

HOME AUTOMATION THROUGH E-MAIL

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ABSTRACT

The Home automation become more popular nowadays and refers to the application of the computer and new technology for control the domestic features and home appliances. In this paper we are introducing the new technology using Ethernet connection, the ARM7 based lpc2148 microcontroller used in this project. Whenever the person need to control the devices in the home the user need to send an email to the mail id assign to the Home system. Microcontroller is interface to the control devices and personal computer connected via serial port, the personal computer will have the Visual basic software and it is connected to the internet. When the user sent an email then the pc will receive that mail and forward to the microcontroller unit by using the vb software, the information received by the controller it will continue with the device switching operations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The popularity of network enabled home automation has been increasing greatly nowadays because of simplicity and much higher affordability. Moreover, with the long expansion of the Internet technology, there is increasing the demand for the remote control and monitoring of such network enabled appliances. However, the new and exciting technologies are increase the connectivity of devices within the home for the purpose of home automation through internet are yet to be explored.

Home automation becomes to the application of computer and information technology for control of home appliances and domestic features. The application varies from simple remote control of lighting to complex computer/micro-controller based networks involving varying degrees of intelligence and automation. Home automation system results in convenience, energy efficiency, expenses and safety benefits leading to improved quality of life. Home automation is becoming more and more popular day by day due to its numerous advantages. This paper aims at designing a basic home automation application on ARM7TDMI through reading the subject of E-mail and the algorithm for the same has been developed in visual basic (VB) environment which is the default programming created by the MICROSOFT. Results show the efficient implementation of proposed algorithm for home automation.

In this paper we developing the home automation system through email by using ARM7TDMI here we are interfacing the microcontroller with PC it consists of visual basic software and which is connected to the internet connection. Visual basic is a programming language and development environment created by Microsoft, and visual basic provides a graphical user interface GUI that allows the developer drag and drop objects in to the programming language for the beginner to learn, the upgraded version of Visual basic is Visual basic 6.0. The

Visual Basic is a Graphical user interface language, this means that a VB software will always show something on screen that the user can interact with to get a job done.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

To implement the Home automation through email control system the study has done on different researches.

In the existing System the Home automation can be done by using the remote operating and sms based, but nowadays the internet technology increasing rapidly so we have to concentrate on the controlling system using Ethernet. In the previous system the home automation can be done in wireless communication only but the distance will be limited by using the TSOP etc. and GSM based home automation system it also one of the wireless communication system it can be useful for longer distances also.

The most important objective of the paper is to design and develop a Home automation system through email for home appliance and domestic features. In the proposed system we are implementing the arm7 based home automation system using Ethernet. Here we are interfacing the controller with the devices to be controlled and visual basic software through pc with the internet connection.

III. HARDWARE DESIGN

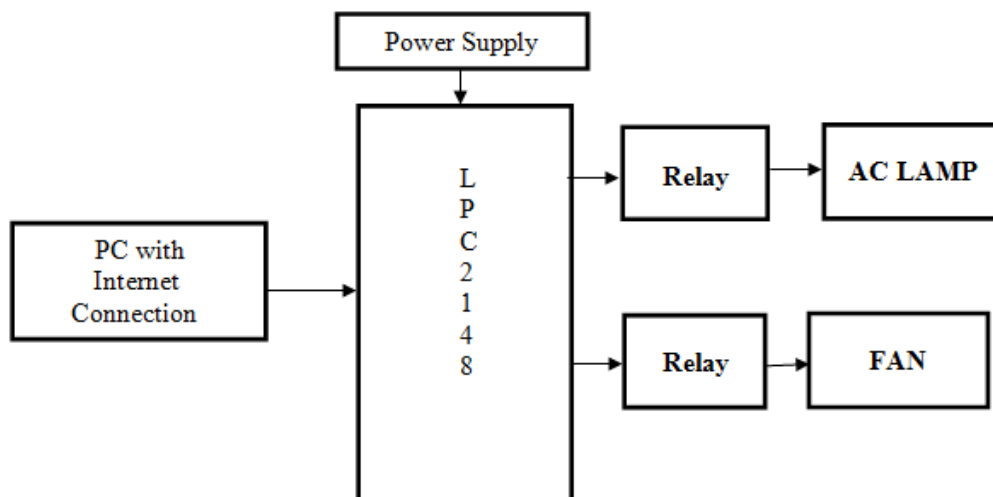


Fig 1: Block Diagram

The Home automation through Email using Ethernet technology consists of different hardware and software modules. The following block diagram shows the overview of hardware components included in the system.

3.1 LPC2148 Microcontroller

The LPC2148 microcontroller board based on a 16-bit/32-bit ARM7TDMI-S CPU with real-time emulation, 16-bit/32-bit ARM7TDMI-S microcontroller in a tiny LQFP64 package, 8 kB to 40 kB of on-chip static RAM and 32 kB to 512 kB of on-chip flash memory; 128-bit wide interface/accelerator enables high-speed 60 MHz operation, In-System Programming/In-Application(ISP), Single 10-bit DAC provides variable analog output, Two 32-bit timers/external event counters (with four capture and four compare channels each), PWM unit (six outputs) and watchdog, Low power Real-Time Clock (RTC), Multiple serial interfaces including two UARTs (16C550), two Fast I2C-bus (400kbit/s), SPI and SSP with buffering and variable data length capabilities.

Relay is a device which provides connection between two or more points or device in response to the input given to the relay. The other using of relay provide isolation between the controller and the device as we know devices may work on AC as well as on DC. Thus the relay provides isolation between the controller and the device it may work on AC as well as on DC. It will receive signals from microcontroller which works on DC hence we require a relay to bridge gap. Relay is extremely useful when you need to control a large amount of voltage or current with small electrical signal.

Relay working is simple, when power is applied to relay current start flowing through the control coil then the electromagnetic starts energizing. It consists of three points A, B, C are used as control points. When power is supplied to input terminal due to electromagnetic effect, B and C are connected thus closes the contacts causing a short circuit for the power to the load. If the relay was already de-energized when the contacts gets closed, then the contact move opposite and make an open circuit.

3.3 AC LAMP

The incandescent light bulb is an electric light which produces light with a wire filament heated to a high temperature by an electric current passing through it, until it glows. The hot filament is protected from oxidation with a glass or quartz bulb that is filled with inert gas or evacuated. In a halogen lamp, filament evaporation is prevented by a chemical process that redeposits metal vapour onto the filament, extending its life.

3.4 Fan

The fan is a machine used to create flow within a fluid, typically a gas such as air. Fan consists of a rotating arrangement of blades which act on the fluid. The rotating assembling of blades and hub is known as a rotor. Usually, it is contained within the some form of housing or case. This may be direct the airflow or increase safety by providing objects from contacting the fan blades. Most fans are powered by electric motors, but different of power may be used, including internal combustion engines and hydraulic motors. Fans produce flows with high volume and low pressure air flow, as opposed to compressors which produce high pressures at a comparatively low volume.

IV. SOFTWARE DESIGN

In this proposed system, as we used LPC2148 we need to use following software tools to program for it.

1. Keil uVision
2. Flash Magic
3. Visual Basic

The Keil uVision is an IDE for Embedded C language. In this IDE, we need to import the utilities and libraries according to the controller we are using. This IDE is very simpler and in user friendly manner to use. It includes all the C/C++ compilers, assemblers, and debuggers in it. It simplifies the process of embedded simulation and testing along with Hex file generation.

The flash magic is a programming utility. The C/C++ program written in IDE will be processed into Hex file i.e. in .hex format. It is necessary to dump the hex file on to the microcontroller.

The visual basic is a high level programming language it is evolved from the earlier disk operating system version called basic. Basic means the all beginners usesymbolic instruction code. It is easy programming language to learn. Visual Basic is a tool that allows you to develop Windows (Graphic User Interface - GUI) applications. The applications have a familiar appearance to the user.

V. WORKING DESCRIPTION

The project will starts from when powered up to the microcontroller and pc, thecontroller wait for the email and pc also whenever the email is received by the pc it will be forward to the controller through vb, according to the instruction received by the user the controller will configures the device operation. The pc will connect to the internet connection then the email will be received by the vb will be perfect and according to the configuration of the controller developed by the developer then the devices which are connected to the controller get controlled.

VI. RESULTS

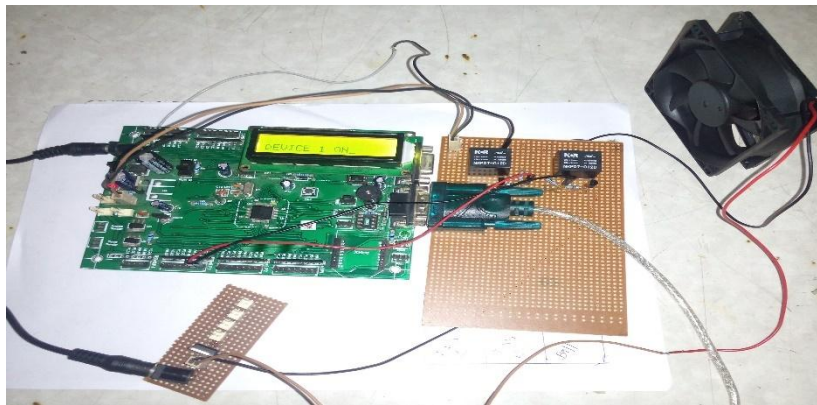


Fig: Overall System Process Design

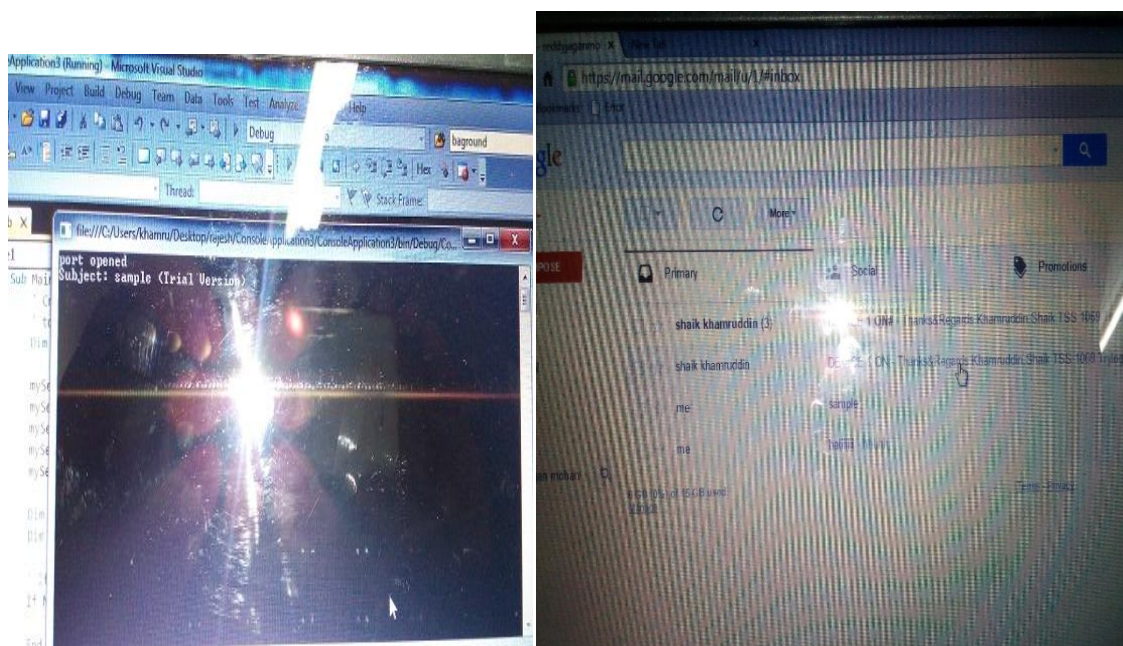


Fig : VB Software Interfacing and Mail Sending

In this computation world, where directly or indirectly everything is dependent on computation and information technology. This paper discuss with a basic application of home automation using ARM 7 processor which can be easily implemented and used efficiently. The code provided by the application is generic and flexible in a user friendly manner and can be extended for any future applications like power control, surveillance, etc. and also this technique is better than other home automation methods is several ways. For example, home automation through DTMF, the call tariff become huge disadvantage, which is not the case in proposed method. Also, in Web server based home automation, the design of server application and the placement is eliminated by this method, because it simply uses the already existing web server application provided by theG-mail.

After the code is Programmed in to the controller and powered up then the pc and controller waits for the message and execute the code by operating devices which are connected to the controllerand according to the configuration the device performs its operation and here we are developing a conventional system for the Efficient usage of the home and offices and for the emergency conditions.


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