable) Range (approximately .3Sec -5Min)
Block time	2.5S(default)Can be made a range(0.xx to tens of seconds
Board Dimensions	32mm*24mm
Angle Sensor	<110 ° cone angle
Operation Temp.	-15-+70 degrees
Lens size sensor	Diameter:23mm(Default)

Application scope
•Security products
•Body induction toys
•Body induction lamps
•Industrial automation control etc

Pyroelectric infrared switch is a passive infrared switch which consists of BISS0001 ,pyroelectric infrared sensors and a few external components. It can au
open all kinds of equipments, inculding incandescent lamp, fluorescent lamp, intercom, automatic, electric fan, dryer and automatic washing machine, etc.
It is widely used in enterprises, hotels, stores, and corridor and other sensitive area for automatical lamplight, lighting and alarm system.

TECHNICAL DATA MQ-2 GAS SENSOR

FEATURES

Wide detecting scope Fast response and High sensitivity
Stable and long life Simple drive circuit

APPLICATION

They are used in gas leakage detecting equipments in family and industry, are suitable for detecting of LPG, i-butane, propane, methane ,alcohol, Hydrogen, smoke.

SPECIFICATIONS

A. Standard work condition

Symbol	Parameter name	Technical condition	Remarks
Vc	Circuit voltage	5V±0.1	AC OR DC
V_H	Heating voltage	5V±0.1	ACOR DC
R_L	Load resistance	can adjust	
R_H	Heater resistance	33Ω ±5%	Room Tem
P_H	Heating consumption	less than 800mw	

B. Environment condition

Symbol	Parameter name	Technical condition	Remarks
Tao	Using Tem	-20℃-50℃	
Tas	Storage Tem	-20℃-70℃	
R_H	Related humidity	less than 95%Rh	
O_2	Oxygen concentration	21%(standard condition)Oxygen concentration can affect sensitivity	minimum value is over 2%

C. Sensitivity characteristic

Symbol	Parameter name	Technical parameter	Remarks
Rs	Sensing Resistance	3KΩ-30KΩ (1000ppm iso-butane)	Detecting concentration scope: 200ppm-5000ppm LPG and propane 300ppm-5000ppm butane 5000ppm-20000ppm methane 300ppm-5000ppm H_2 100ppm-2000ppm Alcohol
α (3000/1000) isobutane	Concentration Slope rate	≤0.6	
Standard Detecting Condition	Temp: 20℃±2℃ Vc:5V±0.1 Humidity: 65%±5% Vh: 5V±0.1		
Preheat time	Over 24 hour		

D. Structure and configuration, basic measuring circuit

	Parts	Materials
1	Gas sensing layer	SnO_2
2	Electrode	Au
3	Electrode line	Pt
4	Heater coil	Ni-Cr alloy
5	Tubular ceramic	Al_2O_3
6	Anti-explosion network	Stainless steel gauze (SUS316 100-mesh)
7	Clamp ring	Copper plating Ni
8	Resin base	Bakelite
9	Tube Pin	Copper plating Ni

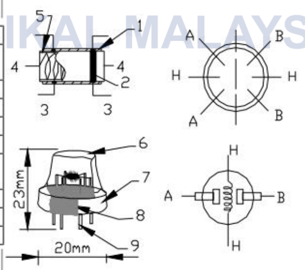


Fig. 1

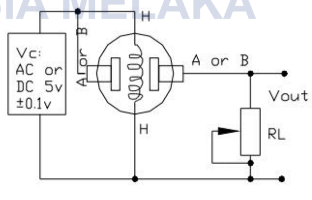
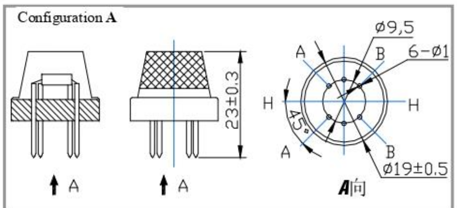


Fig.2

Configuration **A**



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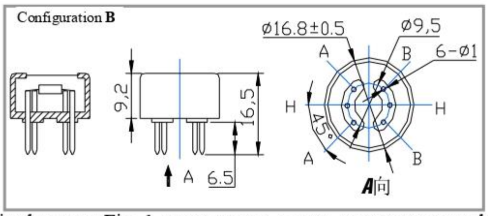

Structure and configuration of MQ-2 gas sensor is shown as Fig. 1 (Configuration **A** or **B**), sensor composed by micro AL_2O_3 ceramic tube, Tin Dioxide (SnO_2) sensitive layer, measuring electrode and heater are fixed into a

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crust made by plastic and stainless steel net. The heater provides necessary work conditions for work of sensitive components. The enveloped MQ-2 have 6 pin ,4 of them are used to fetch signals, and other 2 are used for providing heating current.

Electric parameter measurement circuit is shown as Fig.2

E. Sensitivity characteristic curve

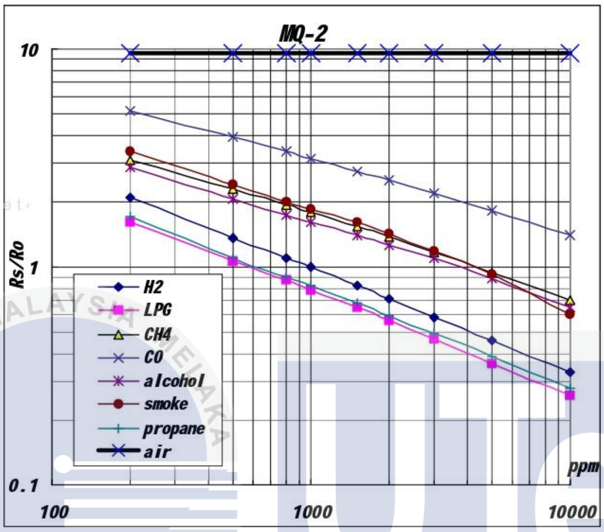

Fig.2 sensitivity characteristics of the MQ-2

Fig.3 is shows the typical sensitivity characteristics of the MQ-2 for several gases.

in their: Temp: 20℃、

Humidity: 65%、

O_2 concentration 21%

RL=5k Ω

Ro: sensor resistance at 1000ppm of H_2 in the clean air.

Rs:sensor resistance at various concentrations of gases.

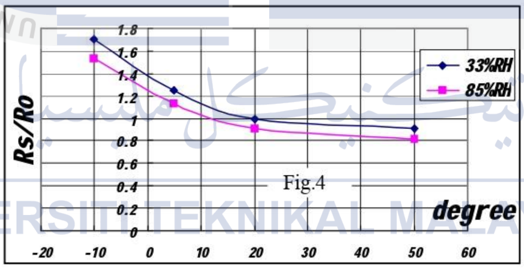

Fig.4

Fig.4 is shows the typical dependence of the MQ-2 on temperature and humidity.

Ro: sensor resistance at 1000ppm of H_2 in air at 33%RH and 20 degree.

Rs: sensor resistance at 1000ppm of H_2 at different temperatures and humidities.

SENSITVITY ADJUSTMENT

Resistance value of MQ-2 is difference to various kinds and various concentration gases. So,When using this components, sensitivity adjustment is very necessary. we recommend that you calibrate the detector for 1000ppm liquified petroleum gas<LPG>,or 1000ppm iso-butane<i-C_4H_{10}>concentration in air and use value of Load resistance that(R_L) about 20 KΩ (5KΩ to 47 KΩ).

When accurately measuring, the proper alarm point for the gas detector should be determined after considering the temperature and humidity influence.

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Piezo Buzzer Datasheet

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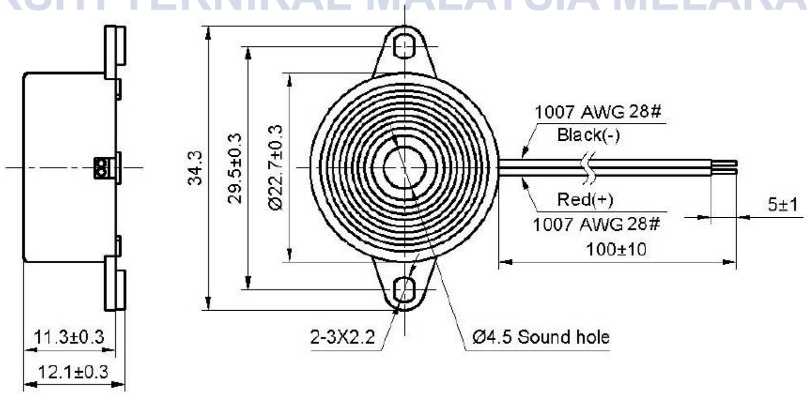
HP2312XW SERIES:

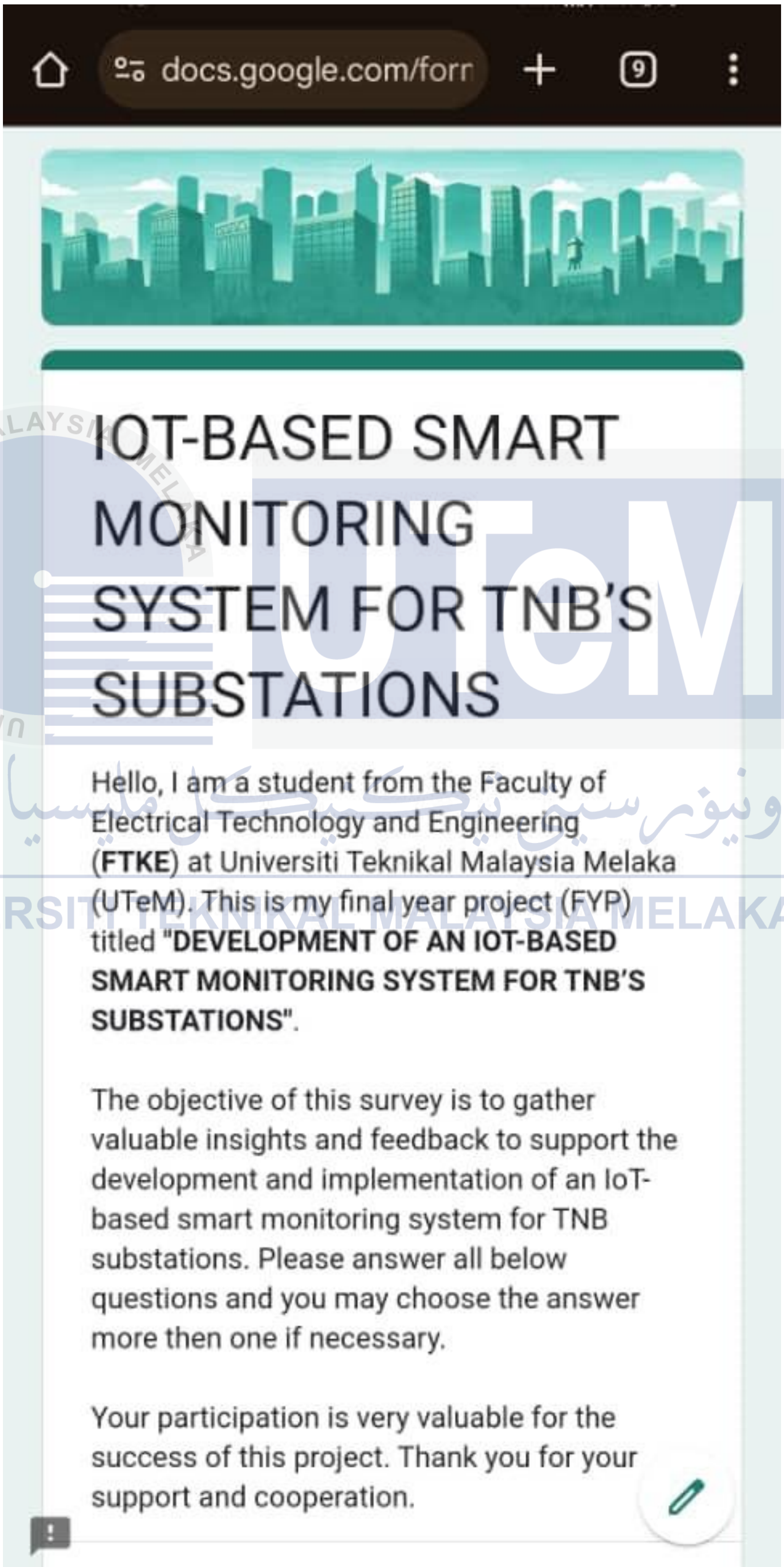
Type	UNIT	HP2312AXW	HP2312BXW
*Min. Sound Output at 10cm	dB	85	90
Rated Voltage	VDC	12	12
Operating Voltage	VDC	3~20	3~20
Resonant Frequency	Hz	3500±500	4500±500
*Max. Current Consumption	mA	8	8
Tone Nature		Continuous	
Operating Temperature	°C	-20～+70	
Storage Temperature	°C	-30～+80	
Weight	g	8	

Value applying at rated voltag

DIMENSIONS Unit:mm Tolerance:±0.5



Appendix D Survey Questionnaire



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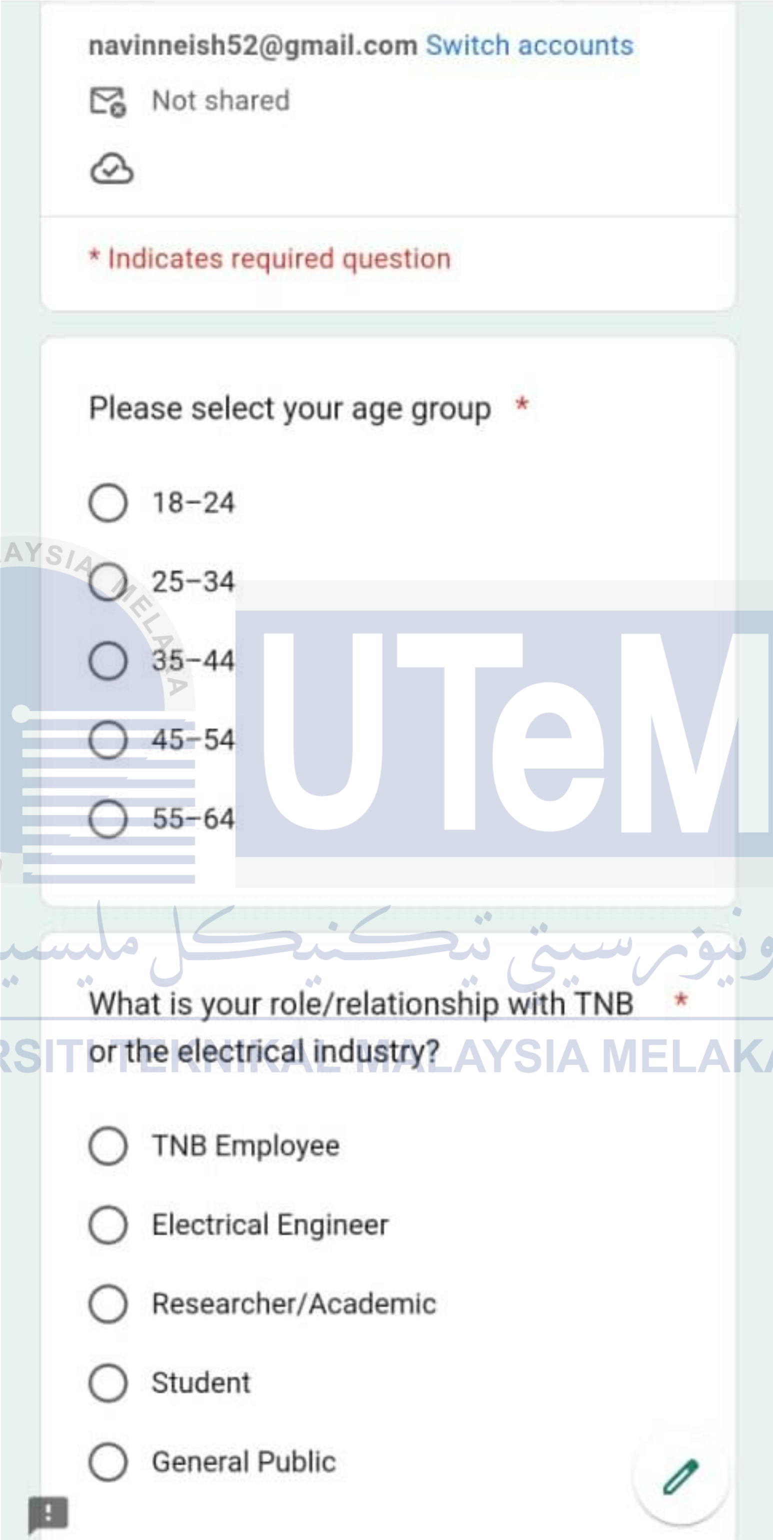
IOT-BASED SMART MONITORING SYSTEM FOR TNB'S SUBSTATIONS

Hello, I am a student from the Faculty of Electrical Technology and Engineering (**FTKE**) at Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM). This is my final year project (FYP) titled "**DEVELOPMENT OF AN IOT-BASED SMART MONITORING SYSTEM FOR TNB'S SUBSTATIONS**".

The objective of this survey is to gather valuable insights and feedback to support the development and implementation of an IoT-based smart monitoring system for TNB substations. Please answer all below questions and you may choose the answer more then one if necessary.

Your participation is very valuable for the success of this project. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



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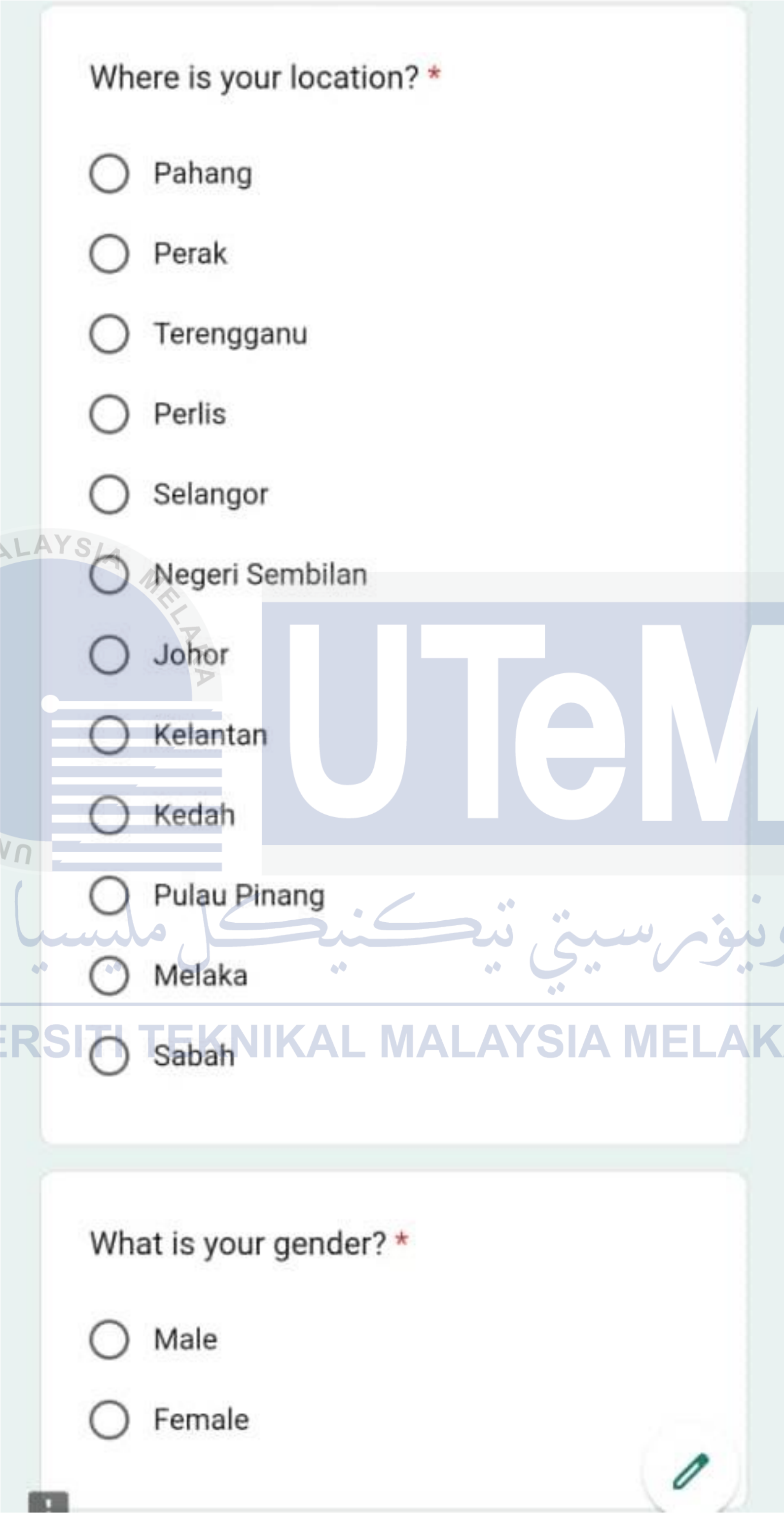
* Indicates required question

Please select your age group *

- 18–24
- 25–34
- 35–44
- 45–54
- 55–64

What is your role/relationship with TNB or the electrical industry? *

- TNB Employee
- Electrical Engineer
- Researcher/Academic
- Student
- General Public

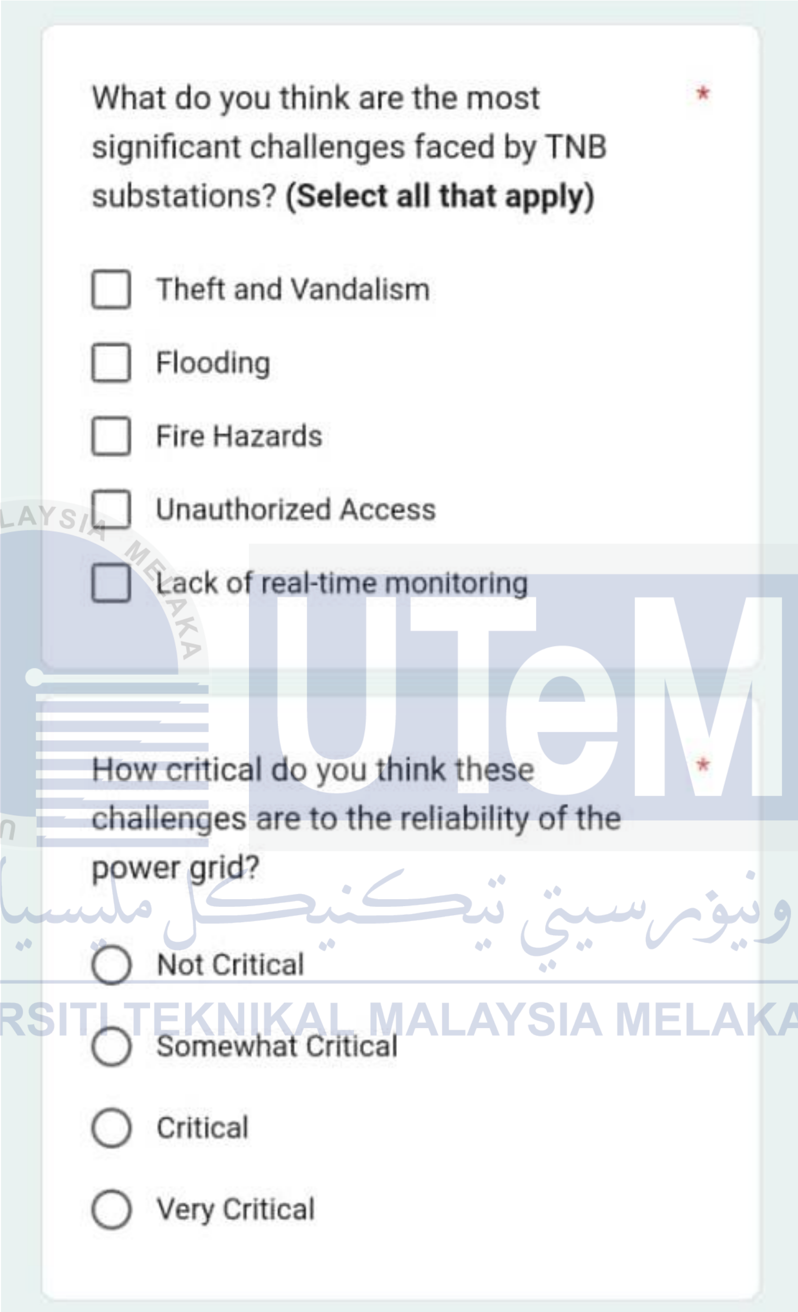


Where is your location? *

- Pahang
- Perak
- Terengganu
- Perlis
- Selangor
- Negeri Sembilan
- Johor
- Kelantan
- Kedah
- Pulau Pinang
- Melaka
- Sabah

What is your gender? *

- Male
- Female



What do you think are the most significant challenges faced by TNB substations? **(Select all that apply)** *

- [ ] Theft and Vandalism
- [ ] Flooding
- [ ] Fire Hazards
- [ ] Unauthorized Access
- [ ] Lack of real-time monitoring

How critical do you think these challenges are to the reliability of the power grid? *

- ○ Not Critical
- ○ Somewhat Critical
- ○ Critical
- ○ Very Critical

Do you think IoT-based monitoring is a viable solution to improve substation security and safety? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Maybe

Which features of the proposed system do you find most useful? **(Check all that apply)** *

- ☐ Motion detection (PIR motion sensors)
- ☐ Flood detection (Water level sensors)
- ☐ Fire hazard alerts (Smoke sensors)
- ☐ Real-time notifications (via Telegram app)

How significant do you think the risks are if there is no monitoring system for TNB substations? *

- ○ Very significant
- ○ Significant
- ○ Neutral
- ○ Not significant

What issues do you believe are most likely to arise without a monitoring system? *
(Check all that apply)

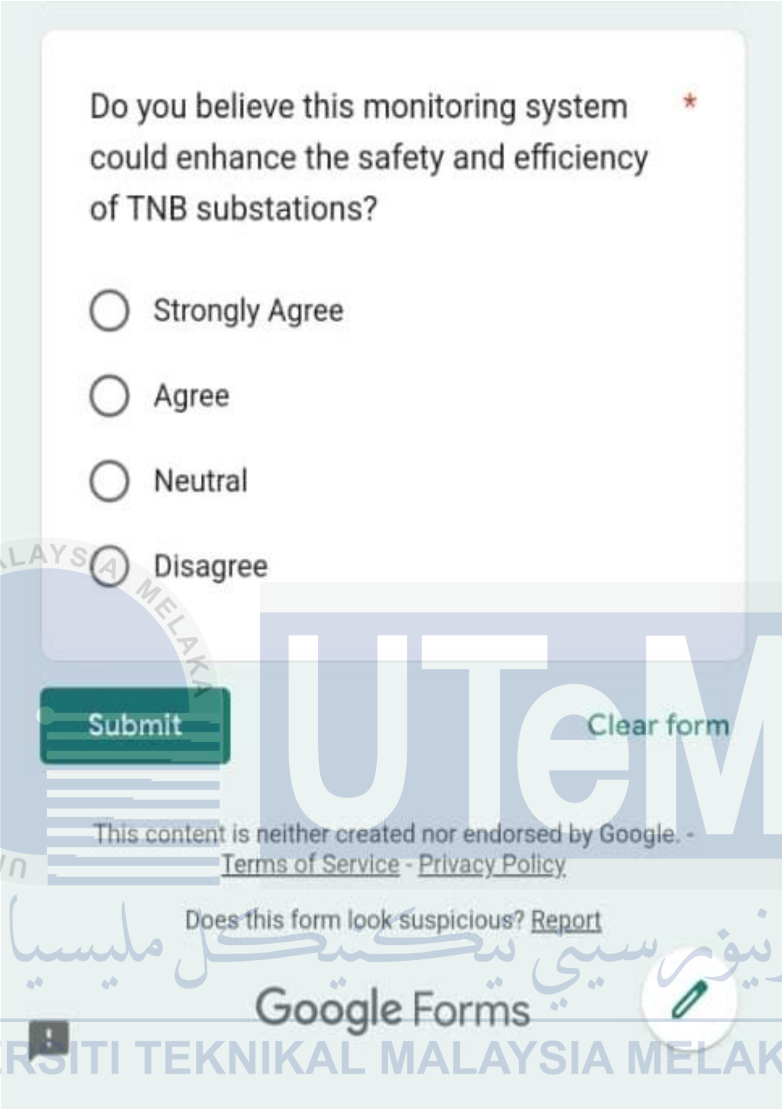
- ☐ Delayed incident detection (e.g., floods, fires)
- ☐ Higher risk of theft and vandalism
- ☐ Increased downtime due to equipment failure
- ☐ Risk to public and personnel safety
- ☐ Inefficient maintenance and resource allocation

Which geographical areas do you think require smart monitoring systems the most? *

- [ ] Urban areas
- [ ] Rural areas
- [ ] Flood-prone regions
- [ ] High-crime regions
- [ ] Industrial zones

What is your opinion on the cost-effectiveness of using low-cost sensors for substations? *

- ○ Highly Effective
- ○ Effective
- ○ Neutral
- ○ Ineffective



Do you believe this monitoring system could enhance the safety and efficiency of TNB substations? *

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

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