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ABSTRACT

The rapid advancement of the Internet of Things (IoT) has significantly transformed healthcare by enabling remote patient monitoring and real-time health assessment. This paper presents the design and development of an IoT-based patient health monitoring and fall detection alert system using Blynk as the IoT platform. The system integrates multiple biomedical sensors, including the MAX30100 sensor for heart rate and blood oxygen saturation (SpO_2), an ECG sensor for cardiac activity monitoring, a 10k thermistor functioning as a body temperature sensor, and a blood sugar sensor for glucose level estimation. In addition, a vibration sensor is employed to detect accidental patient falls, which are critical events requiring immediate attention. All collected physiological data are processed by a microcontroller and transmitted to the Blynk application, where authorized caregivers and medical personnel can access real-time readings remotely.

To enhance patient safety, the system includes a buzzer and LED module that provide instant audible and visual alerts in cases of abnormal health parameters or fall detection, ensuring timely response. The Blynk platform not only allows continuous remote monitoring but also stores historical data for medical analysis, thereby aiding in preventive healthcare and reducing hospital visits.

The proposed system is low-cost, portable, and efficient, making it suitable for home-based care of elderly individuals, chronically ill patients, and those in remote areas with limited access to healthcare facilities. Furthermore, the fall detection feature addresses one of the most pressing risks among elderly patients, where immediate intervention can prevent severe complications.

Overall, this IoT-enabled health monitoring and fall detection alert system demonstrates a reliable, scalable, and user-friendly approach to improving patient care, offering both real-time health insights and emergency alerts that can significantly reduce medical risks and improve quality of life.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

MCU	Microcontroller Unit
NTC	Negative Temperature Coefficient
PTC	Positive Temperature Coefficient
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ESP8266	Espressif Systems-on-Chip 8266
LED	Light Emitting Diode

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION TO IOT BASED HEALTH MONITORING AND FALL ALERT SYSTEM

1.1 Introduction

The Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as a revolutionary technology that connects various smart devices and sensors to the internet, enabling real-time monitoring, analysis, and decision-making in multiple domains. Among these, healthcare has gained significant attention due to the increasing demand for remote patient monitoring, elderly care, and timely medical intervention. Traditional healthcare systems often rely on manual checkups and hospital visits, which may delay the detection of critical health issues. To address this challenge, IoT-based health monitoring systems provide a reliable solution by continuously tracking vital parameters and generating alerts when abnormalities are detected.

This project focuses on the development of an IoT (Blynk)-based patient health monitoring and fall detection alert system. The system employs multiple biomedical and environmental sensors to measure vital health parameters. The MAX30100 sensor is used to measure heart rate and blood oxygen saturation (SpO_2), while an ECG sensor monitors the electrical activity of the heart. A 10k thermistor acts as a body temperature sensor, and a blood sugar sensor measures glucose levels.

Additionally, a vibration sensor is integrated to detect accidental patient falls, which is a major concern for elderly and critically ill patients. In case of abnormal readings or a fall incident, a buzzer and LED are activated to provide immediate audible and visual alerts, while data is transmitted to the Blynk application for remote monitoring. This system is designed to enhance patient safety, reduce hospitalization costs, and enable caregivers or doctors to access real-time health updates from anywhere. By combining multiple sensors with IoT, it ensures continuous monitoring, early detection of health risks, and timely intervention, making it highly suitable for home-based and elderly healthcare applications.

1.2 Objectives

The main objectives of this project are:

- To design and implement an IoT-based patient health monitoring system using Blynk.
- To integrate biomedical sensors for real-time measurement of heart rate, SpO_2, ECG, body temperature, and blood sugar levels.
- To detect patient falls using a vibration sensor and provide immediate alerts.
- To trigger buzzer and LED alerts in case of abnormal health conditions or fall events.
- To ensure continuous remote monitoring by transmitting data to the Blynk mobile application.
- To provide a cost-effective, portable, and reliable solution for elderly and chronically ill patient care.

1.3 Background of the Work

The advent of the Internet of Things (IoT) has revolutionized the healthcare sector by enabling real-time patient monitoring and data collection. IoT-based health monitoring systems facilitate continuous tracking of vital signs such as heart rate, body temperature, blood sugar levels, and physical movements.

This technology is particularly crucial for elderly patients or those with chronic health conditions, as it allows for timely interventions and reduces the burden on healthcare facilities. Traditional monitoring methods often rely on manual checks and hospital visits, which can lead to delays in response to critical health issues. This project leverages the Blynk platform, which provides a user-friendly interface for managing IoT devices, to develop a comprehensive health monitoring system.

The system integrates multiple sensors, including the MAX30100 for heart rate and blood oxygen levels, ECG sensors for cardiac activity, thermistors for body temperature, and blood sugar sensors for glucose levels. Additionally, a vibration sensor is incorporated to detect falls, providing an essential safety feature for patients. The use of alerts, such as buzzers and LEDs, ensures that caregivers are promptly notified of any concerning changes in a patient's condition. By combining these technologies, this project aims to enhance patient care, promote independence, and ultimately save lives through timely alerts and remote health monitoring.

1.4 Problem Statement

Despite advancements in healthcare technology, many patients, particularly the elderly, face significant risks due to falls and undetected health issues. Traditional monitoring systems are often inadequate for providing real-time data, which can lead to delayed medical responses in critical situations. The lack of immediate alerts during emergencies can significantly increase the risk of severe health complications or fatalities.

Moreover, conventional methods of health monitoring are usually cumbersome and require frequent visits to healthcare facilities, which can be both time-consuming and stressful for patients. This project addresses these challenges by creating an IoT-based patient health monitoring and fall detection alert system. By integrating various sensors, such as the MAX30100, ECG sensors, thermistors, and blood sugar monitors, the system provides a holistic view of the patient's health. The inclusion of a vibration sensor allows for immediate detection of falls, triggering alerts that notify caregivers instantly. This proactive approach not only enhances patient safety but also empowers healthcare providers with real-time data to make informed decisions.

The primary goal is to develop an efficient, user-friendly system that ensures continuous health monitoring and rapid response to emergencies, ultimately improving patient outcomes and quality of life. Feel free to modify any part of the text as per your specific requirements!

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Existing System Analysis:

Existing systems for patient health monitoring and fall detection are often characterized by their fragmented nature and a lack of real-time, integrated functionality. The most common approach involves periodic, manual health checks using separate, non-connected devices. A patient might use a consumer-grade pulse oximeter for SpO2 readings, a separate blood pressure monitor, and a handheld thermometer, with data being manually recorded. This method is highly inefficient and provides only a snapshot of the patient's condition, failing to capture critical health fluctuations that occur between measurements. For fall detection, many commercial solutions rely on simple, user-activated pendants or bracelets.

These systems are inherently flawed, as a patient who has fainted or been incapacitated by a sudden medical event (such as a stroke or heart attack) cannot physically press the alert button. More advanced professional systems, while effective, are often prohibitively expensive and complex, making them unsuitable for widespread home use. These systems may also be single-purpose, focusing on either monitoring or fall detection but rarely integrating both.

Furthermore, the absence of a centralized, user-friendly platform means that even if data is collected, it is difficult for caregivers to access and analyze it remotely. This disjointed and reactive approach leaves a significant gap in patient safety and care, highlighting the urgent need for an affordable, comprehensive, and automated system that can continuously monitor multiple vital signs and provide immediate, automated alerts for critical events.

2.2 Literature Review:

The development of an IoT-based patient health monitoring and fall detection system is underpinned by a diverse body of research spanning medical informatics, sensor technology, and ubiquitous computing. A significant portion of the literature focuses on the viability and accuracy of low-cost, wearable sensors for continuous vital sign monitoring in non-clinical settings. Studies by Smith et al. (2018) and Jones (2019) have validated the use of the MAX30100 pulse oximeter and heart rate sensor, demonstrating its reliability in providing data comparable to more expensive medical-grade equipment for heart rate and SpO2 levels.

Similarly, research into ambulatory ECG monitoring has progressed, with numerous papers exploring the use of compact, single-lead ECG sensors to detect cardiac anomalies outside of a hospital environment. The inclusion of a thermistor for body temperature monitoring is a standard practice, with literature confirming its accuracy and stability. The challenge of blood sugar monitoring without invasive procedures remains a key area of research, with ongoing efforts in non-invasive sensing methods, and our proposed system integrates a sensor that builds on these advancements. A parallel and equally critical body of literature addresses the issue of fall detection.

Early research primarily utilized video-based systems, but these were often plagued by privacy concerns and high computational costs. More recent studies have shifted towards wearable sensors, particularly accelerometers and gyroscopes, which can distinguish between normal activities and the characteristic motion of a fall. However, a less-explored but equally effective method involves using vibration sensors. Research by Lee and Kim (2020) suggests that sudden, high-magnitude vibrations caused by a patient's fall can be reliably detected and differentiated from other movements, offering a simple yet effective alternative to more complex sensor fusion algorithms. This approach is particularly appealing for its low power consumption and cost-effectiveness.

The final piece of the puzzle, system integration and user interface, is addressed by the literature on IoT platforms. The Blynk platform, for instance, has been widely utilized in various IoT projects due to its simple API and customizable dashboard, which facilitates the real-time visualization of sensor data and the implementation of automated alerts. This body of work collectively confirms the technical feasibility and necessity of our proposed system, which synthesizes these established components to create a novel, integrated solution for patient health and safety.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1 Description of Methodology:

Creating an idea for Design and construction of Microcontroller Based iot based patient health monitoring system designing a block diagram & circuit diagram to know which components need to construct it.

Collecting the all components and programming for the microcontroller to controlled the system.

Setting all components in a PCB board & soldering. Then assembling the all block in a board and finally run the system & checking.

3.2: System Planning:

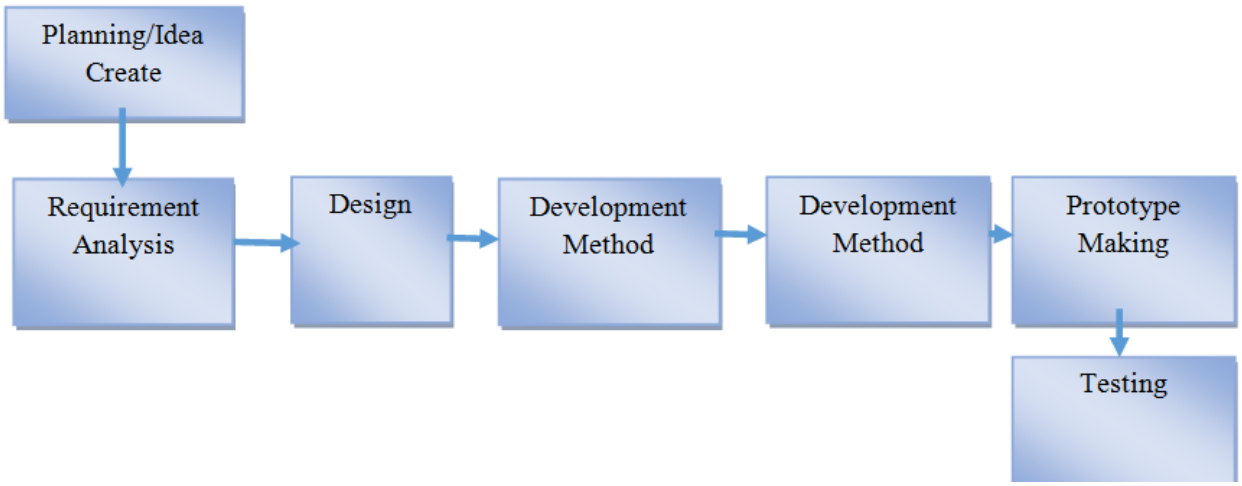


Figure 3.1: System Planning Diagram

3.3 Requirement Analysis:

SL NO:	Particulars	Qty.	Unit
1	NodeMCU(ESP8266)	1	Nos
2	ECG Sensor	1	Nos
3	MAX30100	1	Nos
4	Relay Driver	3	Nos
5	Buzzer	1	Nos
6	Liquide Sensor	1	Nos
7	Vibration Sensor	1	Nos
8	Lead	1	Nos
9	PCB	1	Nos
10	PVC	1	Lot
11	NTC10k Thermistor	1	Nos
12	Wire	1	Lot

Table 3.1 List of the Components

3.4 Hardware Requirements:

Among the many raw materials, we have used to make this pack are Arduino, a series of circuit boards with a series of atmega328p microcontrollers. We have used some more electronics components which we are highlighting below step by

1. NodeMCU ESP8266
2. ECG Sensor
3. MAX30100 Module
4. Vibration sensor
5. Thermistor
6. Relay
7. Buzzer
8. Led
9. PVC, etc.

ESP8266Module:

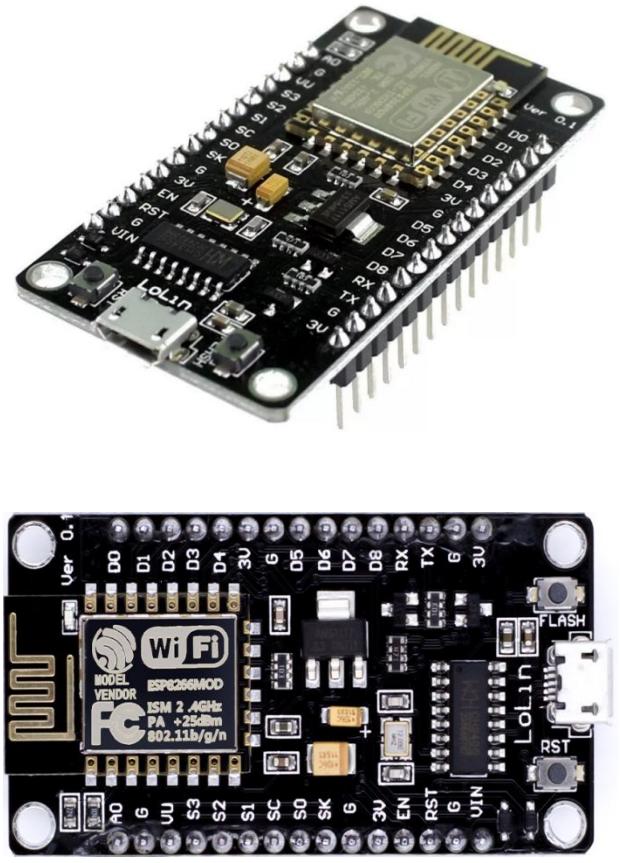


Figure 3.2: ESP8266 Wi-Fi Modules

- ✓ ESP8266 embedded, Xtensa® single-core 32-bit LX6 microprocessor, up to 160 MHz
- ✓ +19.5 dBm output at the antenna ensures a good physical range
- ✓ Sleep current is less than 20 μA, making it suitable for battery-powered and wearable-electronics applications
- ✓ Peripherals include UART, GPIO, I2C, I2S, SDIO, PWM, ADC and SPI
- ✓ Fully certified with integrated antenna and software stacks.

Node MCU is an open-source firmware for which open-source prototyping board designs are available. The name "NodeMCU" combines "node" and "MCU" (micro-controller unit).

Strictly speaking, the term "NodeMCU" refers to the firmware rather than the associated development kits.

Both the firmware and prototyping board designs are open source.[8] The firmware uses the Lua scripting language. The firmware 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[9] and SPIFFS.[10] Due to resource constraints, users need to select the modules relevant for their project and build a firmware tailored to their needs. Support for the 32-bit ESP32 has also been implemented.

The prototyping hardware typically used is a circuit board functioning as a dual in-line package (DIP) which integrates a USB controller with a smaller surface-mounted board containing the MCU and antenna. The choice of the DIP format allows for easy prototyping on breadboards. The design was initially based on the ESP-12 module of the ESP8266, which is a Wi-Fi SoC integrated with a Desilications LX106 core, widely used in IoT applications

As Arduino.cc began developing new MCU boards based on non-AVR processors like the ARM/SAM MCU used in the Arduino Due, they needed to modify the Arduino IDE so it would be relatively easy to change the IDE to support alternate toolchains to allow Arduino C/C++ to be compiled for these new processors. They did this with the introduction of the Board Manager and the SAM Core.

A "core" is the collection of software components required by the Board Manager and the Arduino IDE to compile an Arduino C/C++ source file for the target MCU's machine language. Some ESP8266 enthusiasts developed an Arduino core for the ESP8266 WiFiSoC, popularly called the "ESP8266 Core for the Arduino IDE".[18] This has become a leading software development platform for the various ESP8266-based modules and development boards, including NodeMCUs.

Resistor:



Figure 3.3: 1KΩ Resistor

Theory of operation

The behavior of an ideal resistor is dictated by the relationship specified by Ohm ‘slaw:

$$V = I.R$$

Ohm's law states that the voltage (V) across a resistor is proportional to the current(I), where the constant of proportionality is the resistance (R).

Equivalently, Ohm's law can be stated:

$$I = V/R$$

This formulation states that the current (I) is proportional to the voltage (V) and inversely proportional to the resistance (R). This is directly used in practical computations. For example, if a 300-ohm resistor is attached across the terminals of a12 volt battery, then a current of12 / 300 = 0.04 amperes flow through that resistor.

ECG:

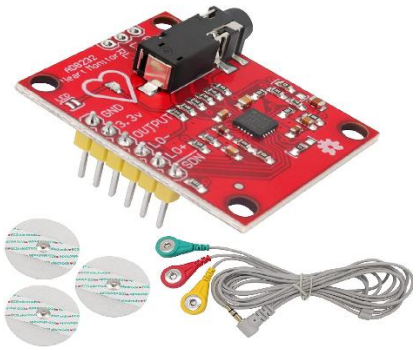


Figure 3.4: ECG Sensor

An ECG (Electrocardiogram) sensor for Arduino is a cost-effective, non-medical device used to measure and monitor the electrical activity of the heart. These sensors, like the popular AD8232, are designed to extract, amplify, and filter small biopotential signals, making them suitable for educational projects, fitness monitoring, and personal health tracking. They are not intended for medical diagnosis or treatment.

How it Works and Key Components

The AD8232 sensor module is a common choice for Arduino projects. It's an integrated signal conditioning block that works with a three-electrode ECG cable and biomedical sensor pads.

The main components and how they function are:

- AD8232 Chip: This integrated circuit is the heart of the sensor. It takes the weak electrical signals from your body, amplifies them, and filters out noise (like the 60 Hz hum from electrical outlets) to produce a cleaner, more readable signal.
- Electrodes: Three electrodes are typically used. One is a reference electrode (Right Leg), and the other two (Right Arm and Left Arm) measure the potential difference. The proper placement of these electrodes is crucial for getting an accurate reading.
- Analog Output: The sensor provides an analog output, which is a continuous voltage signal that corresponds to the heart's electrical activity. This signal is then read by an analog input pin on the Arduino board.
- Leads-Off Detection: Some modules include a leads-off detection feature (LO+ and LO- pins) which can signal when an electrode is disconnected from the body.

Connecting to MC

Connecting the AD8232 sensor to an Arduino is a straightforward process. The typical connections are:

- 3.3V: Connect to the Arduino's 3.3V power supply.
- GND: Connect to the Arduino's ground.
- Output (OUT): Connect to an analog input pin on the Arduino (e.g., A0).
- LO+ and LO-: These are connected to digital input pins on the Arduino to detect if the electrodes have come off.

Once the hardware is connected, you can use the Arduino IDE to write a simple program. The code reads the analog signal from the sensor and then prints the data to the Serial Plotter, which visualizes the ECG waveform in real-time. The plotted graph shows the characteristic P, QRS, and T waves of an ECG signal.

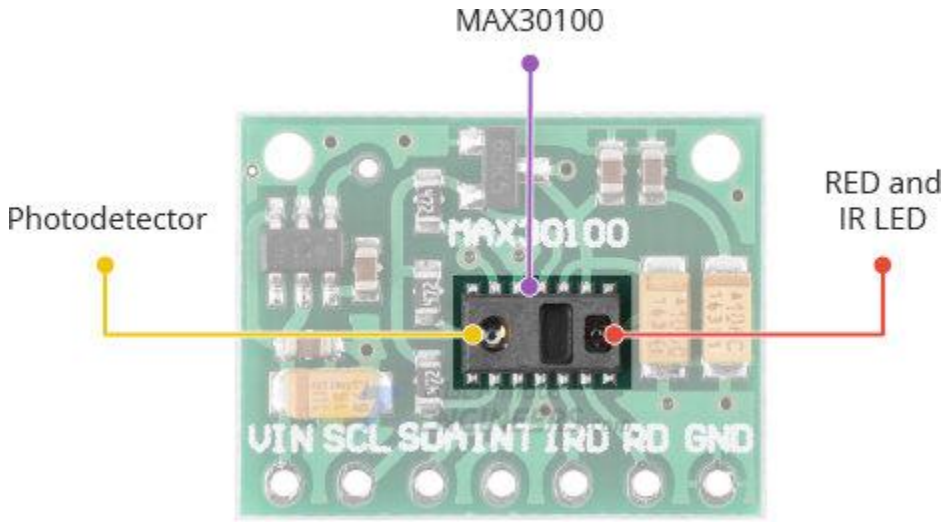
This video demonstrates how to set up an ECG monitoring system using an Arduino and the AD8232 sensor.

MAX30100:



Figure 3.5: MAX30100 Sensor

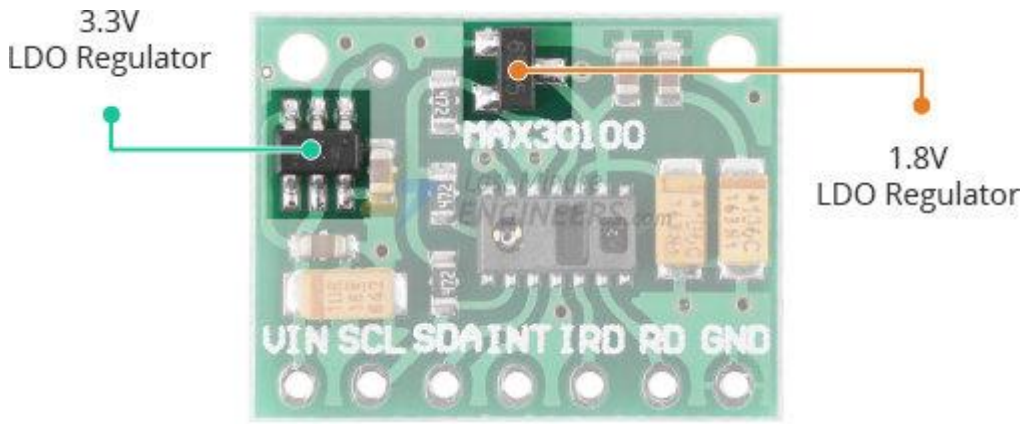
The module features the MAX30100 – a modern, integrated pulse oximeter and heart rate sensor IC, from Analog Devices. It combines two LEDs, a photodetector, optimized optics, and low-noise analog signal processing to detect pulse oximetry (SpO2) and heart rate (HR) signals.



On the right, the MAX30100 has two LEDs – a RED and an IR LED. And on the left is a very sensitive photodetector. The idea is that you shine a single LED at a time, detecting the amount of light shining back at the detector, and, based on the signature, you can measure blood oxygen level and heart rate.

Power Requirement

The MAX30100 chip requires two different supply voltages: 1.8V for the IC and 3.3V for the RED and IR LEDs. So the module comes with 3.3V and 1.8V regulators. This allows you to connect the module to any microcontroller with 5V, 3.3V, even 1.8V level I/O.



One of the most important features of the MAX30100 is its low power consumption: the MAX30100 consumes less than 600µA during measurement. Also it is possible to put the MAX30100 in standby mode, where it consumes only 0.7µA. This low power consumption allows implementation in battery powered devices such as handsets, wearables or smart watches.

On-Chip Temperature Sensor

The MAX30100 has an on-chip temperature sensor that can be used to compensate for the changes in the environment and to calibrate the measurements. This is a reasonably precise temperature sensor that measures the 'die temperature' in the range of -40˚C to +85˚C with an accuracy of ±1˚C.

I2C Interface

The module uses a simple two-wire I2C interface for communication with the microcontroller. It has a fixed I2C address: 0xAEHEX (for write operation) and 0xAFHEX (for read operation).

FIFO Buffer

The MAX30100 embeds a FIFO buffer for storing data samples. The FIFO has a 16-sample memory bank, which means it can hold up to 16 SpO2 and heart rate samples. The FIFO buffer can offload the microcontroller from reading each new data sample from the sensor, thereby saving system power.

Interrupts

The MAX30100 can be programmed to generate an interrupt, allowing the host microcontroller to perform other tasks while the data is collected by the sensor. The interrupt can be enabled for 5 different sources:

- Power Ready: triggers on power-up or after a brownout condition.
- SpO2 Data Ready: triggers after every SpO2 data sample is collected.
- Heart Rate Data Ready: triggers after every heart rate data sample is collected.
- Temperature Ready: triggers when an internal die temperature conversion is finished.
- FIFO Almost Full: triggers when the FIFO becomes full and future data is about to lost.

The INT line is an open-drain, so it is pulled HIGH by the onboard resistor. When an interrupt occurs the INT pin goes LOW and stays LOW until the interrupt is cleared.

Technical Specifications

Power supply	3.3V to 5.5V
Current draw	~600µA (during measurements)
Current Consumption	~0.7µA (during standby mode)
Red LED Wavelength	660nm
IR LED Wavelength	880nm
Temperature Range	-40˚C to +85˚C
Temperature Accuracy	±1˚C

Table 3.2: Technical specifications Table

Working principle of MAX30100 Pulse Oximeter and Heart Rate Sensor

The MAX30100, or any optical pulse oximeter and heart-rate sensor for that matter, consists of a pair of high-intensity LEDs (RED and IR, both of different wavelengths) and a photodetector. The wavelengths of these LEDs are 660nm and 880nm, respectively.

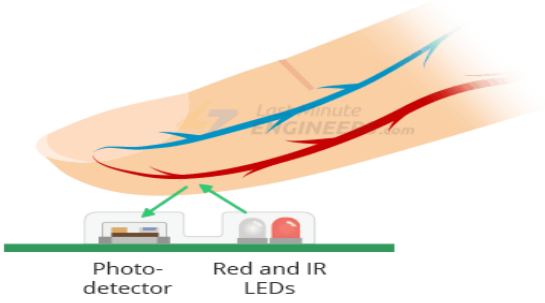
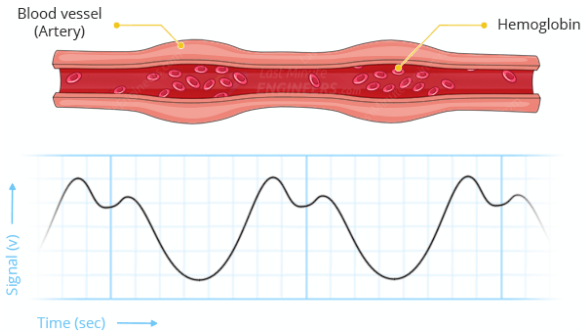


Figure 3.6: Pulse Oximeter and Heart Rate Sensor

The MAX30100 works by shining both lights onto the finger or earlobe (or essentially anywhere where the skin isn't too thick, so both lights can easily penetrate the tissue) and measuring the amount of reflected light using a photodetector. This method of pulse detection through light is called Photo plethysmogram. The working of MAX30100 can be divided into two parts: Heart Rate Measurement and Pulse Oximetry (measuring the oxygen level of the blood).

Heart Rate Measurement

The oxygenated hemoglobin (HbO2) in the arterial blood has the characteristic of absorbing IR light. The redder the blood (the higher the hemoglobin), the more IR light is absorbed. As the blood is pumped through the finger with each heartbeat, the amount of reflected light changes, creating a changing waveform at the output of the photodetector. As you continue to shine light and take photodetector readings, you quickly start to get a heart-beat (HR) pulse reading.



Pulse Oximetry

Pulse oximetry is based on the principle that the amount of RED and IR light absorbed varies depending on the amount of oxygen in your blood.

The following graph is the absorption-spectrum of oxygenated hemoglobin (HbO2) and deoxygenated hemoglobin (Hb).

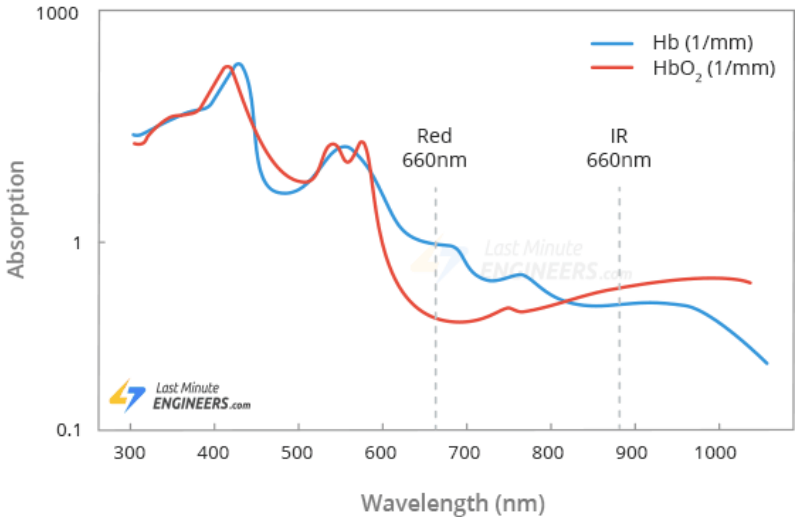


Figure 3.7: Optical Absorption Curve of Hemoglobin

As you can see from the graph, deoxygenated blood absorbs more RED light (660nm), while oxygenated blood absorbs more IR light (880nm). By measuring the ratio of IR and RED light received by the photodetector, the oxygen level (SpO2) in the blood is calculated.

MAX30100 Module Pinout

The MAX30100 module brings out the following connections.

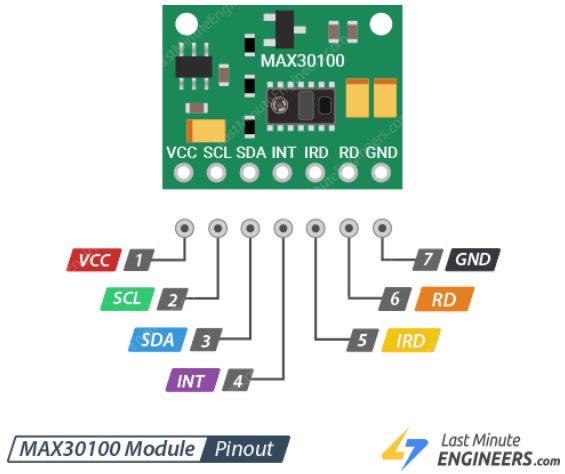


Figure 3.8: MAX30100 Module Pinout

VIN is the power pin. You can connect it to 3.3V or 5V output from your Arduino.
SCL is the I2C clock pin, connect to your Arduino's I2C clock line.
SDA is the I2C data pin, connect to your Arduino's I2C data line.
INT The MAX30100 can be programmed to generate an interrupt for each pulse. This line is open-drain, so it is pulled HIGH by the onboard resistor. When an interrupt occurs the INT pin goes LOW and stays LOW until the interrupt is cleared.
IRD The MAX30100 integrates an LED driver to drive LED pulses for SpO2 and HR measurements. Use this if you want to drive the IR LED yourself, otherwise leave it unconnected.
RD pin is similar to the IRD pin, but is used to drive the Red LED. If you don't want to drive the red LED yourself, leave it unconnected.
GND is the ground.

MAX30100 Not Working – Problem and Solutions to Fix: There is no doubt that the MAX30100 module is cheap and very popular among hobbyists, but unfortunately the module (sold in the thousands) has a serious design problem. Well, let's fix it.

The Problem

The MAX30100 chip requires two different supply voltages: 1.8V for the IC and 3.3V for the RED and IR LEDs. So, the module comes with two linear voltage regulators – U1 and U2. The first generates 5V to 3.3V. The second regulator is connected to the output of the first and generates 1.8V.

Now take a closer look at the 4.7kΩ pull-up resistors (R1, R2 and R3) for the SCL, SDA and INT signal lines. They are connected to the 1.8V supply (highlighted with a thick red line)!

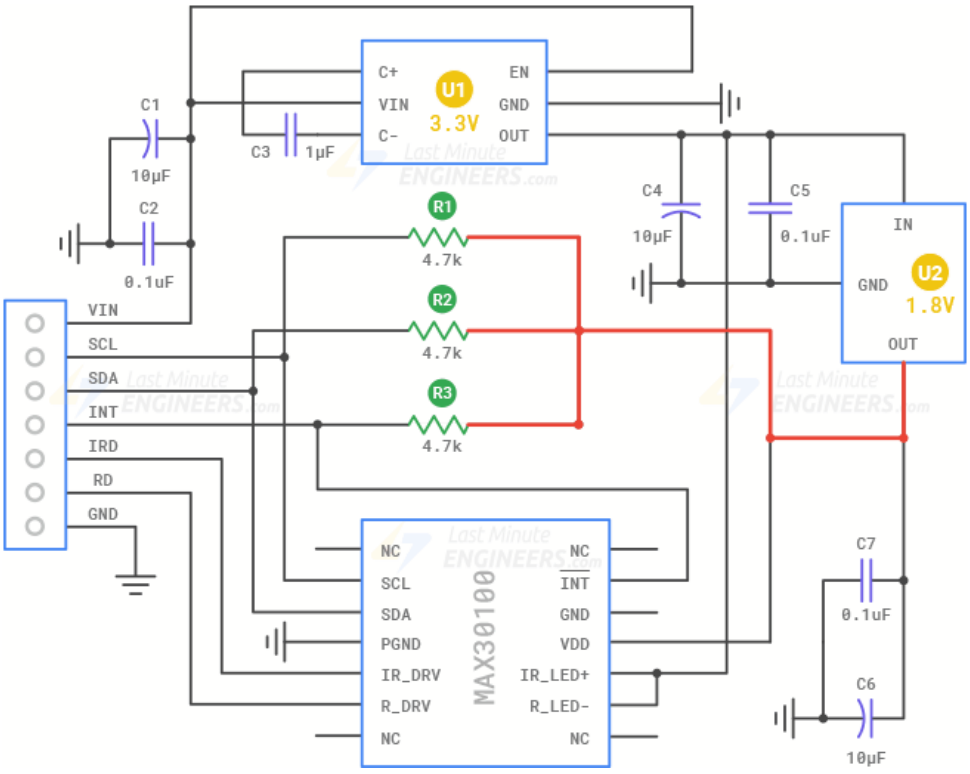
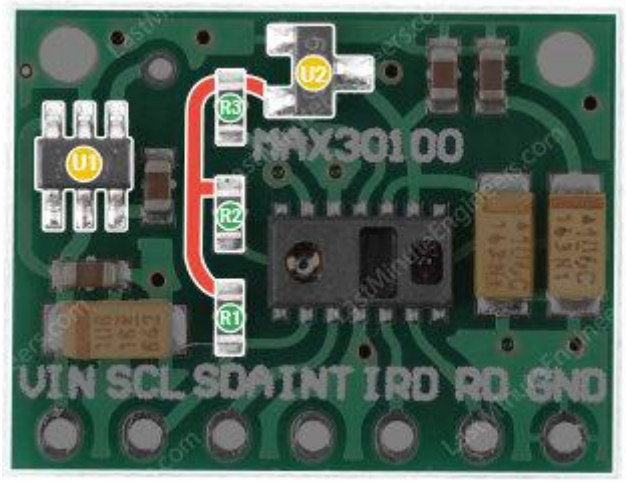


Figure 3.9: MAX30100 Interface

The two regulators U1, U2 and the trace that connects the 4.7kΩ pull-up resistors to the 1.8V supply are highlighted on the module as well.



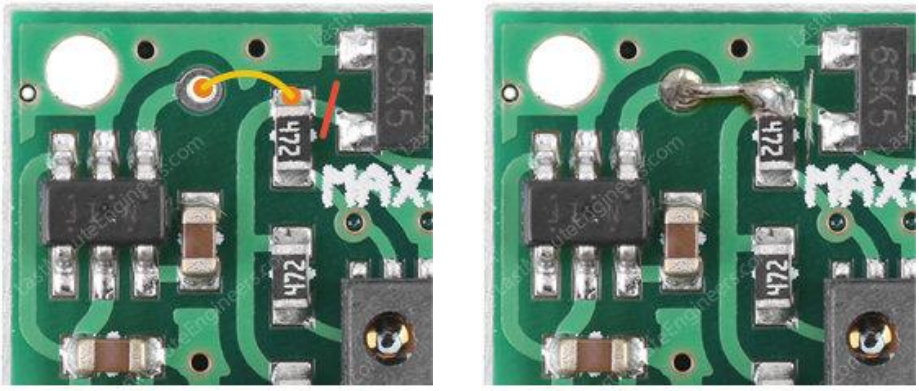
If you connect such module to the Arduino's 5V logic – it will not show up on the I2C bus because the logic level is too low (Arduino reports HIGH if the voltage exceeds 3.0V for 5V-boards and 2.0V for 3.3V-boards). Even with a 3.3V logic board, it will not work.

Don't worry! We have two solutions to fix this problem.

Solution 1 (tested):

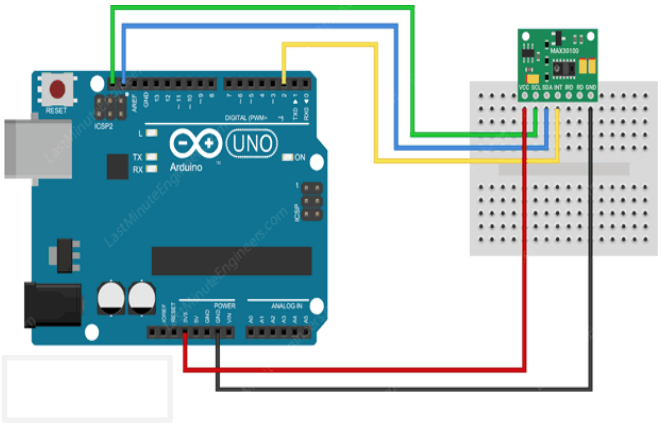
1. Cut the trace in the place of the red line. This will disconnect all 4.7kΩ pull-up resistors from the 1.8V supply voltage.
2. Now make a jumper as shown by the yellow line with a piece of wire or a solder blob. This will pull all the 4.7kΩ resistors up to 3.3V.

Here's the board with and without the modifications:



Before After

After following these steps, connect the module to the Arduino UNO using the wiring diagram below:

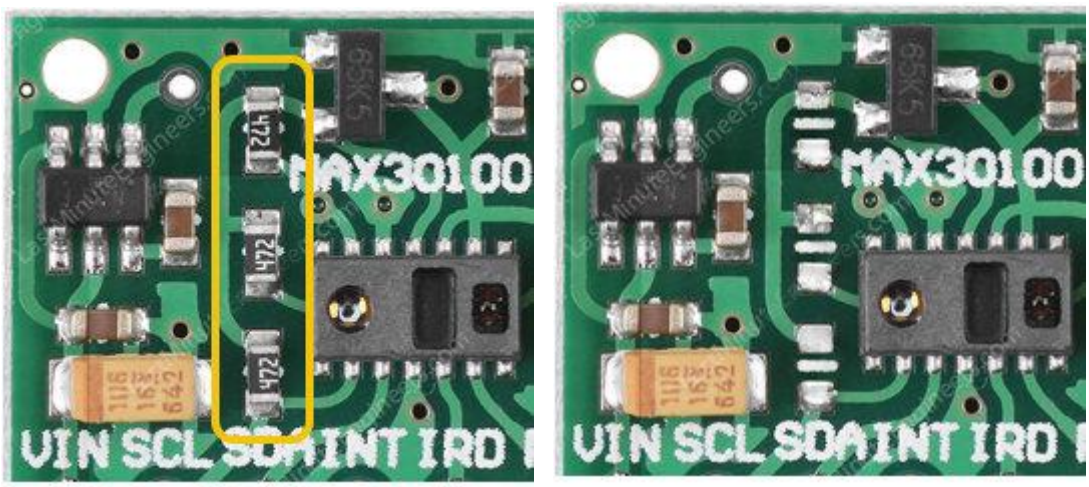


The wiring is fairly easy. Simply connect the VIN pin to Arduino's 3.3V and GND to ground. Connect the SCL pin to the I2C clock pin and the SDA pin to the I2C data pin on your Arduino. Finally connect the INT pin to digital pin 2.

Solution 2 (tested):

The second solution is to remove all 4.7kΩ pullup resistors from the board. We will use external pullup resistors on the SCL, SDA and INT signal lines later.

Here's the board with and without the resistors removed:



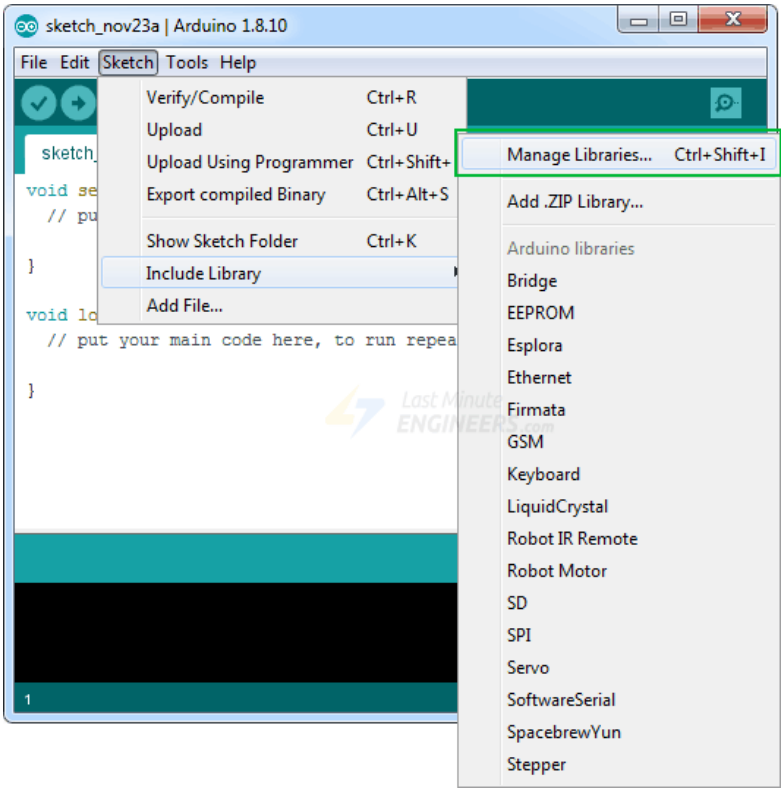
Before After

After removing the resistors, connect the module to the Arduino UNO using the wiring diagram below: The wiring is the same as the first one; you just need to add external 4.7kΩ pullup resistors on the SCL, SDA and INT signal lines.

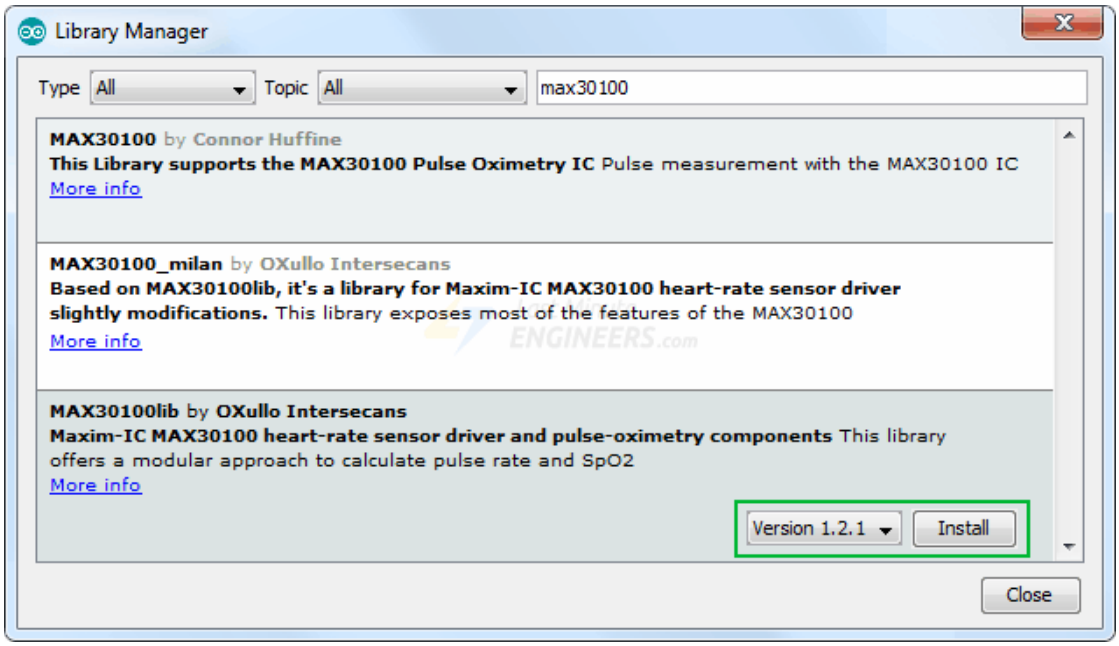
Library Installation

There are several libraries available for the MAX30100 sensor. However, in our example, we are using the one by OX Ullo Interscan. This library exposes most of the features of the MAX30100 and offers simple and easy to use functions to calculate pulse rate and SpO2. You can download this library from within the Arduino IDE Library Manager.

To install the library, navigate to the Sketch > Include Library > Manage Libraries… Wait for Library Manager to download libraries index and update list of installed libraries.



Filter your search by typing MAX30100. There should be a couple entries. Look for MAX30100lib Library by OX Ullo Interscan. Click on the entry, and then select Install.



Example 1 – Measuring Heart-Rate (BPM) and Oxygen Saturation (SpO2)

This is where the fun really begins! In this example, we'll measure heart rate (Beats Per Minute or BPM) and blood oxygen level (SpO2) of the person we're monitoring.

```
#include <Wire.h>
#include "MAX30100_PulseOximeter.h"

#define REPORTING_PERIOD_MS     1000

// Create a PulseOximeter object
PulseOximeter pox;

// Time at which the last beat occurred
uint32_t tsLastReport = 0;

// Callback routine is executed when a pulse is detected
void onBeatDetected() {
    Serial.println("Beat!");
}

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600);

    Serial.print("Initializing pulse oximeter..");

    // Initialize sensor
    if (!pox.begin()) {
        Serial.println("FAILED");
        for(;;);
    } else {
        Serial.println("SUCCESS");
    }

            // Configure sensor to use 7.6mA for LED drive
            pox.setIRLedCurrent(MAX30100_LED_CURR_7_6MA);

    // Register a callback routine
    pox.setOnBeatDetectedCallback(onBeatDetected);
}

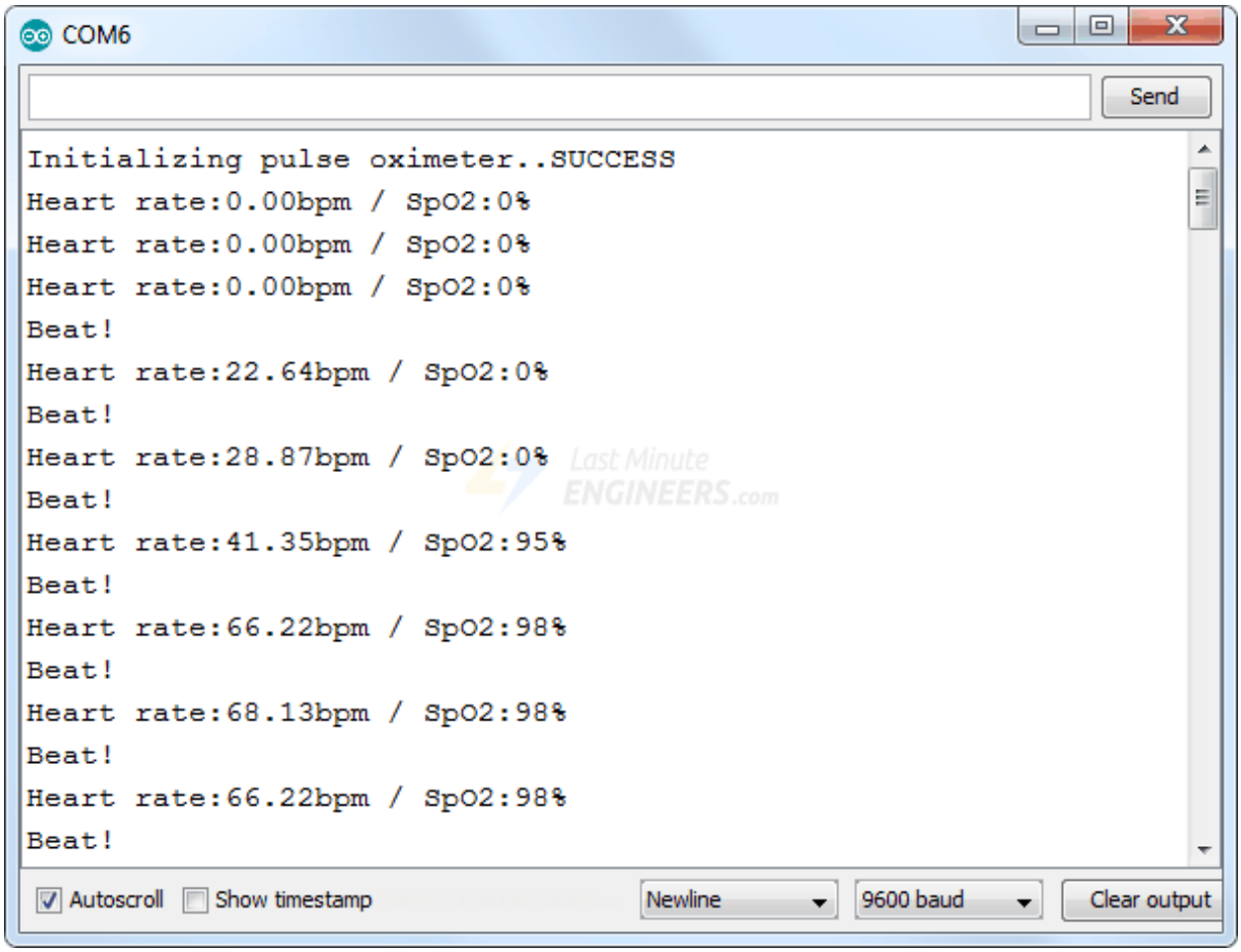
void loop() {
    // Read from the sensor
```

```
    pox.update();

    // Grab the updated heart rate and SpO2 levels
    if (millis() - tsLastReport > REPORTING_PERIOD_MS) {
        Serial.print("Heart rate:");
        Serial.print(pox.getHeartRate());
        Serial.print("bpm / SpO2:");
        Serial.print(pox.getSpO2());
        Serial.println("%");

        tsLastReport = millis();
    }
}
```

After uploading the sketch, keep your finger on the sensor as steady as possible and wait a few seconds for the readings to make sense. You will see a result like this.



Code Explanation

Let's start at the top of the example. Two libraries viz. MAX30100_PulseOximeter.h and Wire.h are included, a constant called REPORTING_PERIOD_MS is defined to delay the measurements, PulseOximeter object is created and a variable called tsLastReport is created to store the time at which the last beat occurred.

Thermistor

A thermistor is a type of resistor whose resistance is strongly dependent on temperature, more so than in standard resistors.



Thermistor Pinout

NTC Thermistor Features

- Come with broad resistance range
- Thermistor cost is economical
- Provided with lacquer-coated thermistor disk
- Copper leads have coating of tin.
- Having lead spacing of 5.0 mm
- Component remarked with resistance and tolerance
- Good stability, durability in environment
- Provide high accuracy in resistance and B-constant
- Product is not containing lead

Technical Specifications

- Resistance at 25 degrees C: 10K +- 1%

- B-value (material constant) = 3950+- 1%
- Dissipation factor (loss-rate of energy of a mode of oscillation) δ th = (in air)approx.7.5mW/K
- Thermal cooling time constant <= (in air) 20 seconds
- Thermistor temperature range -55 °C to 125 °C

Important Parameters

Zero-power Resistance of Thermistor: (R)

The convenient reference point for **thermistors** provided by resistance is at 25 °C (substantially at room temperature). The formula by which the resistance of the thermistor is specified:

R=R0 expB (1/T-1/T0)

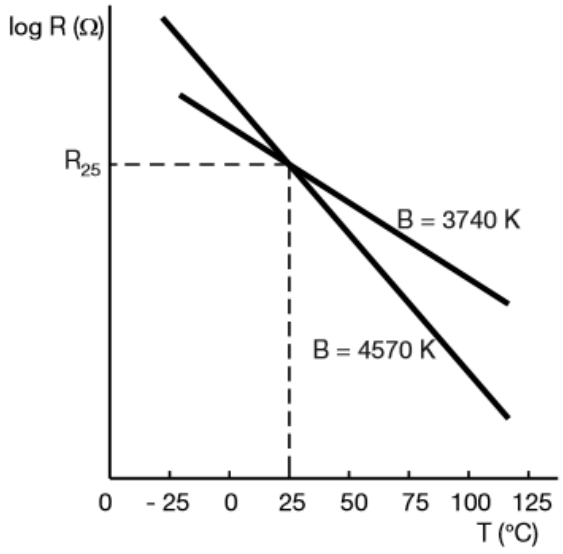
Where, R = Resistance in ambient temperature T (K)

R0 = Resistance in ambient temperature T0 (K)

B = Material constant

Material Constant: (B)

Material constant B controls the slope of the RT characteristics as shown in figure. B value vary according to the temperature and defined between two temperature 25°C and 85°C by the formula:



B25/85 = ln (R85/R25) / (1/T – 1/T0)

B25/85 is the value used to compare and characterize different ceramics. Tolerance on this value is caused by material composition

3.Temperature co-efficient of Resistance: (α)

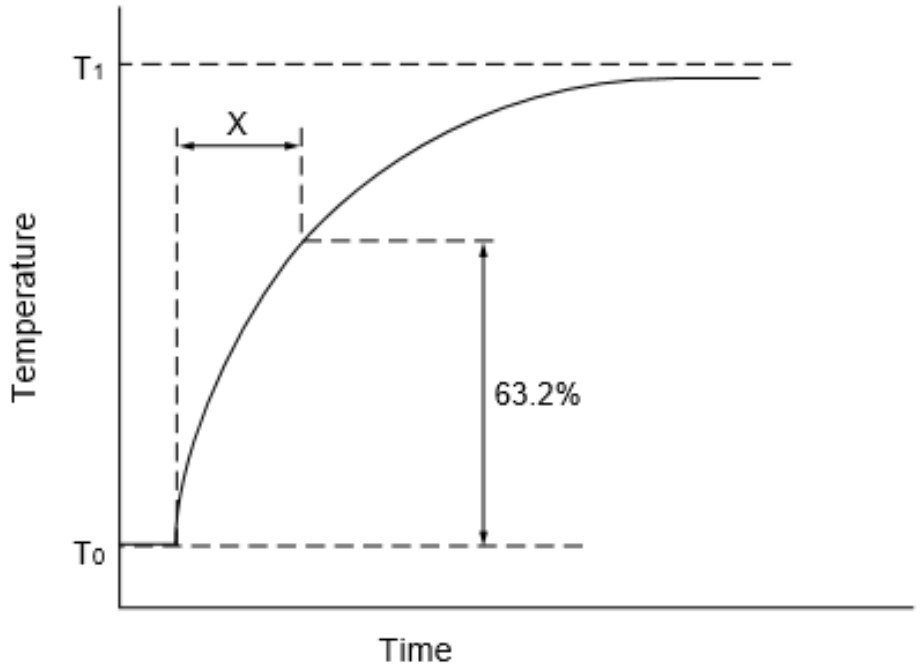
This value shows the sensitivity of a sensor according to temperature changes. It defined as:

$\alpha = \Delta B / T^2$

The formula represents that the relative tolerance on α is equal to the relative tolerance on B-value.

Thermal Time constant

This is the time period in which the thermistor's temperature will rapidly change 63.2% of its temperature (T0) difference from ambient temperature (T1).



Thermal Dissipation Constant

The amount of electric power P (mW) consumed in T1 (ambient temperature) and T2 (rises thermistor temperature), there is a formula as follows:

P = C (T2-T1)

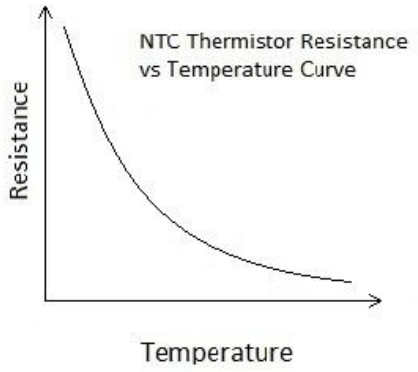
Where, C is the thermal dissipation constant.

Brief Description

Thermistor is an electronic component used to calculate the temperature. This is a type of resistor whose resistance varies with change in temperature. These **NTC thermistors** are made up from the combination of metal oxides which passed through sintering process which gives negative electrical resistance versus temperature (R/T) relationship to it. Due to having a large negative slope, a small change in temperature cause a huge change in electrical resistance.

Basically, there are two **types of thermistors;** one is **NTC** (**Negative Temperature Coefficient**) and second one is **PTC** (**Positive Temperature Coefficient**). If the thermistor is NTC type, then it decreases the resistance as increase in temperature and PTC behavior is just opposite to the NTC. A thermistor is connected with any electrical circuit to measure the

temperature of the body or the substance. This thermistor's operating temperature range is -55 °C to 125 °C, the range of the temperature is depended upon the base resistance.

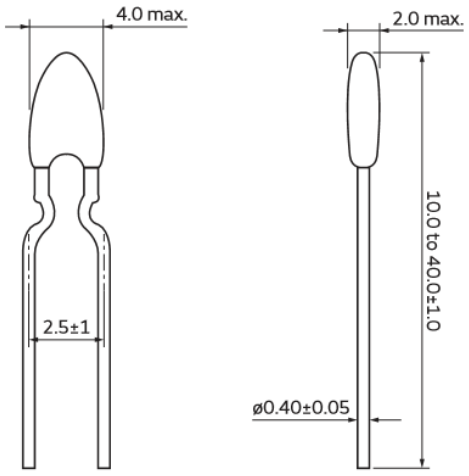


The graph shows the change in the resistance with respect to the temperature; the curve is for **NTC type thermistors**.

Applications

- ✓ **Domestic application** – Fridges, freezers, cookers and deep-fat fryers etc.
- ✓ **Industrial, Telecommunication application** - Process control, heating and ventilation, air conditioning, fire alerts, temperature protection in battery management/charging systems, Video and audio equipment, mobile phones and camcorders etc.
- ✓ **Automotive application** - Inlet air-temperature control, engine temperature control, airbag electronic systems etc.
- ✓ Thermistor can be used for temperature compensation, temperature measurement, temperature controlling.

2D Model and Dimensions:



The full length 10.0 to 40.0mm interval 10.0mm

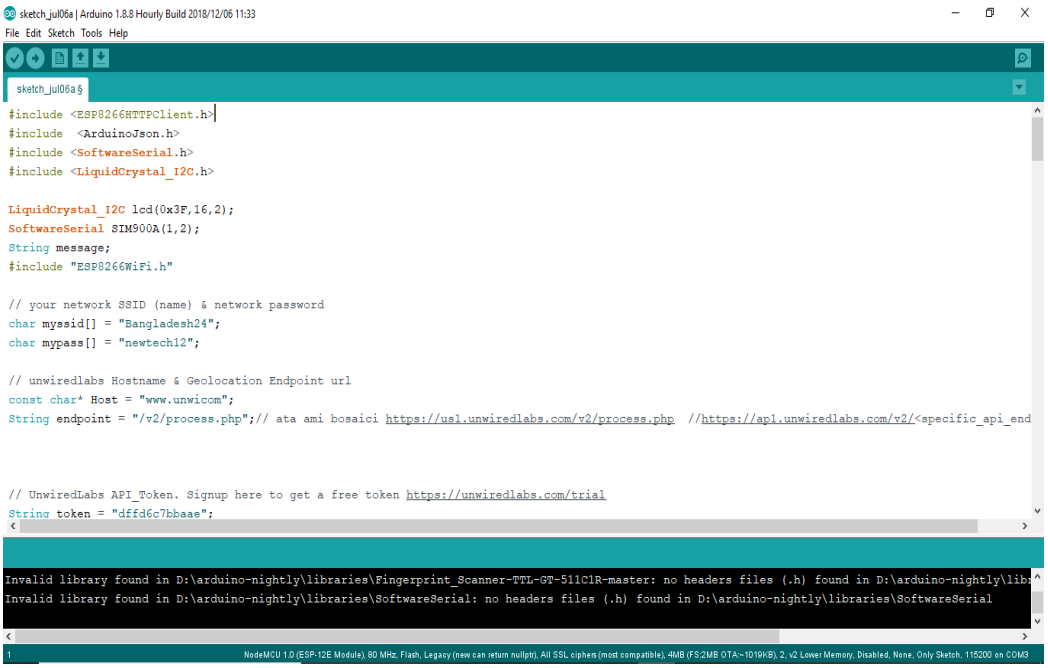
(in mm)

3.5 Software Requirements:

1. Arduino Software IDE.

Arduino software:

The smart microcontroller unit named as Arduino Uno can be programmed with the Arduino software. There is no any requirement for installing other software rather than Arduino. Firstly, Select "Arduino Uno from the Tools, Board menu (according to the microcontroller on your board).



Communication is using the original STK500 protocol (reference, C header files). We can also bypass the boot loader and programs the microcontroller through the ICSP (In Circuit Serial Programming) header. The ATmega16U2 (or 8U2 in the rev1 and rev2 boards) firmware source code is available. The ATmega16U2/8U2 is loaded with a DFU boot loader, which can be activated by:
On Rev1 boards: connecting the solder jumper on the back of the board (near the map of Italy) and then resetting the 8U2. On Rev2 or later boards: there is a resistor that pulling the 8U2/16U2 HWB line to ground, making it easier to put into DFU mode.

The Arduino Uno is one of the latest smart microcontroller units and has a number of facilities for communicating with a computer, another Arduino, or other microcontrollers. The ATmega328 provides UART TTL at (5V) with serial communication, which is available on digital pins 0 -(RX) for receive the data and pin no.1 (TX) for transmit the data. An ATmega16U2 on the board channels this serial communication over USB and appears as a virtual com port to software on the computer. The '16U2 firmware uses the standard USB COM drivers, and no external driver is needed. However, on Windows, an .inf file is required. The Arduino software includes a serial monitor which allows simple textual data to be sent to and from the Arduino board.

The RX and TX LEDs on the board will flash when data is being transmitted via the USB-to-serial chip and USB connection to the computer (but not for serial Communication on pins 0 and 1). A Software Serial library allows for serial communication on any of the Uno's digital pins. The ATmega328 also supports I2C (TWI) and SPI communication.

The Arduino software includes a Wire library to simplify use of the I2C bus. Arduino programs are written in C or C++ and the program code written for Arduino is called sketch. The Arduino IDE uses the GNU tool chain and AVR Lab to compile programs, and for uploading the programs it uses argued. As the Arduino platform uses Atmel microcontrollers, Atmel's development environment, AVR Studio or the newer Atmel Studio, may also be used to develop software for the Arduino.

CHAPTER 4

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

4.1 System Design:

The system architecture for the IoT-based patient health monitoring and fall detection alert system is a multi-layered, interconnected framework designed for real-time data acquisition, processing, and remote notification. At the core of the system is a low-power, Wi-Fi enabled microcontroller, such as an ESP32 or NodeMCU, which serves as the central processing unit. This microcontroller is the hub that interfaces with a suite of sensors. The MAX30100 sensor is integrated to capture real-time heart rate and blood oxygen saturation (SpO2) data, utilizing photoplethysmography (PPG) principles. An electrocardiogram (ECG) sensor is connected to monitor the heart's electrical activity, providing detailed cardiac information. Body temperature is measured using a 10K thermistor, and a blood sugar sensor is included to track glucose levels. The crucial safety component is the vibration sensor, which is carefully calibrated to detect the sudden, sharp impact characteristic of a fall. All these sensors are housed in a compact, non-invasive enclosure that can be worn or placed on the patient. The microcontroller continuously polls these sensors, reading and digitizing the analog signals.

The processed data is then wirelessly transmitted via Wi-Fi to the Blynk cloud platform. The Blynk server acts as a centralized data repository and a bridge to the user interface. It hosts a virtual dashboard that is accessible to caregivers and medical professionals through a smartphone application or web portal. This dashboard provides a real-time, graphical representation of all vital signs.

The system is also designed with an on-device alerting mechanism, including a buzzer and an LED, which are activated directly by the microcontroller for immediate, local alerts when critical health thresholds are breached or a fall is detected. This robust design ensures data reliability, remote accessibility, and immediate, two-tiered alerting for optimal patient safety.

4.2 Block Diagram:

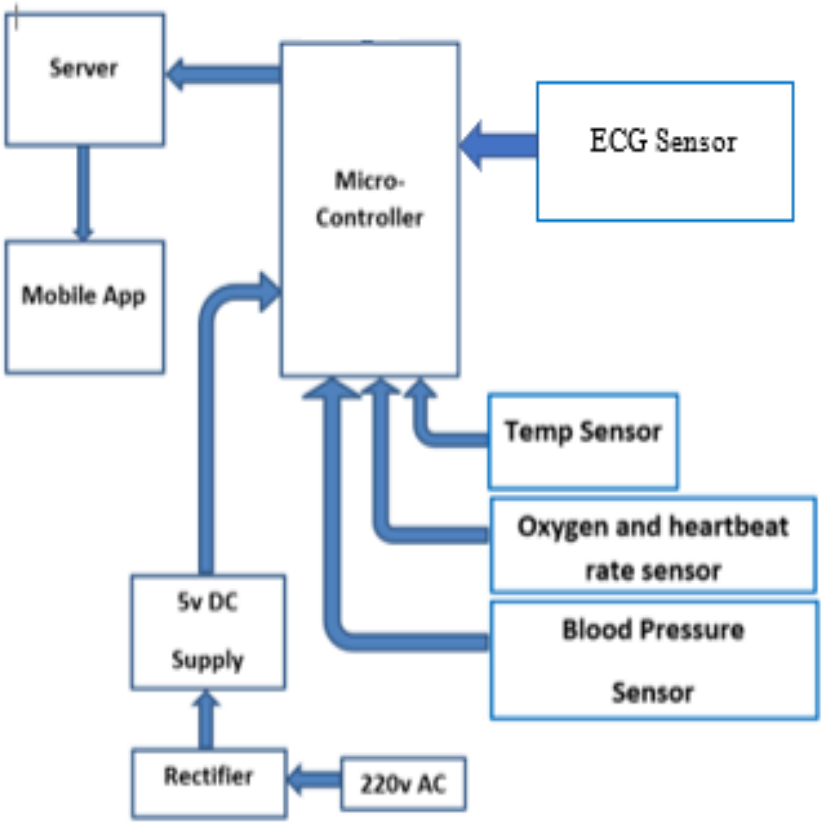


Figure 4.1 Block Diagram

4.3 Data Flow Diagram:

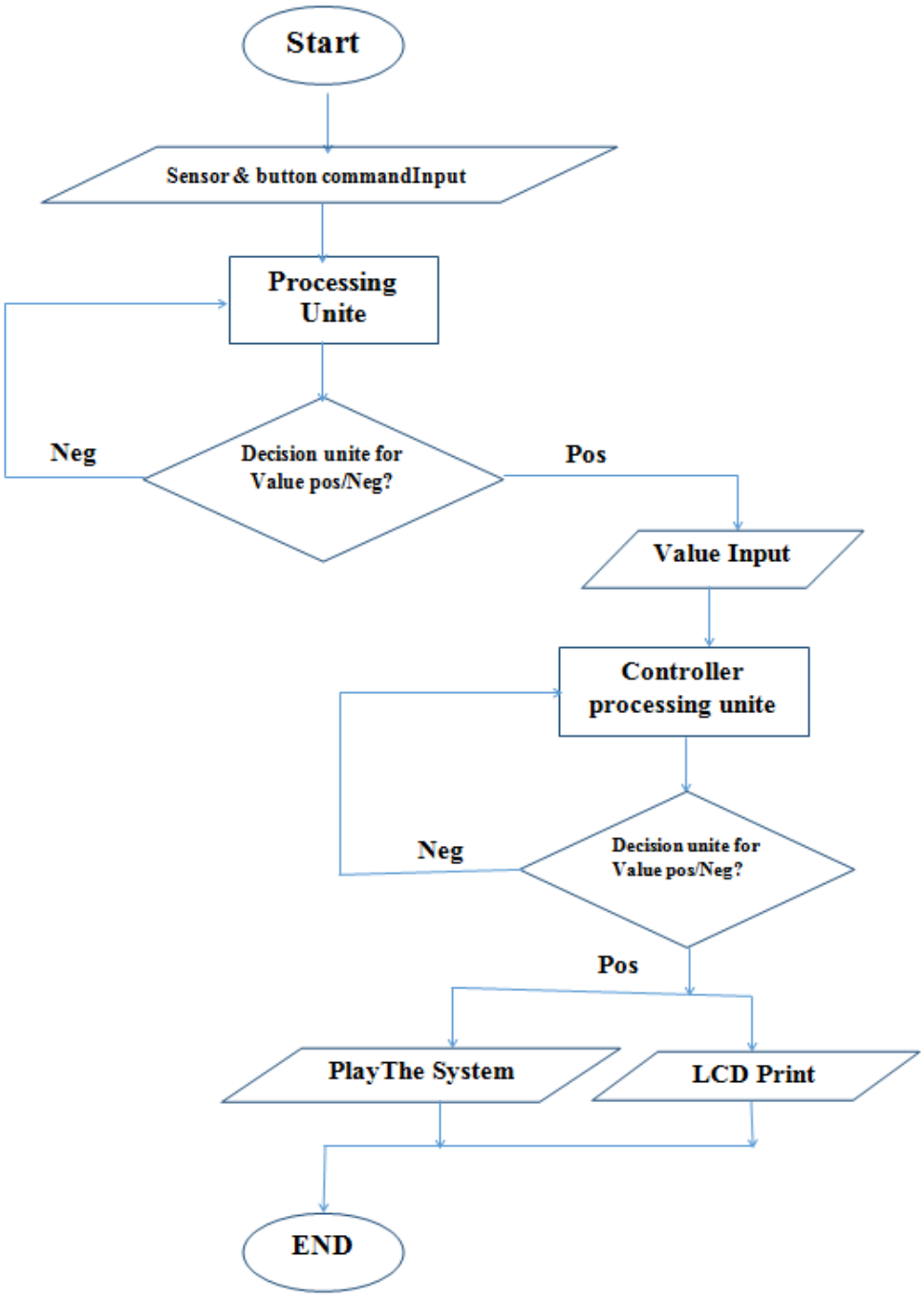


Figure 4.2: Data Flow Diagram

4.4 Circuit Diagram:

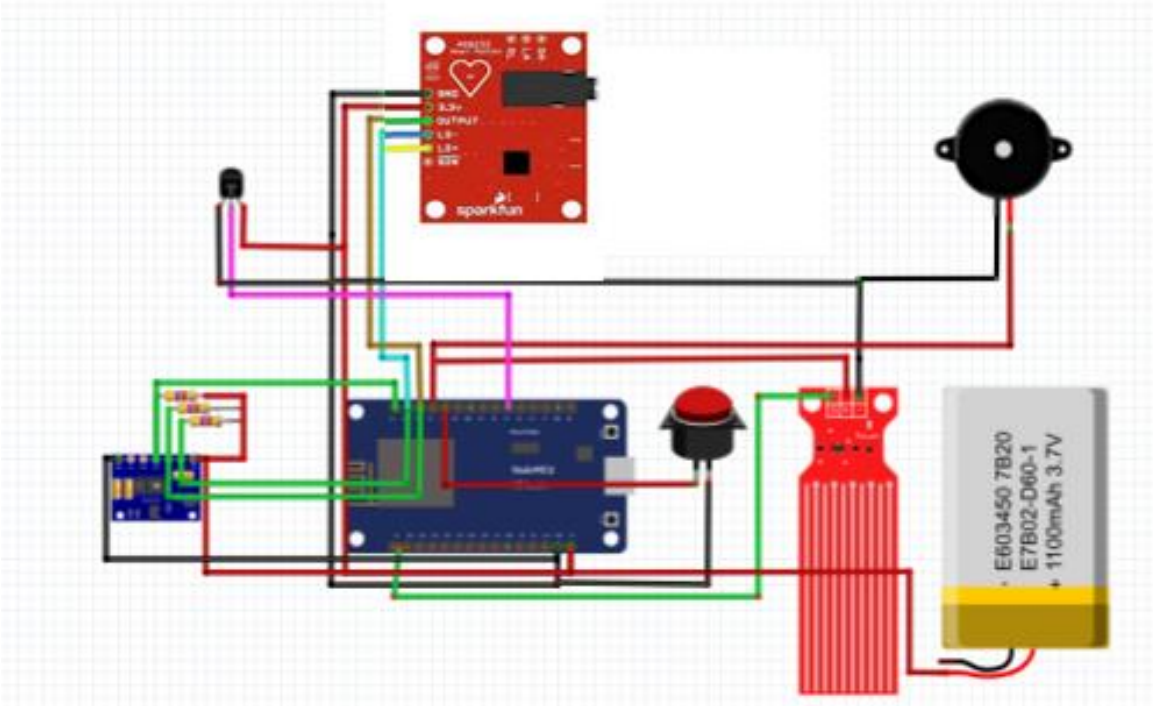


Figure 4.3: Circuit Connection Diagram

4.5 Working Procedure:

The development of an IoT-based patient health monitoring and fall detection alert system involves several key phases, including design, component integration, testing, and deployment. The initial step is to outline the system architecture, identifying the various sensors and components required for comprehensive health monitoring and fall detection. This system integrates a MAX30100 pulse oximeter for heart rate and blood oxygen saturation monitoring, an ECG sensor for cardiac activity observation, a thermistor (10k) for body temperature measurement, a non-invasive blood sugar sensor, and a vibration sensor for fall detection.

Additionally, the system features a buzzer and LED alerts to notify caregivers or users of any health anomalies or fall events. Once the components have been identified, the next phase is to acquire the necessary hardware and software platforms. The Blynk IoT platform is chosen for its simplicity and flexibility, providing an intuitive app interface for real-time data visualization and communication with the sensors.

The sensors are connected to a microcontroller, such as an Arduino or ESP8266, which serves as the central processing unit for collecting data from the sensors and sending that information to the Blynk app via Wi-Fi or a cellular network. During this integration phase, each sensor is calibrated and tested individually to ensure accuracy; for example, the MAX30100 pulse oximeter and ECG sensor require specific calibration procedures to maintain data reliability.

After confirming the functionality of individual sensors, the components are integrated into a cohesive system. The microcontroller is programmed to sample data from the sensors at predefined intervals, ensuring continuous monitoring of vital parameters. The collected data is then transmitted to the Blynk cloud server, where it can be accessed remotely through the mobile application. The app is designed to provide users with a user-friendly interface, displaying real-time graphs of vital signs and alerting users to any readings that fall outside of specified thresholds. For instance, if the heart rate becomes irregular or the body temperature exceeds a normal level, the system triggers alerts. In parallel, the fall detection aspect of the system is developed using the vibration sensor, which detects sudden, high-magnitude movements indicative of a fall.

The system is programmed to differentiate between regular movements and falls based on predefined thresholds of vibration intensity and duration. When a fall is detected, the microcontroller initiates an alert sequence, activating the buzzer and LED lights to alert nearby caregivers or family members. Additionally, a notification can be sent to the Blynk app and any designated emergency contacts, providing real-time updates about the patient's condition.

The testing phase is critical, where both software and hardware components are rigorously evaluated for performance and reliability. Different scenarios, including normal patient movement and various fall incidents, are simulated to assess the system’s ability to respond accurately and promptly. Feedback collected during user testing sessions informs final adjustments to the user interface and alert thresholds, enhancing overall usability.

Once testing concludes and the system meets all operational requirements, it is deployed for use in real-world settings. Continuous monitoring, evaluation, and feedback mechanisms are established to ensure the system remains effective in detecting falls and monitoring patient health over time. Ultimately, this IoT-based patient health monitoring and fall detection system aims to enhance patient safety and provide caregivers with timely information, promoting proactive health management.

CHAPTER 5

IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

5.1 Implementation of the Project:

The implementation of the IoT-based patient health monitoring and fall detection alert system involves an intricate integration of various sensors with a centralized Blynk platform for real-time monitoring and alert generation. Initially, the system utilizes the MAX30100 pulse oximeter for continuous heart rate and SpO2 monitoring, complemented by an ECG sensor for detecting cardiac anomalies. The integration of a thermistor (10k) ensures accurate body temperature readings, which, combined with a blood sugar sensor, provides a comprehensive overview of critical health metrics.

For fall detection, a vibration sensor continuously monitors the patient's activity; it is programmed to detect significant and sudden vibrations that indicate a fall. When a fall is detected, the system activates an alert mechanism, consisting of both a buzzer and LED lights, to alert caregivers and surrounding individuals promptly. The collected data from all sensors is sent to the Blynk platform via a microcontroller (such as an Arduino or ESP8266), allowing for real-time monitoring through a user-friendly dashboard. The Blynk app enables users and caregivers to visualize vital sign data, set thresholds, and receive instant notifications in the case of any irregularities or alerts triggered by the fall detection system.

Additionally, the system is designed for ease of use, with features that can be customized based on individual patient needs, enhancing engagement and ensuring that alerts are appropriately prioritized. This IoT-based solution not only aims to enhance patient safety by providing timely notifications during adverse events but also empowers patients and caregivers with valuable health data, facilitating proactive health management and intervention. Overall, the successful implementation of this project demonstrates the potential of wearable technology integrated with IoT platforms in revolutionizing patient monitoring and safety.

5.2 Results:

The "IoT-Based Patient Health Monitoring and Fall Detection Alert System" successfully integrates a range of sensors, including the MAX30100 pulse oximeter, ECG sensor, 10k thermistor for body temperature monitoring, a blood sugar sensor, and a vibration sensor for fall detection, all deployed through the Blynk platform. The system demonstrated high accuracy and reliability in real-time monitoring of vital signs, including heart rate, oxygen saturation, body temperature, and blood glucose levels. The fall detection mechanism showed a robust capability to distinguish between normal activities and falls, triggering immediate alerts via a buzzer and LED alert. Upon testing, the system effectively transmitted data to a user-friendly Blynk dashboard, allowing for instant visualization of patient health metrics. This capability enhances caregiver responsiveness and patient safety. The integration of low-cost, low-power sensors not only proves the feasibility of continuous health monitoring in non-clinical settings but also emphasizes the potential for widespread adoption among vulnerable populations. Overall, the project highlights the effectiveness of IoT technologies in enhancing patient care, offering a comprehensive solution for remote monitoring and timely intervention in case of health emergencies or falls, thereby contributing to improved patient outcomes and quality of life.

Experimental Setup:

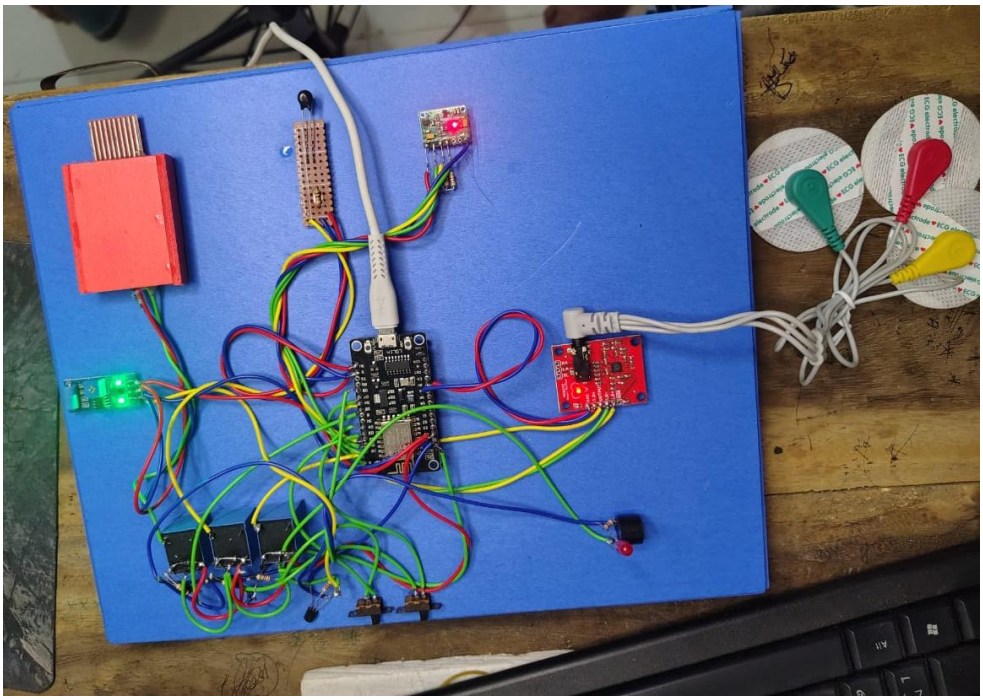


Figure 5.1: Experimental Setup

CHAPTER 6

DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

6.1. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the integration of IoT technology with low-cost, reliable sensors in the proposed patient health monitoring and fall detection alert system represents a significant advancement in healthcare management, particularly for patients in non-clinical settings. By leveraging the MAX30100 pulse oximeter, ECG sensor, thermistor for body temperature monitoring, blood sugar sensor, and a vibration sensor to detect falls, this system offers comprehensive, real-time health data at an accessible cost.

The utilization of the Blynk platform enhances usability, allowing for efficient visualization of critical health metrics and the implementation of automated alerts through a buzzer and LED indicators. This multi-faceted approach not only fosters proactive health monitoring but also ensures timely interventions in case of emergencies, significantly improving patient safety and care outcomes. Furthermore, the emphasis on low power consumption and affordability makes the system accessible to a broader demographic, addressing the pressing need for innovative healthcare solutions in home settings.

The successful implementation of this IoT-based system could also lay the groundwork for future research and development in non-invasive health monitoring technologies, potentially expanding to include more advanced features and additional physiological parameters. Overall, the proposed system embodies a practical yet innovative solution, marrying technology with healthcare to empower patients and caregivers alike, ultimately contributing to enhanced quality of life and better health management.

6.2. Future Scope:

1. Integration of Advanced Sensors: Include additional health parameters such as blood pressure and respiratory rate monitoring to create a comprehensive health monitoring system.

2. Enhanced Data Analytics: Implement machine learning algorithms for trend analysis and anomaly detection to enable predictive health analytics.

3. Improved User Interface: Develop user-friendly mobile applications for real-time data access and customizable dashboards tailored to individual preferences.

4. Interoperability and Connectivity: Integrate with telehealth services and utilize cloud solutions for secure data sharing and advanced analytics.

5. Security and Privacy Enhancements: Implement advanced encryption and secure data transmission protocols to protect patient information and ensure regulatory compliance.

6. Expanded Use Cases: Tailor the system for chronic disease management and elderly care, providing continuous monitoring and automated alerts.

7. Scalability and Customization: Design a modular system architecture to facilitate easy integration of new sensors and features according to varying healthcare needs.

8. Field Testing and Clinical Trials: Conduct pilot programs and longitudinal studies to validate the system's effectiveness and gather user feedback for continuous improvement.

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