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# Design and Implementation of an IOT based Efficient and Intelligent Smart Bins by using Raspberry Pi

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**ABSTRACT:** Nowadays people are using smart phone to pay their electricity bills, buy vegetables, book transport ticket. Order accessories. But those are all done for an individual need. In this paper we used that smart for the welfare of the society. Overflowing garbage bins is a cause of concern for residents in developing countries. With the existence of many diseases in our nation, the open containers are proving to be a breeding place for germs. Traditionally municipalities operate on weekly routes to pick up wastes in the garbage bin on designated days but regardless of whether the containers are full or not. This paper aims to optimize waste collection and to maintain the cleanliness of the area. The aim of the paper is to control the waste management system by using internet. Internet of things (IOT) is the concept of basically connecting any device with an on and off switch to the internet. This project connects the trash can to the internet. It will update the status of the trash can to the user so that the garbage will be cleaned earlier to the overflow stage. This smart trash can has two ultrasonic sensors. Which are used to find the level of the garbage in the trash can. If the level reaches the threshold value then the Raspberry Pi model will send message to a mobile application as well as to an IOT cloud.

**KEYWORDS:** Raspberry Pi, IOT cloud, Smart bin.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Waste management is all the activities and actions required to manage waste from its inception to its final disposal. This includes collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste together with monitoring and regulation. Waste collection methods vary widely among different countries and regions. Domestic waste collection services are often provided by local government authorities. Curbside collection is the most common method of disposal in most countries, in which waste is collected at regular intervals by specialized trucks. Waste collected is then transported to an appropriate disposal area. Nowadays, cities with developing economies experience exhausted waste collection services, inadequately managed and uncontrolled dumpsites and the problems are worsening. Waste collection method in such countries is an on-going challenge and many struggle due to weak institutions and rapid urbanization. By 2030, almost two-third of the world's population will be living in cities. This fact requires the development of sustainable solutions for urban life, managing waste is a key issue for the health. Efficient and energy-saving waste management, reducing CO<sub>2</sub>, air pollution and vehicle exhaust emissions—these are just a few examples for the demands of future cities. In view of that, the efficient use and responsible handling of resources become more important. Effectively managing waste is important in developed countries. Waste management may swallow up to 50% of a city's budget, but only serve a small part of the population. Sometimes, up to 60% of waste is not being collected; it is often simply burned by the roadside. It can pollute drinking water; it can spread disease to people living nearby. Even with great route optimization, the worker must still physically go to the dustbin to check waste levels. Because of this, trucks often visit containers that do not need emptying, which wastes both time and fuel. Waste management prevents harm to human health and the environment by reducing the volume and hazardous character of residential and industrial waste. Improving proper waste management will reduce pollution, recycle useful materials and create more green energy.

## II. HARDWARE DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM

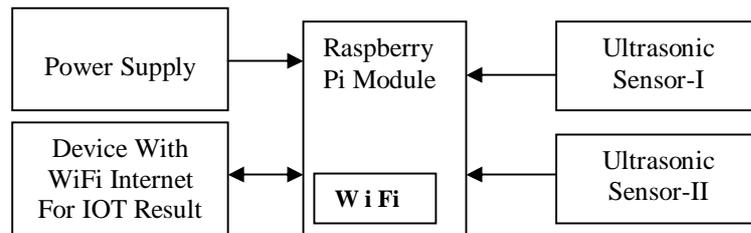


Fig 1 Block diagram of the System.

### 1) HC-SR04 ULTRASONIC SENSOR - WORKING

As shown above the **HC-SR04 Ultrasonic (US) sensor** is a 4 pin module, whose pin names are Vcc, Trigger, Echo and Ground respectively. This sensor is a very popular sensor used in many applications where measuring distance or sensing objects are required. The module has two eyes like projects in the front which forms the Ultrasonic transmitter and Receiver. The Ultrasonic transmitter transmits an ultrasonic wave, this wave travels in air and when it gets objected by any material it gets reflected back toward the sensor this reflected wave is observed by the Ultrasonic receiver module as shown in the picture below.

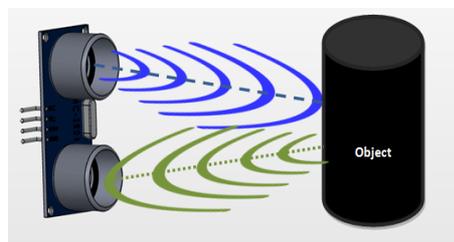


Fig 2 HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor – Working

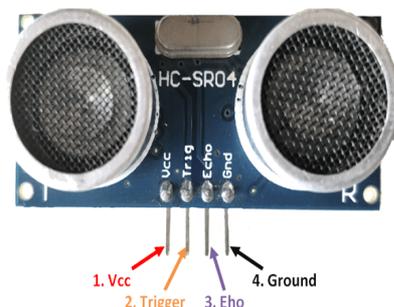


Fig 3 Ultrasonic Sensor

### 2) RASPBERRY PI

The Raspberry Pi is a series of small single-board computers developed in the United Kingdom by the Raspberry Pi Foundation to promote the teaching of basic computer science in schools and in developing countries. The original model became far more popular than anticipated, selling outside its target market for uses such as robotics. It does not include peripherals (such as keyboards, mice and cases). However, some accessories have been included in several

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official and unofficial bundles. The Raspberry Pi 3 uses a Broadcom BCM2837 SoC with a 1.2 GHz 64-bit quad-core ARM Cortex-A53 processor, with 512 KB shared L2 cache



Fig 4 Raspberry Pi

### 3) GPIO PIN CIRCUITRY

The Raspberry Pi's GPIO pins are quite versatile, and you can modify many of their characteristics from software. You can turn on/off input pin hysteresis, limit output slew rate, and control source and sink current drive *capability* from 2 mA to 16 mA in 2 mA increments. These properties are set for the GPIO block as a whole, not on a pin-by-pin basis. Source/sink current capability does not limit the current into or out of the pin, but only specifies the maximum current for which the output signal high/low voltage specifications will be met. If misused, output pins can be damaged by excessive current irrespective of the source/sink current programmed. After a reset, the RPi comes up with the GPIO outputs set to 8 mA drive capability. The following diagram shows a simplified schematic of the I/O pin circuitry:

#### Equivalent Circuit for Raspberry Pi GPIO pins

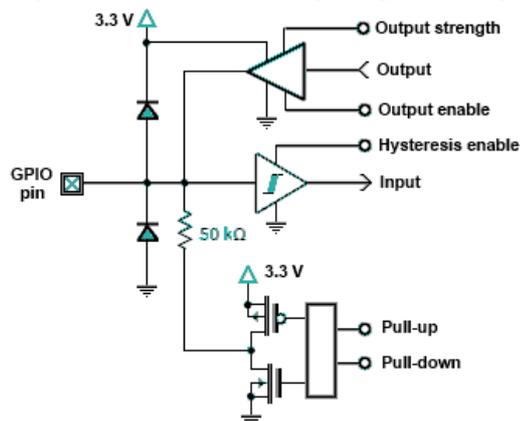


Fig. 5 Equivalent circuit for a Raspberry Pi GPIO pin.

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## 4) CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

The above circuit consists of two ULTRASONIC SENSORS, BREAD BOARD and RASBERRY-PI module.

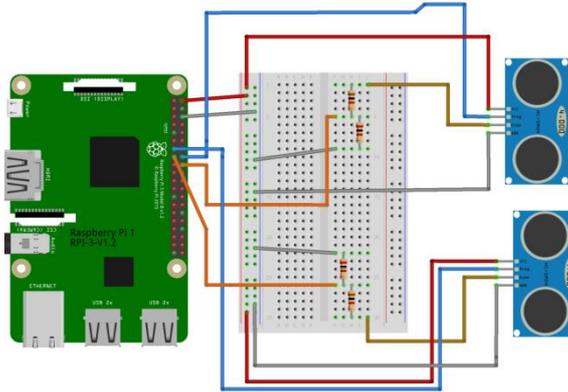


Fig. 6 Circuit Diagram

The circuit configuration is as follows:

- Ultrasonic sensor1: Echo pin is connected to pin\_23 and Tagger pin is connected to pin\_24 of raspberry-pi.
- Ultrasonic seonsor2: Echo pin is connected to pin\_27 and Trigger pin is connected to pin\_22 of raspberry-pi.

## 5) GARBAGE CONTAINER

A waste container is a container for temporarily storing waste, and is usually made out of metal or plastic. The curbside dustbins usually consist of three types: trash cans (receptacles made of metal or plastic), dumpsters and wheelie bins (light, usually plastic bins that are mobile). All of these are emptied by collectors, who will load the contents into a garbage truck and drive it to a landfill, incinerator or consuming crush facility to be disposed of.



Fig 7 Dustbins

## III. WORKING OF THE SYSTEM

This is a very innovative system which will help to keep the cities clean. This system monitors the garbage bins and informs about the level of garbage collected in the garbage bins via a mobile application. For this the system uses ultrasonic sensors placed over the bins to detect the garbage level and compare it with the garbage bins depth. The system makes use of Raspberry Pi for sending data. The system is powered by a 12V power supply. An application is



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built to show the status to the user monitoring it. The application gives a view of the garbage bins and highlights the garbage collected in color in order to show the level of garbage collected. Thus this system helps to keep the city clean by informing about the garbage levels of the bins by providing image of the bins via IOT application development platform. The authorized person receives the indication of garbage dustbin is full through the application and then inform the concerned person who is responsible for the collection of garbage where the garbage bin is full in particular areas. The data get stored in the database created and than the data is retrieve In IoT applied to external and public environments, communication is important for service provisioning. In particular, since this type of IoT has a wide service domain, reliable communication is necessary for devices to communicate with each other. Therefore, the SGBs utilized in the proposed system communicate with each other based on a wireless mesh network , securing communication reliability. IoT devices in an external environment may need to move on occasion. With a battery-based power supply, the mobility of the proposed system is secured. In IoT with a wide service domain, data exchanges and services should be conducted seamlessly at any time and any location. User convenience has been enhanced with the advent of IoT.

## IV. SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

In the software implementation of the system we used Python programming for the accessing of the information to IOT. The OS initialization also done for the Pi board. The following flow chart can explain the major working principle of the system. For IOT results we have used MQTT open source server as a broker connection between client system and internet server. We have used TWILIO to receive phone calls and messages by its web service APIs.

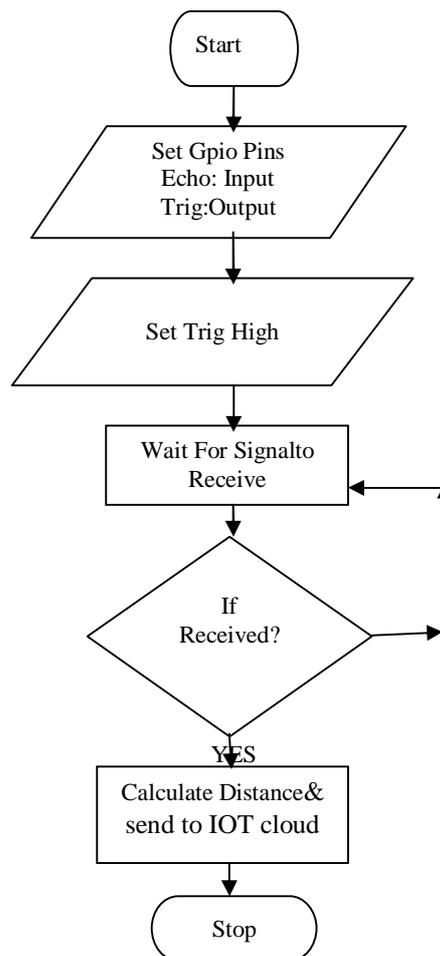


Fig 8 Flowchart of the system.



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## 1) MQTT

MQTT stands for MQ Telemetry Transport. It is a publish/subscribe, extremely simple and lightweight messaging protocol, designed for constrained devices and low-bandwidth, high-latency or unreliable networks. The design principles are to minimize network bandwidth and device resource requirements whilst also attempting to ensure reliability and some degree of assurance of delivery. These principles also turn out to make the protocol ideal of the emerging “machine-to-machine” (M2M) or “Internet of Things” world of connected devices, and for mobile applications where bandwidth and battery power are at a premium. MQTT (MQ Telemetry Transport or MessageQueuing Telemetry Transport) is an ISO standard (ISO/IEC PRF 20922) publish-subscribe-based messaging protocol. It works on top of the TCP/IP protocol. It is designed for connections with remote locations where a "small code footprint" is required or the network bandwidth is limited. The publish-subscribe messaging pattern requires a message broker. Andy Stanford-Clark and Arlen Nipper of Cirrus Link authored the first version of the protocol in 1999. The specification does not specify the meaning of "small code footprint" or the meaning of "limited network bandwidth". Thus, the protocol's availability for use depends on the context. In 2013, IBM submitted MQTT v3.1 to the OASIS specification body with a charter that ensured only minor changes to the specification could be accepted. MQTT-SN is a variation of the main protocol aimed at embedded devices on non-TCP/IP networks, such as ZigBee. Historically, the "MQ" in "MQTT" came from IBM's MQ Series message queuing product line. However, queuing itself is not required to be supported as a standard feature in all situations. Alternative protocols include the Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP), Streaming Text Oriented Messaging Protocol (STOMP), the IETF Constrained Application Protocol, XMPP, DDS, OPC UA, and Web Application Messaging Protocol (WAMP). MQTT Publish Subscribe Architecture: The MQTT messages are delivered asynchronously (“push”) through publish subscribe architecture. The MQTT protocol works by exchanging a series of MQTT control packets in a defined way. Each control packet has a specific purpose and every bit in the packet is carefully crafted to reduce the data transmitted over the network. A MQTT topology has a MQTT server and a MQTT client. MQTT client and server communicate through different control packets. Table below briefly describes each of these control packets. MQTT control packet headers are kept as small as possible. Each MQTT control packet consist of three parts, a fixed header, variable header and payload. Each MQTT control packet has a 2 byte Fixed header. Not all the control packet have the variable headers and payload. A variable header contains the packet identifier if used by the control packet. A payload up to 256 MB could be attached in the packets. Having a small header overhead makes this protocol appropriate for IoT by lowering the amount of data transmitted over constrained networks.

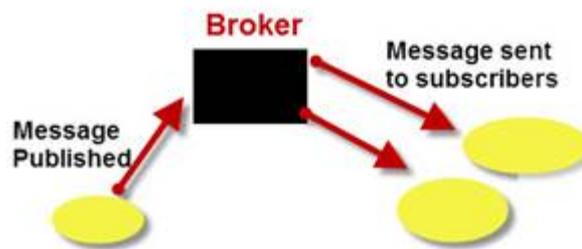


Fig 9 MQTT Publish and Subscribe Model

## 2) TWILIO

Twilio is a cloud communications platform as a service (PaaS) company based in San Francisco, California. Twilio allows software developers to programmatically make and receive phone calls and send and receive text messages using its web service APIs. Twilio's services are accessed over HTTP and are billed based on usage. Internet of things (IoT) is the network of physical objects (things) capable of data transfer without human intervention. The objects are embedded with sensors, software or electronics for exchanging data. Ideally IoT is expected to go beyond machine-to-machine communication and achieve higher value such as automation in all the fields. With current pace, 82% of companies are estimated to implement IoT applications into their business in some way by 2017. Twilio

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expedites IoT by connecting humans to the machine network. Twilio has worked with a number of IoT companies including Smart Thing and Uber. Using Twilio, Smart Things will text you if you leave your garage door open. And you can set it up to trigger any sort of notifications you want such as intimation of an unlocked door at a particular time. Similarly, Uber is using Twilio to scale its operations globally. Being a cloud-based platform, Twilio helps Uber in setting up mobile communication infrastructure. Twilio made communication secure by masking driver's and rider's phone number from each other.

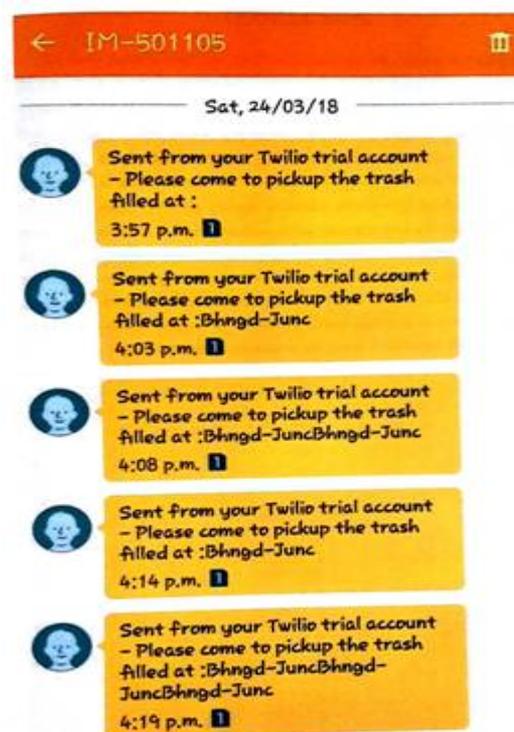


Fig 10 Output in the user's Mobile about the status of the dust bin.

## V. CONCLUSION

We have implemented real time waste management system by using smart dustbins to check the fill level of smart dustbins whether the dustbins are full or not. In this system the information of all smart dustbins can be accessed from anywhere and anytime by the concern person and he/she can take a decision accordingly. By implementing this proposed system the cost reduction, resource optimization, effective usage of smart dustbins can be done. This system indirectly reducing traffic in the city. In major cities the garbage collection vehicle visit the area's everyday twice or thrice depends on the population of the particular area and sometimes these dustbins may not be full. Our System will inform the status of each and every dust bin in real time so that the concerned authority can send the garbage collection vehicle only when the dustbin is full. The scope for the future work is this system can be implemented with time stamp in which real-time clock shown to the concern person at what time dust bin is full and at what time the waste is collected from the smart dustbins.

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