

WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORK BASED LAND SLIDE DETECTION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

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Abstract

The journal is based on a landslide early warning system using wireless sensor network. A brief study on the landslides and its types were made before studying the system itself. This research includes the construction of a wireless data connection network using sensors, ZigBee and microcontroller. Three sensors i.e. temperature, soil moisture and angle sensor, are connected to the Arduino UNO processor for collection of data. The data collected by Arduino is then sent through ZigBee. The information received in the base station is displayed through LCD, for real time monitoring.

Key Words: WSN, ZigBee, Arduino UNO, sensors and LCD

1. INTRODUCTION

Landslide is common natural phenomenon that causes significant damage to the environment and the livelihood. Many people have lost their lives and most of their properties just because of the landslide. In order to reduce and prevent the damage of landslides, landslide monitoring system is very important. It predicts and estimates landslide so that the people around can be in the safer side. Landslide monitoring is more important in hilly areas such as Bhutan. Therefore it is vital that for such places landslide monitoring system do some magic.

Wireless sensor network is one of the technologies that can quickly capture, process and respond to rapid changes in data and transmit to the receiver side. However, the wireless sensor network has its own limitations such as relatively low amounts of battery power and low memory availability.

ZigBee has been used as a medium which transmit and receive signals continuously for monitoring landslides and avalanches. For ZigBee based systems the data accuracy and reliability is primarily dependent on the distance (within its range) of the base station from the transmitter and also on the power supply that must be fed on it continuously. It is composed of a series of sensors which can

be easily installed and positioned directly upon the landslide body to provide continuous data on the landslide activity.

2. LANDSLIDE

Landslide is a general term used to describe the downslope movement of soil, rock and mud under the influence of gravity (Rames, , Kumar , & Venkat). Some of the most common landslides that occur in Bhutan are:

- Rotational Landslides: Here the surface of rupture is curved concavely upward (spoon shaped), and the slide movement is more or less rotational.
- Translational Landslides: Here the mass of soil and rock moves out or down and outward with little rotational movement or backward tilting.
- Topple: Here a block of rock that tilts or rotates forward and falls, bounces, or rolls down the slope. (Melanie, November 2014).

The types of landslides vary with respect to the:

- Rate of movement: This ranges from a very slow creep (mm/year) to extremely rapid creep (m/sec).
- Type of material: It is composed of bedrock, unconsolidated sediment and/or organic debris.
- Nature of movement: The moving debris can slide, slump, flow or fall.

Landslides constitute a major natural hazard in Bhutan that accounts for considerable loss of life and damage to communication routes,



Fig. 5 MMA 7361

The MMA 7361 is the sensor for the change or disturbances in the slope of the land. The sensor is tri-axial where it takes three analog inputs that are the X-axis, Y-axis and Z-axis (Anonymous, n.d).

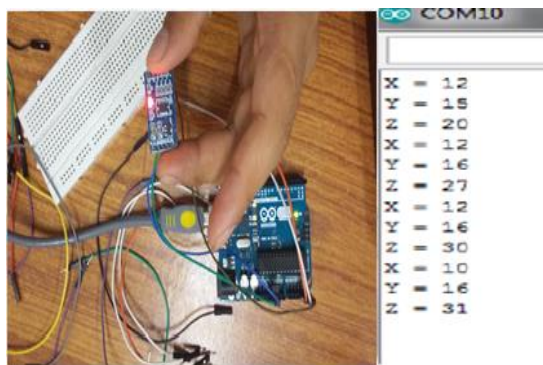


Fig. 6 Testing of MMA7361

The above figure shows the manual testing of the MMA 7361. The tri-axial outputs of MMA 7361 i.e X, Y, Z are successfully obtained in the output. As the angle of the MMA 7361 was changed, the values of X, Y and Z changed accordingly every after 6 seconds (time delay).

5. ARDUINO UNO R3

It is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega328 with 6 analog inputs, 14 digital input/output pins, a 16 MHz crystal oscillator, a USB connection, a power jack and a reset button. It has a memory of 32 KB (Anonymous, Arduino UNO, n.d).

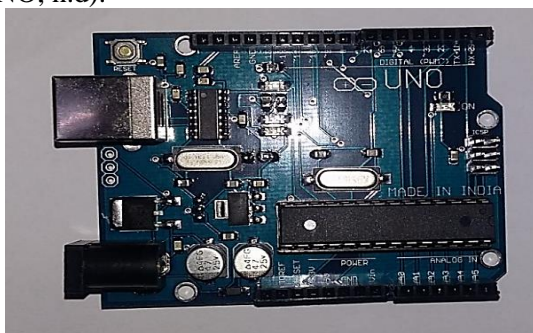


Fig. 7 Arduino UNO R3

This microcontroller performs the action of connecting the sensors with the ZigBee in the transmitter and also connects the ZigBee with the LCD at the receiver. All the three sensors are tested separately though the Arduino.

6. ZIGBEE

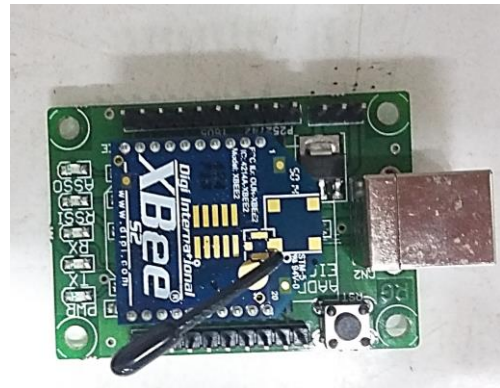


Fig. 8 ZigBee

ZigBee is the name of a wireless protocol maintained by the IEEE 802.15 standard and it has an approximate range of 10 to 100 meter (Benkic, Planinski, & Cucej, Custom Wireless Sensor based on ZigBee, 2007).

The ZigBee configuration was successfully done before using it in the project; the messages sent from the transmitter were received in the receiver.

7. LCD



Fig. 9 LCD

A 16x2 LCD display is very basic module and is very commonly used in various devices and circuits. The LCD is used instead of a buzzer in the project to give a visual alert of the landslide that is detected to the people nearby.

As shown in the figure above the testing of the LCD was done using Arduino.

8. Power supply

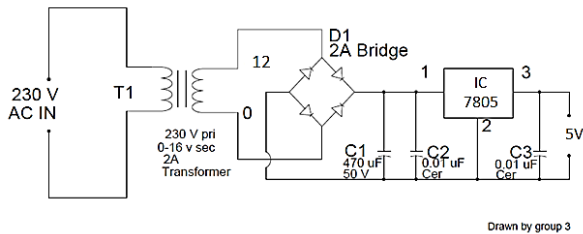


Fig. 10 Power Supply

The power supply circuit that is designed for this project generates 5V dc using a 7805 regulator. Initially the supply is step down from 230V to 12V through a step down transformer. This unit consists of a step down transformer, 7805 regulator, rectifying diodes and filter.

9. Simulation

Simulation of this project includes the simulation of the power supply and the simulation of the complete network. All the simulations were completed in PROTEUS.

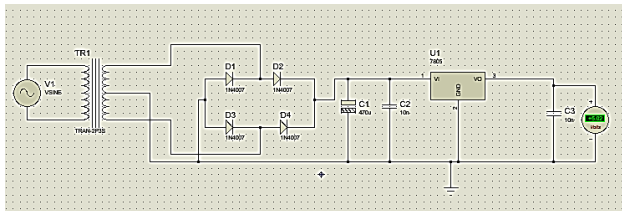


Fig. 11 Simulation of the Power Supply

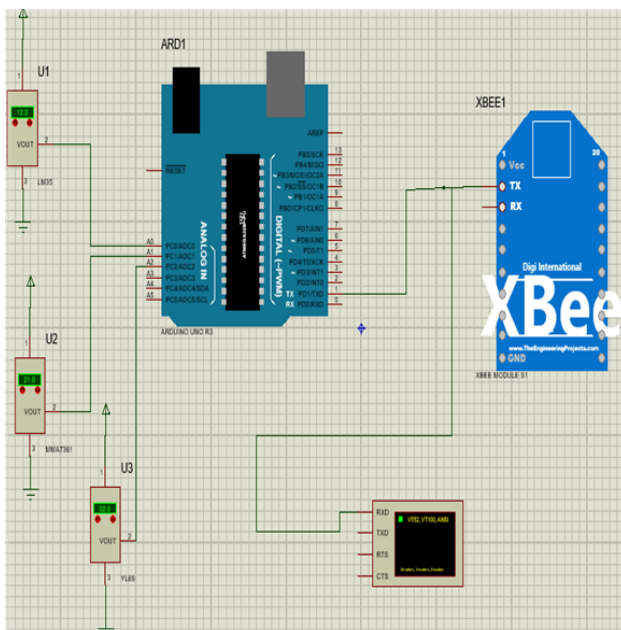


Fig. 12 Transmitter circuit

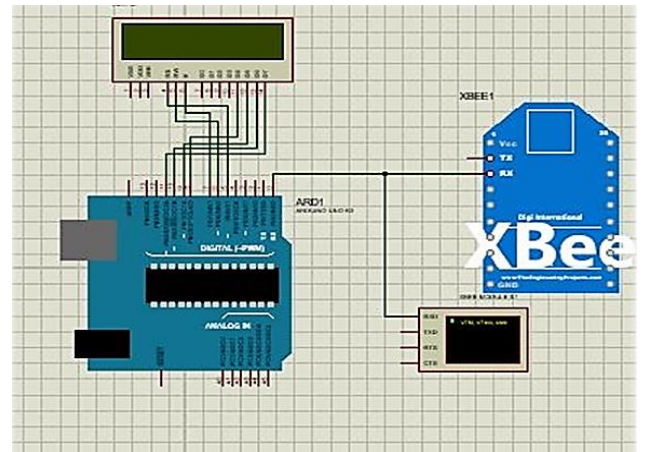


Fig. 13 Receiver Circuit

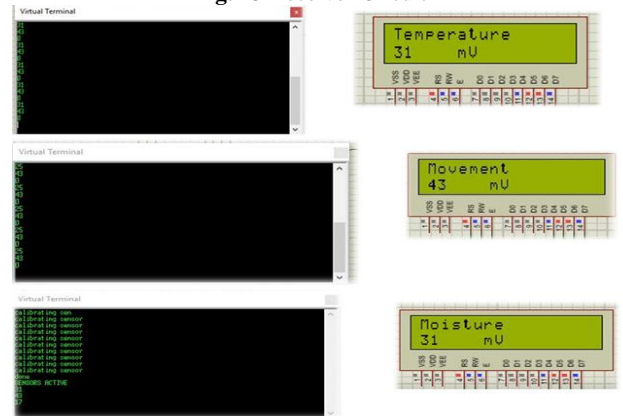


Fig. 14 Simulation Outputs

10. Prototype

The figure below shows the normal system when all the values of the three sensors were below their threshold point. The output on the LCD is Normal.

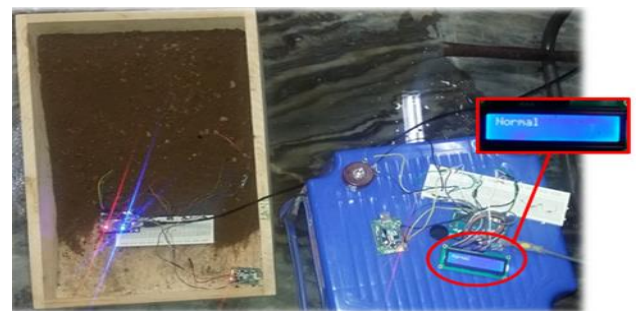


Fig. 15 Normal

As the slope of the wooden box was changed gradually and water was added simultaneously on the area where the moisture sensor was placed, landslide was displayed in the LCD just before the soil slide down in the wooden box.



Fig. 16 Landslide

Table 1 Display on the LCD for changes in input of each sensor received in Serial Monitor.

	Moisture (mV)	Movement (mV)			Temperature (mV)	Display
		x	y	z		
Initial value	300	0	0	0	200	Normal
Acceptable changes	300 - 150	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - -10	200 - 300	Normal
Changes	< 150	-	-	-	-	Moisture LandSlide
-	-	> 10	-	-	-	Movement-X LandSlide
-	-	-	> 10	-	-	Movement-Y LandSlide
-	-	-	-	< -10	-	Movement-Z LandSlide
-	-	-	-	-	> 300	Temperature LandSlide
-	-	> 10	> 10	< -10	-	XYZ Movement LandSlide
-	< 150	> 10	> 10	< -10	-	Water & Movement LandSlide
-	< 150	> 10	> 10	< -10	> 300	LandSlide

11. CONCLUSION

The landslide detection system using WSN is capable of continuous monitoring of different prevailing parameters of landslide such as rainfall, changes in the slope of the area, moisture level, and providing different levels of alarm to the local residents so as to evacuate the place of impending landslide. All the activities that are involved in completing this project can be categorized into two major tasks that is the software and hardware development. The first task is the software development. Due to the features like flexibility in programming, high performance, low cost and low power consumption of Arduino, the programming of Arduino has been developed with the assigned time. The simulation of the entire circuit could also be done with not much of difficulty in freely available software named PROTEUS.

The second major phase that is the hardware development mainly includes construction of the designed circuits, the power supply circuit and the main system circuit. With the hardware implementation the testing of the entire system was successful and the result was positive.

12. FUTURE SCOPE

The system design communication is via ZigBee, use of GSM is also implacable for such system. The precise threshold values for each of the sensors can be obtained through detailed study on the landslides and type of soil that the system is to be implemented in. Application of such system can also be developed in future by collaborating with IT department.

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