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IOT Based Pick and Place Robot

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ABSTRACT: In recent years the industry and daily routine works are found to be more attracted and implemented through automation via Robots. The pick and place robot is one of the technologies in manufacturing industries which is designed to perform pick and place operations. The system is so designed that it eliminates the human error and human intervention to get more precise work.

There are many fields in which human intervention is difficult but the process under consideration has to be operated and controlled this leads to the area in which robots find their applications. Literature suggests that the pick and place robots are designed, implemented in various fields such as; in bottle filling industry, packing industry, used in surveillance to detect and destroy the bombs etc.

The project deals with implementing an pick and place robot using Robot NodeMCU for any pick and place functions. The pick and place robot so implemented is controlled using RF signal. The chassis is supported for the displacement of robotic arm by four Omni wheels. The robotic arm implemented has two degrees of freedom. Many other features such as line follower, wall hugger, obstacle avoider, metal detector etc. can be added to this robot for versatility of usage.

KEYWORDS: IOT, Sensors, Node MCU ESP 8266, Wi-Fi

I.INTRODUCTION

In this highly developing society time and man power are critical constraints for completion of task in large scales, the automation is playing an important role to save human efforts in most of the regular and frequently carried out works e.g. most commonly performed work is picking and placing of jobs from source to destination. For this purpose, 'pick and place robot' is used.

We have designed it by using aNode MCU (ICESP8266), motor interference with motors and mechanical components such as robotic arm, threaded rod, gear arrangement, chassis and wheels

The project deals with automated material handling system. It synchronizes them over the movement of robotic arm to pick the object when commands are given such as pick, place or rotate or move through the remote to Node MCU ESP8266 the electronic equipment get into action and accordingly the operations are performed thereby eliminating the monotonous work done by human, achieving accuracy and speed in work.

The reason for choosing project is, mostly extensively form of machine is use in most of the industries like Automobile manufacturing, bottle filling industry etc. some industrial works are harmful for human, this robot is mainly used for reducing the risk process and consuming time and avoiding labours reducing material handling. Our robot is designed at low cost as well as with high efficiency. This project is to give the way for providing bigger effective robot for industrial application

II.PROBLEM STATEMENT

The pick and place robot being implemented to ease the process of sorting, process of moving heavy materials etc. Usually the transfer process of the heavy materials is being carried out, using man power and if the transfer process is repeated for a period of time, it can cause injuries to the operator. By using the particular robot the operator, will no longer have to bent and lift up heavy loads thus preventing injuries and increasing the efficiency of the work. Operator will make mistakes whether small or big in a while. In the industrial world, the industry cannot afford to take any kind of mistakes. As every mistake is costly whether interns of time, money and material.

III.PROPOSED SYSTEM

The project aims in designing a Robot that can be operated using Android mobilephone. The controlling of the Robot is done wirelessly through Android smart phone using the Wi-Fi feature present in it. Here in the project the Android smart phone is used as a remote control for operating the Robot.

Android is a software stack for mobile devices that includes an operating system, middleware and key applications. Android boasts a healthy array of connectivity options, including Wi-Fi, Wi-Fi, and wireless data over a cellular



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connection (for example, GPRS, EDGE (Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution), and 3G). Android provides access to a wide range of useful libraries and tools that can be used to build rich applications. In addition, Android includes a full set of tools that have been built from the ground up alongside the platform providing developers with high productivity and deep insight into their applications.

WiFi is an open standard specification for a radio frequency (RF)-based, short-range connectivity technology that promises to change the face of computing and wireless communication. It is designed to be an inexpensive, wireless networking system for all classes of portable devices, such as laptops, PDAs (personal digital assistants), and mobile phones. It also will enable wireless connections for desktop computers, making connections between monitors, printers, keyboards, and the CPU cable-free.

The controlling device of the whole system is a Node MCU ESP8266. Wi-Fi module, DC motors are interfaced to the Node MCU ESP8266. The data received by the Wi-Fi module from The user will get all this data of sensors on his mobile on Blynk app through wifi module and access to control the system by the Same App i.e. by Blynk app.

Android smart phone is fed as input to the controller. The controller acts accordingly on the DC motors of the Robot. The robot in the project can be made to move in all the four directions using the Android phone. The direction of the robot is indicated using LED indicators of the Robot system. In achieving the task the controller is loaded with a program written using Embedded 'C' language.

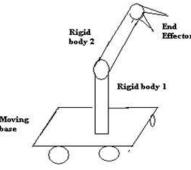


Fig3.1. Proposed System

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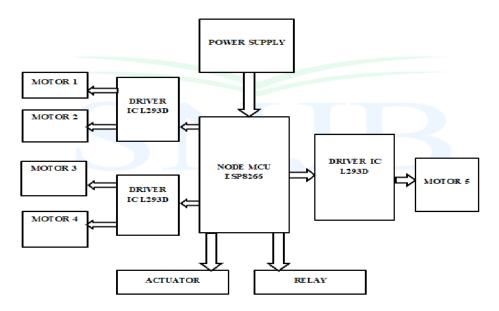
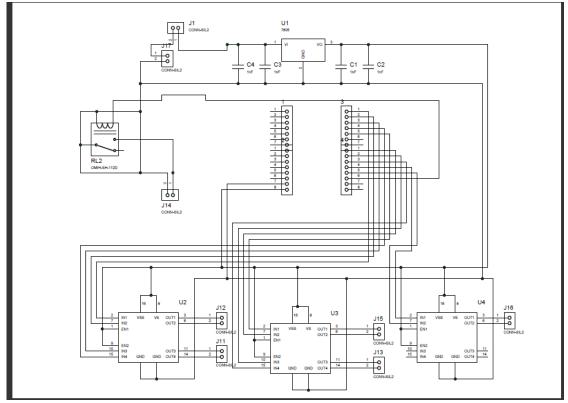


Fig4.1. Block diagram for development of pick and place robot.



V.CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

Fig5.1. Circuit diagram for development of pick and place robot

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VI.WORKING OF SYSTEM

IOT Based Robotic Arm Using NODE MCU ESP8266 involves mainly 12 Volt Battery, NODE MCU ESP 8266 as a controller and DC Motor as a input is given to the 12 Volt battery. Partially it is divided to the power supply battery and NODE MCU ESP 8266.

The Pins of NODE MCU ESP 8266 are connected to the driver ic's. through Wi –Fi as the Node MCU gets the input the pins of ESP8266 gets high which are selected through Blynk app.

Blynk App is used to control the pick and place through Wi –Fi . When we get the pins Blynk app it control the movement of robot. Which are indirectly connected to the motor driver. The robot consist of 5 movements.

As the commands are given to the motor driver, one motor driver helps for the arm's movement and other controls the weels's movement. The Electromagnetic gripper is used to pick and place the object.

VII.HARDWARE USED

1.Node MCU ESP 8266

Node-MCU is an open source development board and firmware based in the widely used ESP8266 -12E Wi-Fi module. It allows you to program the ESP8266 Wi-Fi module with the simple and powerful LUA Programming Language or NODEMCU ESP8266 IDE.

With just a few lines of code you can establish a Wi-Fi connection and define input/output pins according to your needs exactly like NODEMCU ESP8266, turning your ESP8266 into a web server and a lot more. It is the Wi-Fi equivalent of Ethernet module. Now you have internet of things (IoT) real tool.

With its USB-TTL, the node-MCU Development board supports directly flashing from USB port. It combines features of WI-FI access point and station + Node MCU ESP8266. These features make the Node-MCU extremely powerful tool for Wi-Fi networking. It can be used as access point and/or station, host a webserver or connect to internet to fetch or upload data.



Fig7.1.Node MCU 8266

2.DC Motor

It converts electrical energy into mechanical energy. The most common types rely on the forces produced by magnetic fields. Nearly all types of DC motors have some internal A **DC motor** is any of a class of rotary electrical machines that converts direct current mechanism, either electromechanical or electronic, to periodically change the direction of current flow in part of the motor. Workings of a brushed electric motor with a two-pole rotor (armature) and the magnet; the outside faces have opposite polarities. The + and - signs show where the DC current is applied to the commutator which supplies current to the armature coils. We use DC motor in our project for operating the Brushes for the cleaning action.

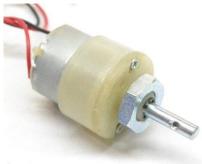


Fig.7.2. DC Motor

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3.L293D Motor Driver IC :

The L293D is a popular 16-Pin Motor Driver IC. A motor driver is an integrated circuit chip which is usually used to control motors in autonomous robots. The Motor Driver is a module for motors that allows you to control the working speed and direction of two motors simultaneously. This Motor Driver is designed and developed based on L293D IC. This is designed to provide bidirectional drive currents at voltages from 5 V to 36 V.



Fig7.3. L293D Motor Driver

4.Electromagnetic Gripper :

Magnetic grippers are most commonly used in a robot as an end effector for grasping the *ferrous* materials. It is another type of handling the work parts other than the <u>mechanical grippers</u> and <u>vacuum grippers</u>



Fig7.4. Electromagnetic Gripper

VIII.CONCLUSION

As their is human interference in industries for many purposes. But this traditional human labour has some limitations for bulky work and time consumption. Hence our proposed system "IOT BASED ROBOTIC ARM USING NODE MCU ESP8266" is designed. This system is useful for picking and placing the objects through Robot which is remotely controlled through mobile phones. As it does not involve human interference, it helps to avoid industrial accidents and more time consumption. The robotic includes the mechanical arm and electromagnetic actuator to grab the object and pick it and place it from one place to other. The robot consist of wheels at its lower end for its forward-backward movement. Hence this proposed system is used to reduce the human work and wastage of time

IX.FUTURE WORK

Our efforts to develop a low-cost integrated system for development of pick and place robot have thus far resulted in the iterative development of a tested, proven hardware platform. The software stack has been developed for

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localization, navigation, and radioactive element detection. Future work can be done on the robustness of court localization and further code optimizations, which are two necessary steps for the integration of these components. The eventual goal for this project is fully automated bottle filling pick and place robot with minimum space. The preliminary results for localization, motion planning and bottle detection are encouraging. The communication from the Robots to GUI application can be implemented through the base station so that it can control up to 10 Robots from the GUI application through the base station that use a secured wireless channel using encryption and decryption. Considerably larger bandwidth system should be on board because video streaming service is desired. The future work can make the system robust to environmental variations; it can also aim to develop the decision-making functionality of the platform to create a truly autonomous system..

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