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# Foreword

The aim of this 3rd International Conference on Data Engineering and Communication Technology (ICDECT) is to present a unified platform for advanced and multidisciplinary research towards the design of smart computing, information systems and electronic systems. The theme focuses on various innovation paradigms in system knowledge, intelligence and sustainability that may be applied to provide a realistic solution to variegated problems in society, environment and industries. The scope is also extended towards the deployment of emerging computational and knowledge transfer approaches, optimizing solutions in a variety of disciplines of computer science and electronics engineering. The conference was held on 15 and 16 March 2019 at Stanley College of Engineering and Technology for Women, Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

After having a thorough review of each submitted article, only quality articles are published in this volume. Eminent academicians and top industrialists are delivering lectures on contemporary thrust areas. The resource pool is drawn from IITs, NITs, IIITs, IDRBT and universities along with software companies like TCS, ThoughtWorks, GSPANN, Variance IT, FSMI, etc.

A galaxy of nearly 40 eminent personalities are chairing and acting conference as jury. The papers are classified into 7 tracks which will be delivered in 2 days in spacious technically state-of-the-art air-conditioned rooms.

On 14 March 2019, Conference Tutorial on DATA SCIENCE, Conference Workshop on Technology Trends, Conference Workshop on Python and Conference on IoT and Cloud Computing are scheduled.

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Dr. A. Vinaya Babu  
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# Preface

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Data Engineering and Communication Technology (ICDECT) held at Stanley College of Engineering and Technology for Women, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, on 15–16 March 2019. The aim of this conference is to enhance the information exchange of theoretical research and practical advancements at national and international levels in the fields of computer science, electrical, electronics and communication engineering. This encourages and promotes professional interaction among students, scholars, researchers, educators, professionals from industries and other groups to share the latest findings in their respective fields towards sustainable developments.

The refereed conference proceedings of the ICDECT-2K19 are published in a single volume. Out of 286 paper submissions from all over India, only 81 papers are being published after reviewing thoroughly; this Volume 1 under the theme “Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing—3rd International Conference on Data Engineering and Communication Technology (ICDECT-2K19)” comprises the comprehensive state-of-the-art technical contributions in the areas computer science engineering streams. Major topics of these research papers include the latest findings in the respective fields towards sustainable developments include Internet of things, cryptography and network security, image processing, natural language processing, data mining, machine learning, etc.

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# Automatic Water Controller Switch and pH Determination for Water in Overhead Tank Using IoT



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**Abstract** Water is a valuable natural resource which is used very thoughtlessly. Ground water is pumped up to overhead tanks through electric motors for daily usage. To overcome the alarming water crisis, the unnecessary wastage of water due to overflow in overhead tanks needs to be controlled. Automatic water level controller switch is designed to overcome this concern by automating the manual switch used to control water fill-up in the overhead tank. It is implemented using water level detector and Raspberry Pi module. The water level detector made using probes detects “empty-tank” condition in overhead tank and triggers fill-up process. The switch can be controlled through mobile phone app facilitating the user to regulate the overflow anywhere outside the home also. We also propose to determine the pH of the water stored in the overhead tank enabling us to identify acidic content of the water supplied for daily use and suitably initiate necessary cleaning action.

**Keywords** Water level detector • Overhead tanks • Raspberry PI • pH determination

## 1 Introduction

According to the World Health Organization Fact sheets [1], it is reported that by 2025 half of the world’s population will live in the water-stressed areas. Water scarcity [2] is results due to the inadequacy of natural water resources and poor

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management of available resources. Many homes and other public places use ground water for their daily usage which is pumped up to overhead tanks using water pumps which are controlled by electric motors. The water motor switch is manually turned ON and it is monitored for the tank to be filled-up for about 30 to 90 min. Controlling the pumps has become important to avoid wastage of water.

In this paper, we propose to develop an automatic water level controller switch, the switch is used to switch ON the motor when the water level in the overhead tank falls below pre-defined low level and switch OFF the motor when the water level rises up to pre-determined high level.

We also aim to determine the pH of the water being filled-up. This will help us to find the presence of hydrogen ions in the water which thereby determines whether the water is acidic or alkaline. Internet of things (IoT) allows to connect water level controller and pH sensor to be controlled from a handheld device embedded with an app or a computer.

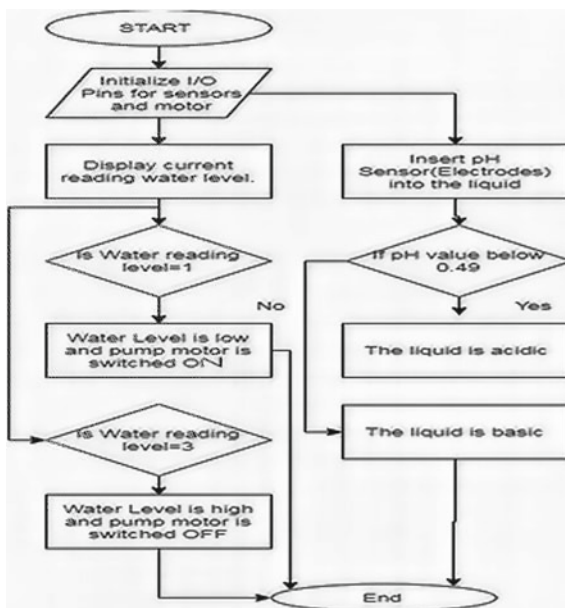
## 2 Literature Survey

In [3], based on availability of water level in tank, the water pump is adjusted and is implemented using sequential logic circuits. In [4], ultrasonic sensor is used to measure water level in non-contact approach, while existing automated systems involve contact-based water level sensors. In [5], Zigbee technology is used to monitor the overhead tank water level employing three-tank simulation model. [6] discusses how GSM technology is used to monitor water levels and notify users on low state.

## 3 Proposed Methodology

The overall goal of this paper is to overcome the unnecessary wastage of water that occurs due to overflow in overhead tanks thereby preventing the alarming water crisis. Automatic water controller switch is designed to implement water level detector in the overhead tank to identify the water level. The overhead tank is indicated with three levels basically, level 3 depicting tank fill condition, level 2 indicating half fill condition, and level 1 indicating empty-tank condition. Initially, GPIO pins on Raspberry PI 2 module are configured to be connected to water level detector and pump motor. The water level sensing is performed through the probes in contact with the water in overhead tank. This may lead to two possibilities. If the water level reading is 1, it represents an “empty-tank” condition. The relay controls the submersible pump motor by switching it ON and initiate water fill process in the overhead tank from the water sump storage. If the water level reading is 3, it represents a “filled tank” condition and the relay controls the switching OFF of the submersible water pump.

**Fig. 1** Proposed methodology



Additionally, we propose to determine the pH of the water available in the overhead tank helps in identifying if the water supplied for daily use is acidic or not. Since the usage of acidic water may lead to health concerns, necessary cleaning action may be initiated for pure water. Figure 1 illustrates the proposed methodology.

## 4 Design and Development

### 4.1 Hardware Interface

**Raspberry Pi:** The Raspberry Pi [7] is a credit card-sized electronic board which offers full complement of features and interfacing capabilities. It comes with a quad-core ARM Cortex-A53 processor and USB Micro power supply. Raspberry PI has a row general purpose IO pins (GPIO PINS) which interfaces the Pi from the outside world.

**Pump Motor:** A pump is a tool that moves about fluids by mechanical action. It is immersed in the fluid to be pumped.

**Relay:** A relay is an electrically operated switch used to control a circuit by a separate low-power signal, or where single signal controls several circuits.

**Power supply section:** Power supply unit, PSU, forms an important part of different components of electronics equipment. It primarily contains the following components: transformer, rectifier circuit, filter, and regulator circuits.

**Analog-to-digital converter (LM 317):** An analog-to-digital converter (ADC) [8] is a very essential feature that converts an analog voltage on a pin to a numerical value. This enables to interface the analog components with the electronics.

**pH sensor:** pH gives the concentration of free hydrogen and hydroxyl ions in the water. The pH [9] of a solution is the measure of the acidity. The pH is a logarithmic scale which ranges from 0 to 14 with a neutral point being 7.

## 4.2 Development of Water Level Detector and pH Sensor

### *Water Level Detector*

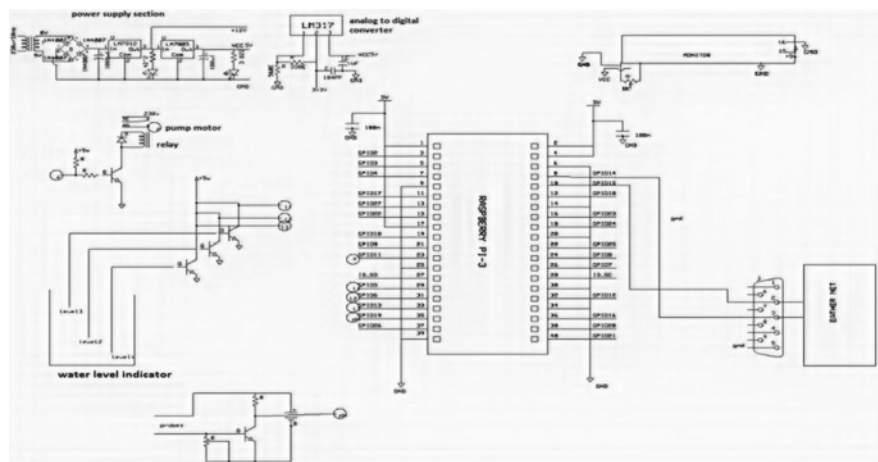
The water level detector works on a simple principle to identify and represent the level of water in an overhead tank or any other water container. The sensing is performed by utilizing three probes which are positioned at three different levels in the tank (where probe 3 at the highest level and probe 1 at the lowest level), common probe (i.e. a supply carrying probe) is positioned at the bottom of the tank. The level 3 marks the “tank full” condition whereas level 1 marks the “tank empty” condition. When the water level falls below the minimum detectable level (MDL), indication is made that the tank is empty (level 1), if the water reaches level 2 (which is above level 1 and below level 3), indication of half-full level is made.

### *pH Sensor*

A pH measurement loop consists of three components, namely the pH sensor, that comprises a measuring electrode, a reference electrode, and a temperature sensor; a preamplifier; and an analyzer. This loop is basically a battery where in the positive end is the measuring electrode and the negative end is the reference electrode. The measuring electrode being sensitive to the hydrogen ion concentration tends to build up a voltage difference (potential) directly associated to the concentration of hydrogen ion in the solution. The reference electrode supplies a stable potential to compare with the measuring electrode and it does not vary with the changing concentration of hydrogen ions. A solution in the reference electrode is in the contact with the sample solution and the measuring electrode via a junction. The preamplifier performs signal-conditioning and converts high-impedance electrode signal into low-impedance signal.

## 4.3 Circuit Diagram

The complete circuit diagram is shown in Fig. 2. The circuit comprises of water level detector, power supply section. LM 317 facilitates the purpose of analog-to-digital converter. In the power supply section, transformer is used to step



**Fig. 2** Complete circuit diagram showing different components like power supply section, analog-to-digital converter, Raspberry Pi, water level detector, relay, and sensor network

up or step down the input voltage line to the desired level and also couples this voltage to the rectifier section. The rectifier converts the AC signal to pulsating DC voltage which is further converted to filtered DC voltage using filter. Regulator is used to maintain the power supply section output at a constant level irrespective of large change that occur in load current or in input line voltage. Through the Raspberry Pi, conductivity input pin and another pin to relay to pump motor output connections are made. The monitor is used to observe the water level readings and status of overhead tank fill-up. In our case, the values are observed as a message through Cayenne [10] app on mobile phone or in e-mail.

**4.4 Circuit Operation**

The power supply section consists of transformer, rectifier, filter, and regulator. The 230 V power supply is passed through the step-down transformer and submersible pump motor. A set of four bridge rectifiers are used to convert AC to DC power. Regulators are used to control the power and supply only 12 V to entire circuit. The relay controls the switching of pump motor. The water level is indicated through three probes placed at 3 levels in the tank through conductivity. When the water level is low it gets detected through conductivity and passes the input to relay. The relay passes logic 1 and pump motor is switched ON. When the water level is full, it gets detected and the relay passes logic 0 and pump motor is switched OFF. The pH sensor is used to record pH of given liquid by means of electrodes and these values are passed to analog-to-digital converter and finally observed on Cayenne app.





Fig. 3 a, b Raspberry PI connections being configured through the Cayenne app

4.5 Programming Raspberry PI

A C++ code is written to program Raspberry PI 2.0 using Arduino [11] IDE. WiringPI access library is used to program and setup GPIO pins. QThread class is used to manage threads and suitably define timer functions. A handler is created to process and respond incoming requests. The code is downloaded to configure Raspberry PI connections. Figure 3 illustrates the Raspberry PI connections through Cayenne app.

5 Results and Discussion

5.1 Specifications

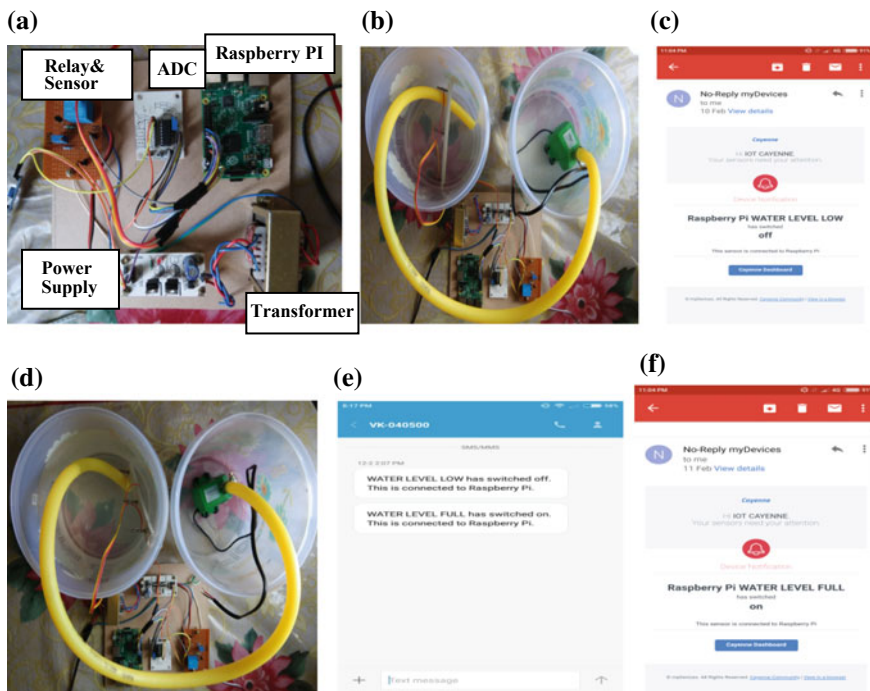
The specifications of the hardware, software and apps involved in the development of automatic water level controller switch are listed in Table 1.

5.2 Interfacing Raspberry PI with the Water Level Detector

The water level is detected by three probes placed at three levels in the tank through conductivity. Pins 11 and 13 on Raspberry PI are connected to the conductivity pins

Table 1 Specifications for automatic water level controller switch

Hardware		Software	Apps
Component	Rating		
Power supply	12 V 1 A	Arduino IDE	Cayenne Yahoo Mail
ADC	12 V 1 A		
Raspberry PI 2	5 V 2 A		



**Fig. 4** **a** Labeled circuit setup. **b** Setup showing empty overhead tank scenario **c** E-mail sent indicating water level low condition. **d** Setup showing water fill-up process. **e** Message sent on mobile phone and e-mail through Cayenne app on tank full

coming from water level detector. Pin 22 is connected from Raspberry PI to relay for pump motor output. When the low level is detected, logic 1 is passed to relay switch which automatically switches on the submersible pump motor which initiates water fill-up into the overhead tank. When the full level is detected, logic 0 is passed to relay from raspberry pi and the pump motor is switched off by relay. Figure 4a shows water controller using labeled components. Figure 4b and c depict the water level low condition and e-mail notified to the user. Figure 4d, e, and f depict tank fill condition and all notifications made to user's phone and e-mail for the condition.

### 5.3 pH Determination

The pH value is calculated using electrode. Totally, three pins are connected to pH sensor. Out of the three pins, two are connected to Vdd and Gnd of power section. One pin is connected to analog-to-digital converter to show values in digital format. The pH value is represented on the scale of 0–1.