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IOT-Based Real Time Medicine Reminder and Tracking System

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Abstract - *The IOT-Based Real Time Medicine Reminder and Tracking System is an innovative solution designed to address medication non-adherence, a prevalent issue in healthcare. This system, featuring multi-modal reminders through LEDs, a buzzer, and a vibrator, enhances medication adherence by minimizing forgetfulness. Customizability, user awareness, and optional connectivity further contribute to its efficacy. The system's ability to empower users to manage their health effectively while potentially reducing healthcare costs underscores its significance*

Key Words: **IOT-Based, Multi-modal reminder, Customizability, Vibrator**

1.INTRODUCTION

The Real-Time Medicine Reminder System represents a groundbreaking response to a pervasive challenge in healthcare – medication non-adherence. The adherence to prescribed medication regimens is a critical factor in the successful management of chronic conditions, prevention of disease progression, and overall health improvement. However, numerous individuals struggle with adhering to their medication schedules due to various reasons, including forgetfulness, busy lifestyles, and complex dosing instructions. This innovative system leverages contemporary technology, employing a Node MCU microcontroller, three LEDs, a vibrator, and a buzzer to provide a holistic approach to medication management. It aims to address the issue of medication non-adherence comprehensively by offering multiple sensory cues and customizable reminders. The system is designed to cater to the unique needs and preferences of each user, helping them establish and maintain a regular medication routine. The primary objectives of this system are to minimize forgetfulness, enhance user awareness of the importance of medication adherence, and empower individuals to take control of their health. By integrating visual, auditory, and tactile reminders, the Real-Time Medicine Reminder System aims to foster a culture of consistent and timely medication adherence, thereby improving health outcomes and reducing the burden on healthcare systems. In this way, it contributes to a healthier and more independent lifestyle for users while promoting overall well-being.

1.1 Proposed Solution

As a device-based answer to the aforementioned issue encountered by rural Indians, this project is put forth. Your medications are stored, along with a reminder of when to take them. The issue of memory loss and forgetfulness in the elderly is addressed, and attempts have been made to make this gadget useable for those with disabilities. The patient is not assumed to have any medical literacy or understanding when designing this project. It presupposes the presence of a Caretaker who could configure the gadget using the patient's basic interface. The parts that follow provide further information on how this Project operates.

1.2 Proposed Work

In this Projects only one specific drug will be kept in each of the box's numerous tiny compartments, which are all present. The device contains an LCD, a keypad for user interaction, and buzzers, vibrators, and LEDs for notification purposes. Each medication's regimen for the patient must be programmed by the keeper into the Box. It follows. The patient is informed about the timetable and just needs to take the medication that is in the box that has a vibrating or light indicator. In addition to the medication's expiration date, it keeps details such how many tablets must be taken, how long the medication must be taken, and must be done. The schedule of each medicine for the patient needs to be programmed into the Box by the caretaker. It tracks the schedule, notifies the patient, and all the patient has to do is take the medicine kept in the box indicated by a light/vibrator.

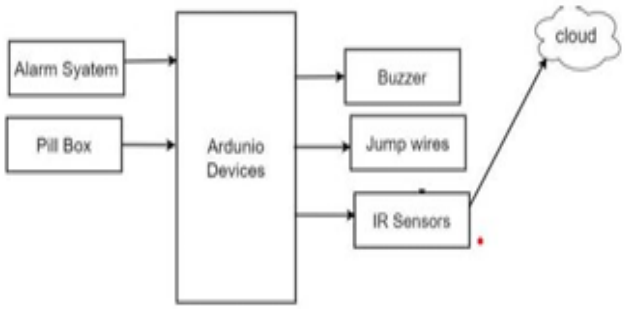
Apart from time of the medicine, it stores information like number of pills to be taken and for how many days the medicine is to be taken. Parts of the Working are as follows:

Step 1: After receiving the medication prescriptions, the caregiver arranges the medications into compartments (one kind in each) and establishes medication regimens using the device's LCD and Keypad.

Step 2: After Step 1, the gadget has all the necessary information. A real-time clock is used to maintain track. The device alerts the user when it's time to take a medication.

Step 3: Using an internal buzzer, the gadget alerts the user by creating a loud noise. Both the associated vibrator (for the blind) and the indication light adjacent to the compartment holding the medication that has to be taken will turn on. As

long as the compartment lid is closed, the light and vibrator won't activate (the gadget will presume that the user opened the container to take the medicine). Because it presupposes no prior information on the side of the patient, this approach is ideal for rural India.



2. LITERATURE REVIEW

B. Ayshwarya and R. Velmurugan:

The progress in IoT health care is considered to be a massive contribution to the elderly people. Their intelligent medication box contains bio-sensor for monitoring of temperature and heartbeat. The proposed medication is much safer as it clearly intimates about time, dosage, stock of medicine and sorts out different pills in correct sub boxes during the next fill by caretaker.

P.A. Mathina, K. Valarmathi, K. Ramalakshmi, S.Bharathi, R.Deepika and M.Dharshini:

Their study has attempted to create a system that is affordable, timesaving, and improves drug adherence while also relieving the stress of caregivers and helping patients.

M.P. Kumar and U. Rani. Nelakuditi:

Old age people suffering from Alzheimer's disease are not able to carry out their regular medication activities due to decline memory. Taking the correct medicines at regular slots is a challenging task for them.

3. OBJECTIVES

1. Implementing Medication Tracking Capabilities:

This involves incorporating sensors or other tracking mechanisms to monitor the usage of medications by the user in real-time.

2. Creating a User-Friendly Interface:

Develop an easy-to-use interface for the end-user (patient) to set up, manage, and receive reminders for medication, ensuring a positive user experience.

3. Ensuring Data Security and Privacy:

Implement robust security measures to protect sensitive health data. Ensure compliance with relevant data protection regulations to maintain patient privacy.

4. Enhancing Personalization of Reminders:

Provide customization options for users to tailor reminders based on their medication schedule, dosage, and preferences, enhancing the system's adaptability to individual needs.

5. Facilitating Healthcare Provider Access:

Enable healthcare providers to access relevant information, allowing them to monitor patient adherence, make informed decisions, and intervene if necessary.

6. Integrating Notifications and Alerts:

Integrate a notification system to send timely reminders to users, ensuring that they are alerted when it's time to take their medication. This can include various communication channels such as mobile apps, SMS, or email.

7. Ensuring Device Compatibility:

Ensure that the system is compatible with a variety of devices, including smartphones, tablets, and possibly wearable devices, to maximize accessibility for users.

8. Evaluating Impact on Medication Adherence:

Implement mechanisms to collect and analyze data on medication adherence. This helps in evaluating the effectiveness of the system in improving adherence rates and making any necessary adjustments.

9. Real-Time Reminder System:

Make the system capable of providing reminders in real-time, adapting to changes in the user's schedule or medication plan.

10. IoT-Based:

Leverage Internet of Things (IoT) technologies to connect devices and enable seamless communication between the medication tracking system, users, and healthcare providers.

In summary, the objectives focus on creating a comprehensive and user-friendly system that not only reminds users to take their medication but also tracks usage, ensures data security, involves healthcare providers, and adapts to individual needs for improved medication adherence and overall health outcomes.

4. SYSTEM ANALYSIS

Software Requirements:

1. Blynk IoT Application:

Purpose: Blynk is a platform for building IoT applications without complex coding. It allows you to create a user interface for your IoT devices and provides a way to remotely monitor and control them

Usage in the System: Blynk can be utilized to create a user-friendly mobile application interface for users to set up medication reminders, view tracking data, and receive notifications.

2. Arduino IDE (Integrated Development Environment):

Purpose: Arduino IDE is a software platform used for writing, compiling, and uploading code to Arduino microcontrollers.

Usage in the System: Arduino IDE is crucial for programming the Nodemcu, the central microcontroller in this system, to control the hardware components, such as the vibration motor and buzzer.

1. Blynk IoT Application

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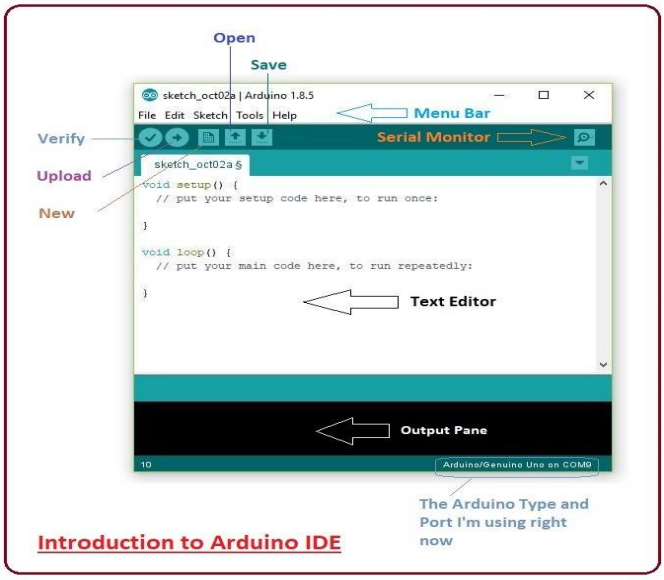


Hardware Requirements:

1. Nodemcu:

Purpose: Nodemcu is a low-cost open-source IoT platform based on the ESP8266 WiFi module. It is used for connecting the system to the internet and controlling various components.

Usage in the System: Nodemcu serves as the brain of the system, connecting to the Blynk IoT application, managing the reminders, and controlling the hardware components.

2. Vibration Motor:

Purpose: The vibration motor is a tactile feedback device that can produce vibrations. It is commonly used in devices to alert users without making noise.

Usage in the System: The vibration motor can be employed to give haptic feedback to the user during medication reminders, especially useful in scenarios where audible alerts are not practical.

3. Buzzer:

Purpose: A buzzer is an audio signaling device that produces a sound when an electrical current is applied.

Usage in the System: The buzzer can be used to provide audible alerts during medication reminders. This is beneficial for users who may not notice or feel the vibration, ensuring a more comprehensive reminder system.

1. Nodemcu

2. Buzzer

3. Vibration Motor

In summary, the software components (Blynk IoT Application and Arduino IDE) facilitate the development, programming, and user interface of the system. On the hardware side, Nodemcu serves as the main controller, while the vibration motor and buzzer are employed to provide feedback to the user based on their preferences and needs in a real-time medicine reminder and tracking system.

5. METHODOLOGY

1. Define System Requirements:

Identify and document the specific requirements of the medicine reminder and tracking system. This includes user interface features, reminder customization options, data security measures, and compatibility with different devices.

2. Select Hardware Components:

Choose the necessary hardware components, such as Nodemcu for connectivity, a vibration motor for haptic feedback, and a buzzer for audible alerts. Ensure compatibility and integration capabilities of these components.

3. Install and Configure Arduino IDE:

Set up the Arduino IDE on the development environment. Use it to write and upload code to the Nodemcu microcontroller, enabling it to control the hardware components based on programmed logic.

4. Integrate Blynk IoT Application:

Create a project in the Blynk IoT application, defining the user interface for medication reminders and tracking. Establish communication between the Nodemcu and the Blynk app using appropriate authentication tokens.

5. Develop Reminder Logic:

Write code to implement the logic for medication reminders. Consider factors like dosage schedules, personalized settings, and real-time adjustments. Ensure that reminders can be triggered through both vibration and sound alerts.

6. Implement Medication Tracking:

Integrate sensors or mechanisms for medication tracking. This may involve tracking the opening of a medication container or other methods to monitor adherence. Ensure the collected data is sent to the Blynk app for user and healthcare provider access.

7. Ensure Data Security Measures:

Implement encryption and other security measures to protect sensitive health data. Adhere to data protection regulations and guidelines to ensure user privacy and compliance.

8. Facilitate Healthcare Provider Access: Develop a secure interface within the Blynk app to allow healthcare providers to access relevant patient data. Implement authentication and authorization mechanisms to control access.

9. User Testing and Feedback:

Conduct thorough testing of the system, involving potential end-users to gather feedback on usability and effectiveness. Make necessary adjustments based on user input.

10. Optimize for Personalization:

Enhance the system to allow users to personalize their reminders and tracking preferences through the Blynk app. This could include adjusting reminder times, selecting alert types, and modifying tracking parameters.

11. Evaluate Impact on Medication Adherence:

- Deploy the system for a trial period to evaluate its impact on medication adherence. Collect and analyze data on user interactions, adherence rates, and system performance.

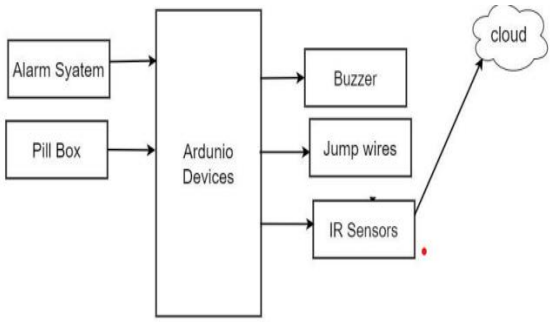
12. Ensure Device Compatibility:

Confirm that the system works seamlessly across different devices, including smartphones, tablets, and potentially wearable devices.

13. Continuous Improvement:

Based on user feedback and system performance, implement continuous improvements and updates to enhance the overall functionality, user experience, and reliability of the IoT-based medicine reminder and tracking system.

By following this methodology, you can systematically develop, deploy, and refine an effective and user-friendly IoT-based medicine reminder and tracking system.



6. CONCLUSION

The IOT-Based Real-Time Medicine Reminder System, with its multi-modal reminders, customization features, and capacity to enhance user awareness and support remote monitoring, stands as a promising solution to combat medication non-adherence. It has demonstrated a substantial improvement in adherence, user satisfaction, and healthcare awareness, offering a more adaptable and user centric approach to healthcare management. The system's potential for further technological integration and its role in reducing healthcare costs make it a transformative tool in healthcare. With its proven efficacy, it has the power to significantly improve health outcomes and contribute to a more informed and healthier society.

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