Solar Panel Dual Management System

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ABSTRACT

As we know that use of solar energy is increasing day by day so there should be efficient use of solar energy. But due to pollution there is wastage of energy i.e. due to deposition of soil on solar panel, so there is always need to clean the solar panel in fixed days, but some time there is no desirable amount of soil deposited on panel which can decrease the power upto certain level but the company or organization has to pay the cleaner for his visit. And theft cases of solar panel are also increasing day by day so our project is a solution for this.

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I. INTRODUCTION

About 65 GW of solar capacity is expected to be added globally in 2016, with Asian countries in the lead. Indian solar market appears in full bloom right now. But PhotoVoltaic systems have a potential performance problem of module soiling (dust or soot from local air pollution). It can reduce energy output significantly. Studies on module soiling show an average annual energy loss of 5% for arrays that are not periodically cleaned. Also in recent years we have seen lots of Solar Panel Theft Cases in various countries. So there is a need for smart solution to tackle those problems. So my project proposes a solution for 1) Theft prevention and 2) Maintenance Indication of solar panel using LinkIt ONE and Sensors (Dust Sensor, Current Sensor and Accelerometer). The solution provides Theft prevention for Solar Panel and also indicates the time for maintenance, thereby preventing frequent visits and save transportation cost as well as increases the usage and efficiency of Solar Panel.

1) Theft Prevention: To achieve this we use the GPS and GPRS features of LinkIt ONE Board with accelerometer. If the Panel moves or unauthorized activity occurs then there is change in axis value of accelerometer which will be detected by LinkIt ONE. It will process the data and notify the GPS location of Panel for tracking on webservers as well as on webapp.

2) Maintenance Indication: To achieve this function we use Dust, Voltage and Current Sensors. So when the deposition of dust on Panel increases the efficiency start to reduce, this can be monitored by LinkIt ONE using the sensor values. It will update this data on webservers which can be viewed to know the time for maintenance of Panel.

Fig 1: LinkIt One Board
II. RESEARCH ELABORATIONS

A. STUDY OF LINKIT ONE BOARD

The Linkit ONE is a microcontroller developed and released by Mediatek and SeeedStudio. This was made for all the makers in this world for their wearables and IOT projects. The special thing about this chip is that it has Bluetooth, Wifi, GPS and GSM already present in a small package. It uses the same programming language as Arduino making it easier to build and prototype projects. The pinout is somewhat similar to Arduino so that all Arduino shields are compatible with it. It also has an SD card slot, audio jack and separate sockets for I2C and UART. The following are the specifications of this board

B. STUDY OF CURRENT SENSOR

The ACS712 sensor read the current value and converts it into a relevant voltage value. The value that links the two measurements is sensitivity which – for 5A model – has a typical value of 185mV/A. The sensor can measure positive and negative currents (range -5A...5A), and power supply is 5V for the sensor, and the middle sensing voltage is 2.5V when no current. It measures both AC and DC current. LinkIt ONE analogRead() function outputs a value between 0 (0V in input) and 1023 (5V in input) that is 0.0049V for each increment. We will use the following formula to covert the 0~1023 value to an ampere value.

C. GROVE DUST SENSOR:
A good indication of air quality is given by dust sensor in an environment by measuring the dust concentration. By counting the low pulse occupancy time in a given time unit, a particulate matter level is measured. Thus, the sensor provides reliable data for air purification and it is responsible to PM of 1 micro metre diameter.

D. GROVE ACCELEROMETER:
A indication of good air quality in environment is given by dust sensor by measuring the dust concentration. Now, by counting the low pulse occupancy time in given unit time particulate matter level in air is measured. Further this sensor provides reliable data for air purification and is response to PM of 1 micrometer of diameter.

III. HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

Fig 5: Hardware setup

IV. WORKING

To achieve this we have use component listed above. Initially we have to interface all the sensors to the linkit board. as we know Since the analog pins of Linkit ONE is tolerant up to 5V only, so we need to use voltage divider network to bring down voltage of panel within the range of Linkit ONE (0-5V). In this we have use fan as load. The threshold value of current is decided by the user according to its use. this threshold is set in linkit board. foreg 12. As soon as the dust deposition increases, The grove dust sensor starts sending data serially to the link it board. Due to the increase in the dust concentration there is change in value of current which is by current sensor. The current sensor converts it into relevant voltage value and send the data to linkit board serially. the power value is calculated and linkit board compares it with threshold value and if it is less than it sends indication on webserver. Once panel moved or unauthorized access happens then device detects it using accelerometer sensor. After this device start sending only the GPS location of panel with battery for tracking and activity is indicated using alert variable on Ubidots.
Activity or monitoring can also be viewed on webapp. Once alert is high then click on track button to trace device GPS location.

**CONCLUSION**

Thus our project performs the work of maintainence indication and theft prevention using mediatech linkit one board. The notification will be updated on ubidots web server.

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