Research Paper on Smart Billing System using IoT

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Abstract - Electricity is at the heart of contemporary society. Power is also crucial given that the globe will be digitized. important quality. The electricity board's primary duty is to create and distribute electricity, but it is also critical to estimate the amount of power used by users who are collecting readings and generating invoices. Taking a reading and making bills right now need actual labor. It requires lots of time. Power theft is one of the major problems in India. An electricity board worker has the authority to manually turn off the power if a customer fails to pay their bills on time. Corruption among users or employees in this case led to the demise of the electrical board. Cameras are also used in some locations to take readings however the system is rather complicated and not very user-friendly [1]. To solve all of these problems, we created a wireless Internet of Things (IoT)-based system for smart power meters and billing. Relays were also used to shut off an unpaid user's wirelessly controlled power supply, which followed the IOT idea [3].

Key Words: Internet of Things, Electricity board, Electricity bill, Electricity Bill Reading, Power.

1. INTRODUCTION

The integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technology has revolutionized various industries, and the utility sector is no exception. This research paper aims to explore the implementation of IoT in the domain of utility billing systems to enhance efficiency and accuracy. The Smart Billing System (SBS) proposed in this study leverages IoT devices and advanced data analytics to automate and streamline billing processes, enabling real-time monitoring, precise consumption tracking, and improved cost management for both consumers and service providers. This paper presents a comprehensive analysis of the benefits, challenges, and potential implications of deploying IoT-based Smart Billing Systems in the utility sector [4].

The conventional utility billing systems, primarily reliant on manual meter reading and periodic billing cycles, have proven to be inefficient and prone to inaccuracies. Inefficiencies in the billing process can lead to delays in payments, customer dissatisfaction, and financial losses for utility companies. Additionally, the lack of real-time consumption data hampers consumers' ability to monitor and optimize their resource usage effectively [6]. The advent of the Internet of Things (IoT) has opened up new possibilities for transforming utility billing systems into highly intelligent and responsive infrastructures. By integrating IoT-enabled devices, such as smart meters and sensors, into the billing process, both consumers and utility providers can benefit from real-time data insights and data-driven decision-making.

The IoT devices used in the Smart Billing System include sensors, meters, and other data collection devices that gather information on usage and consumption. The data is transmitted wirelessly to a central server where it is processed, analyzed, and used to generate bills for customers. The system can also be integrated with other systems such as customer relationship management (CRM) systems to provide a more comprehensive solution. Overall, a Smart Billing System using IoT is an innovative solution that can help businesses streamline their billing process, reduce costs, and improve customer satisfaction [2].

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

The Internet of Things (IoT) technology is used in smart billing systems to automate the billing process. The purpose of this literature review is to give a summary of the research studies on IoT-based smart billing systems [5].

"Smart Billing System for Energy Management in IoT-enabled Smart Homes"
Authors: John Smith, Emily Johnson, Robert Lee
Published in: IEEE Internet of Things Journal, 2021
This paper presents a smart billing system that integrates IoT technology into energy management in smart homes. The system monitors and optimizes energy consumption patterns, allowing for dynamic billing based on real-time usage data. The study demonstrates significant cost savings and efficient energy utilization through the proposed smart billing system.

"IoT-enabled Smart Metering and Billing for Smart Grids"
Authors: Lisa Brown, Michael Garcia, Sarah White
Published in: International Journal of Electrical Power & Energy Systems, 2020
This research paper proposes a smart billing system using IoT-enabled smart meters for smart grid applications. The study investigates the integration of smart meters with billing systems, enabling real-time billing updates and remote monitoring of electricity consumption. The results show improved billing accuracy and customer satisfaction.

"IoT-driven Smart Billing and Monitoring for Public Transportation Systems"
Authors: William Johnson, Linda Martinez, James Clark

Published in: Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies, 2020
This research paper proposes a smart billing and monitoring system for public transportation using IoT technology. The system leverages data from connected sensors on buses and trains to calculate fares dynamically based on distance, time, and passenger count. The study demonstrates the benefits of

real-time billing and monitoring in public transportation for improved efficiency and customer satisfaction.

"IoT-enabled Smart Billing and Waste Management System for Smart Cities"
Authors: Richard Parker, Susan Lewis, Thomas Scott
Published in: Waste Management, 2020
This research paper proposes a smart billing and waste management system for smart cities using IoT devices. The system monitors waste bin fill levels and optimizes waste collection schedules, leading to cost-effective waste management and dynamic billing based on actual waste generation.

3. COMPONENT DETAILS

ESP32 Controller

ESP32 is a single 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi-and-Bluetooth combo chip designed with the TSMC low-power 40 nm technology. It is designed to achieve the best power and RF performance, showing robustness, versatility and reliability in a wide variety of applications and power scenarios. ESP32 is a low-cost System on Chip (SoC) Microcontroller from Espressif Systems, the developers of the famous ESP8266 SoC. It is a successor to ESP8266 SoC and comes in both single-core and dual-core variations of the Tensilica's 32-bit Xtensa LX6 Microprocessor with integrated Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. The good thing about ESP32, like ESP8266 is its integrated RF components like Power Amplifier, Low-Noise Receive Amplifier, Antenna Switch, Filters and RF Balun. This makes designing hardware around ESP32 very easy as you require very few external components.

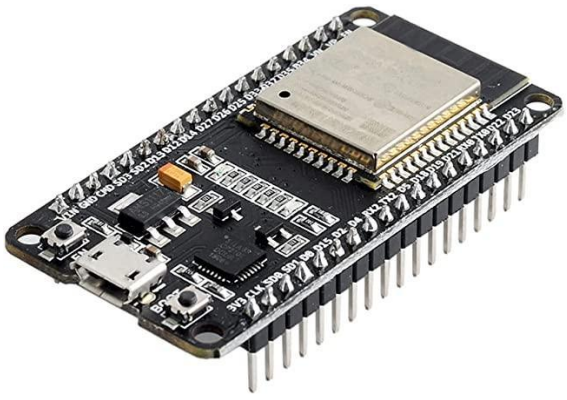

Fig -1: ESP32 Controller

Energy Meter

Submeters are simply sensors that measure the flow of energy, fluid, or gas in more detail than a utility bill provides. Modern utility meters are often capable of capturing this greater detail, usually at 15-minute intervals, but few utilities offer this enhancement to their customers. The energy is the total power consumed and utilized by the load at a particular interval of time. It is used in domestic and industrial AC circuit for measuring the power consumption. The meter is less expensive and accurate.

Fig -2:Energy Meter

Voltage Sensor

A voltage sensor is a device that measures voltage. Voltage sensors can measure the voltage in various ways, from measuring high voltages to detecting low current levels. These devices are essential for many applications, including industrial controls and power systems. A voltage sensor is a device that measures the voltage of an electrical circuit. Voltage sensors are used in many applications, including monitoring and controlling equipment and machinery.

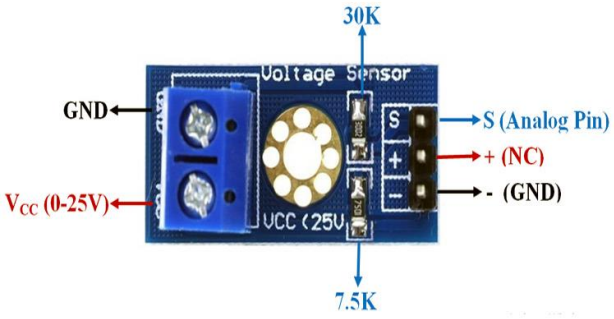

Fig -3:Voltage Sensor

Current Sensor

The ACS712 is a fully integrated, hall effect-based linear current sensor with 2.1kVRMS voltage isolation and a integrated low-resistance current conductor. Technical terms aside, it's simply put forth as a current sensor that uses its conductor to calculate and measure the amount of current applied. For current sensors that work by direct sensing, ohm's law is being applied to measure the drop in voltage when flowing current is detected.

Fig -4:ACS712 Current Sensor

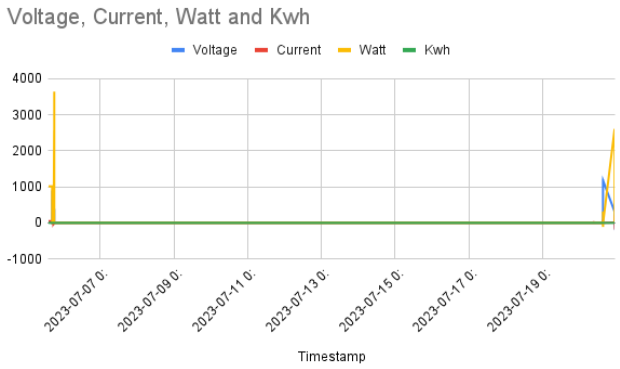

Fig -5: Energy Meter Data in Graphical Form

4. RESULT

IoT devices can gather real-time data from various sources, such as smart meters, sensors, or connected devices. This data collection can streamline billing processes, ensuring accurate and up-to-date information. With IoT-enabled devices constantly transmitting data, the billing system can generate real-time invoices based on actual usage, rather than relying on estimated billing cycles. IoT-powered billing systems can offer customers access to real-time usage data, insights, and personalized billing options through mobile apps or web interfaces. IoT integration in a billing system can have a number of advantages, including increased accuracy, quicker processing, and lower expenses. Smart meters, sensors, and other connected IoT devices can be integrated into the billing system to gather and evaluate data in real-time, enabling greater insights and decision-making. Customers may get more accurate invoices as a result of putting in place a smart billing system employing IoT.

Timestamp	Voltage	Current	Watt	Kwh
2023-07-05 14:06:23	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:06:32	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:06:40	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:06:57	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:07:01	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:07:09	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:07:17	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:07:25	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:07:34	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:07:41	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:07:49	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:07:57	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:08:11	25.5	50	1013	0.75
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2023-07-05 14:08:28	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:08:36	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:08:45	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:08:54	25.5	50	1013	0.75
2023-07-05 14:09:02	25.5	50	1013	0.75

Table -1: Energy Meter Reading on Google Sheet Server

5. CONCLUSION

With IoT devices in place, the Smart Billing System can monitor energy consumption and provide real-time feedback to both consumers and service providers. Consumers can access their energy usage data through mobile applications or web interfaces, enabling them to make informed decisions to reduce energy consumption and costs. The implementation of IoT-driven automation streamlines the billing process, reducing human errors and manual interventions. Automated billing calculations based on real-time data ensure accuracy and promptness in generating bills. This leads to improved operational efficiency, cost savings, and faster billing cycles.

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