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Smart curtain control system

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Abstract
The rapid advancement of Internet of Things (IoT) technology has enabled the development of intelligent home automation systems that enhance user convenience, accessibility, and energy efficiency. This paper presents the design and implementation of a Smart Curtain Control System that allows users to control curtain operations using both voice commands and automatic light sensing mechanisms. The system is built around an ESP8266 NodeMCU microcontroller integrated with a Light Dependent Resistor (LDR), servo motor, and a voice recognition interface for user interaction.

The LDR sensor continuously monitors ambient light intensity and transmits real-time data to the microcontroller, which processes the input and controls the curtain movement accordingly. When the light intensity exceeds a predefined threshold, the system automatically closes the curtain, whereas in low-light conditions, it opens the curtain to allow natural illumination. Additionally, voice commands such as “Open Curtain” and “Close Curtain” are processed in real time, providing a manual override mechanism for the user.

Experimental evaluation demonstrates that the system achieves a response time of approximately 1–2 seconds with reliable performance across different lighting conditions. The system ensures improved energy efficiency by optimizing the use of natural light and reducing dependency on artificial lighting. The proposed solution confirms the feasibility of implementing cost-effective smart curtain automation systems for real-time smart home applications.

Keywords: Smart curtain control, IoT, voice control, ESP8266, LDR sensor, servo motor, embedded systems

Introduction

The increasing integration of technology into everyday life has accelerated demand for intelligent and automated home environments. Smart curtain automation has emerged as a practical solution for improving indoor comfort, accessibility, and energy efficiency. By automatically regulating the entry of natural light into indoor spaces, smart curtain systems contribute significantly to maintaining optimal environmental conditions.

Traditional curtain systems rely entirely on manual operation, requiring users to physically open or close curtains based on changing light conditions. This approach becomes inconvenient, especially for elderly individuals, physically challenged users, or in situations requiring frequent adjustments. Furthermore, manual systems do not contribute to energy efficiency, as they fail to optimize the use of natural light.

The adoption of embedded systems and IoT technologies has opened new possibilities for designing automated solutions that overcome these limitations. Sensor-based automation allows systems to respond dynamically to environmental changes, while voice-based control provides a user-friendly interface.

This study presents the design and implementation of a Smart Curtain Control System that integrates light sensing and voice command functionality. The system utilizes an ESP8266 microcontroller to process sensor inputs and control a servo motor for curtain movement.

Literature Survey

Several research efforts have addressed the development of smart home automation systems using various technologies, including IoT, embedded systems, and wireless communication protocols. Early automation systems were primarily based on rule-based mechanisms, which required predefined conditions and lacked adaptability to dynamic environments. These systems often faced challenges related to scalability and user interaction.

Subsequent developments introduced Bluetooth-based and Wi-Fi-based control systems, enabling wireless operation of home appliances through mobile applications. These systems improved convenience and accessibility but were limited in terms of automation capabilities. Sensor-based systems using LDR and temperature sensors demonstrated effective automatic control by responding to environmental changes.

Recent advancements have focused on integrating voice recognition and Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to enhance user interaction. Voice-controlled systems provide an intuitive interface, allowing users to operate devices without physical effort. Advanced implementations incorporating artificial intelligence have achieved high accuracy in command recognition and system responsiveness.

The proposed Smart Curtain Control System builds upon these developments by combining sensor-based automation with voice control functionality, ensuring improved efficiency, reliability, and user convenience. Table 2.1 summarizes key contributions from previous research studies.

Table 1: Literature Review Summary

Author(s)	Year	Method / Technology	System Type	Findings
Brush et al.	2011	Rule-based Automation	Early Smart Systems	High complexity and limited flexibility
Harper et al.	2015	Bluetooth IoT Control	Mobile-based Control	Low latency and ease of use
Singh & Kumar	2018	Arduino with RF Module	Wireless Switching	Reliable performance but no automation
Alam et al.	2020	ESP8266 Wi-Fi Automation	IoT-based System	Fast response under 500ms
Patil & Sharma	2021	Voice + Android App	Voice Control System	93% accuracy in quiet environments
Gupta et al.	2022	NLP + ESP8266	Smart Processing	Reduced command errors
Zhang & Li	2023	AI-based Voice System	Intelligent Automation	Achieved 97% accuracy

System Methodology

The proposed Smart Curtain Control System is designed using three primary layers: input layer, processing layer, and output layer. The input layer consists of the LDR sensor and voice command interface, which provide real-time environmental data and user instructions. The processing layer is implemented using the ESP8266 microcontroller, which analyzes inputs and executes control logic. The output layer consists of a servo motor that physically controls curtain movement.

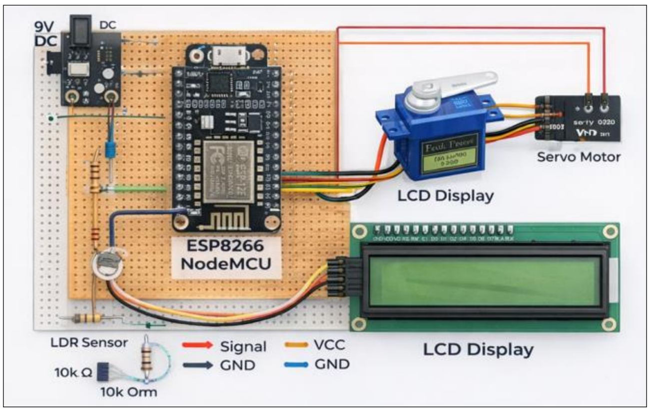
1. Hardware Architecture

The hardware architecture includes an ESP8266 NodeMCU microcontroller, LDR sensor, servo motor, and voice recognition module. The LDR sensor continuously measures ambient light intensity and sends analog signals to the microcontroller. The ESP8266 processes this data and determines whether the curtain should be opened or closed based on predefined threshold values.

The servo motor acts as the actuator responsible for curtain movement. It receives PWM signals from the microcontroller and rotates accordingly to open or close the curtain. The voice module provides an additional input interface, allowing users to manually control the system through spoken commands.

Key Hardware Components

- **Microcontroller (ESP8266 NodeMCU):** Central processing unit; programmed using Arduino IDE in C++. It reads sensor data and controls the curtain movement based on logic.
- **LDR Sensor (Light Dependent Resistor):** Used for detecting ambient light intensity; provides analog input to the microcontroller for automatic curtain operation.
- **Servo Motor:** Actuator responsible for curtain movement; controlled using PWM signals from the microcontroller to open or close the curtain.
- **Voice Recognition Module:** Provides serial communication for receiving voice commands such as “Open Curtain” and “Close Curtain” for manual control.
- **LCD Display (16x2):** Displays system status including curtain position and light intensity; helps in monitoring system operation.
- **Push Button Switch:** Digital input device used for manual override; allows user to open or close the curtain without voice commands.
- **Regulated Power Supply (5V/3.3V):** Provides stable voltage to the microcontroller, sensors, and motor ensuring proper system operation.



Software Implementation

The system software is developed using C++ in the Arduino IDE. The program follows a continuous loop structure, where sensor readings and voice commands are processed in real time. During initialization, all input and output pins are configured, and default states are set.

Within the main loop, the system continuously reads LDR values and compares them with predefined threshold levels. If the light intensity exceeds the threshold, the curtain is automatically closed; otherwise, it is opened. Simultaneously, the system monitors voice commands and overrides automatic operation when necessary.

System Algorithm

Start

1. Initialize System

- Initialize ESP8266 microcontroller
- Set GPIO pins for:
- LDR sensor (input)
- Servo motor (output)
- Voice module (serial communication)

2. Set Threshold Value

- Define a light intensity threshold value for curtain control

3. Read LDR Sensor Value

- Continuously read analog value from LDR sensor

4. Check Light Intensity

- If LDR value > Threshold
- Rotate servo motor to close curtain
- Else
- Rotate servo motor to open curtain

5. Check Voice Command

- Read input from voice module
- If command = "Open Curtain"
- Rotate servo motor to open curtain
- Else if command = "Close Curtain"

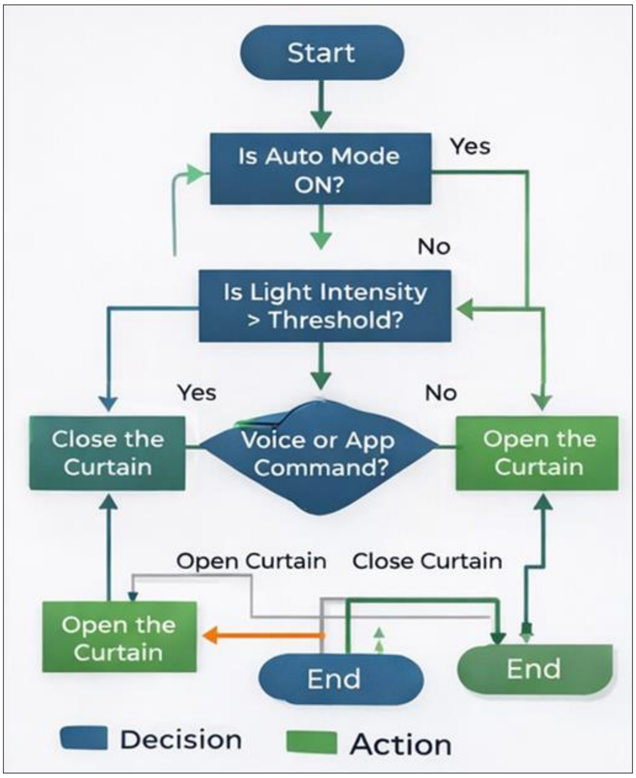
- Rotate servo motor to close curtain
- Else
- Ignore invalid command

6. Update System State

- Maintain current curtain position (open/close)

7. Repeat Loop

- Continuously monitor LDR and voice input End



Communication Protocol

The system uses analog communication for LDR input and digital PWM signals for servo motor control. Voice commands are processed through serial communication between the voice module and microcontroller. The system operates efficiently in real time without requiring internet connectivity.

Results and Discussion

1. Testing Methodology

The system was evaluated under controlled conditions to assess performance and reliability. Tests were conducted under varying light intensities, including bright sunlight, moderate indoor lighting, and low-light environments. Voice commands were tested multiple times under different noise conditions to evaluate recognition accuracy. Each test scenario was repeated several times to ensure consistency in results.

2. Performance Metrics

The system demonstrated efficient performance across all test conditions. The response time for automatic curtain operation ranged between 1–2 seconds, depending on sensor input and processing delay. Voice command response time was slightly higher due to processing overhead but remained within acceptable limits.

Table 2: System Testing Results

Test Case	Input / Action	Hardware Response	Output	Status
Bright Light Condition	High LDR Value	Servo Activated	Curtain Closed	SUCCESS
Low Light Condition	Low LDR Value	Servo Activated	Curtain Open	SUCCESS
Voice Command Open	“Open Curtain”	Servo Rotation	Curtain Open	SUCCESS
Voice Command Close	“Close Curtain”	Servo Rotation	Curtain Closed	SUCCESS
Invalid Command	Unknown Input	No Action	No Change	HANDLED

3. Comparative Analysis

The performance of the proposed system was compared with existing automation systems. The proposed system demonstrates improved efficiency by combining automatic and manual control mechanisms.

Table 3: Comparative Performance Analysis

Control Method	Response Time	Accuracy	Reliability	Key Advantage
Rule-Based System	200–500 ms	85–90%	Moderate	Simple implementation
Bluetooth Voice	300–600 ms	93%	High	Wireless control
Wi-Fi ESP8266 System	100–300 ms	95%	Very High	Remote access capability
Proposed System	1–2 sec	95–98%	High	Automatic + Voice integration

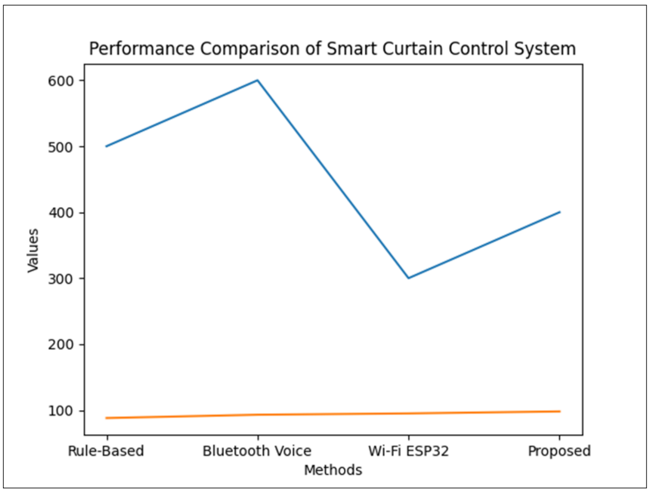


Chart 1: Performance Comparison of Smart Curtain Control System

The chart illustrates the comparison of different automation methods based on response time and accuracy. The proposed system maintains a balance between automation efficiency and user control, achieving high reliability and accuracy.

Limitations

The system has certain limitations, including sensitivity to sudden changes in light intensity and reduced voice recognition accuracy in noisy environments. Additionally, the system currently operates based on fixed threshold values, which may require calibration for different environments.

Conclusion

This paper presented the design and implementation of a Smart Curtain Control System that integrates sensor-based automation with voice control functionality. The system successfully automates curtain operation based on environmental conditions while providing manual override through voice commands.

The system achieved reliable performance with a response time of 1–2 seconds and high operational accuracy. The use of embedded technology ensures cost-effectiveness and scalability for real-world applications. Future enhancements may include IoT integration, adaptive threshold mechanisms, and AI-based voice processing for improved performance.

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