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Garbage Automation Separation

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Abstract: *The rapid increase in population and urbanization has led to a significant rise in solid waste generation, creating major challenges in waste management and environmental sustainability. Improper disposal and lack of segregation at the source result in inefficient recycling and increased pollution. This paper presents the design and development of an automated garbage segregation system that aims to classify and separate waste into different categories such as wet, dry, and metallic waste.*
The proposed system utilizes a combination of sensors, including infrared, moisture, and metal detection sensors, along with a microcontroller-based control unit to identify and sort waste materials automatically. The system operates through a conveyor or bin mechanism where waste is detected, classified, and directed into appropriate containers using actuators such as servo motors. Advanced approaches may also incorporate machine learning and image processing techniques for accurate real-time classification of waste materials, improving the efficiency and adaptability of the system..

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I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of population, urbanization, and industrialization has led to a significant increase in the generation of solid waste across the world. Inefficient waste management practices and lack of proper segregation at the source have become major environmental concerns, leading to pollution, health hazards, and depletion of natural resources. In many developing countries, waste is often disposed of in mixed form, making recycling and reuse processes difficult and less effective.Waste segregation is the fundamental step in efficient waste management, as it enables the proper handling of biodegradable (wet), non-biodegradable (dry), and hazardous waste. However, manual segregation is time-consuming, labor-intensive, and exposes workers to harmful substances. Therefore, there is a need for an automated system that can efficiently segregate waste with minimal human intervention.The Garbage Automatic Separation System is designed to address these challenges by using sensor-based technology and microcontroller systems to automatically identify and separate different types of waste. Sensors such as moisture sensors, metal detectors, and infrared sensors are used to detect the nature of waste materials, while actuators help in sorting them into appropriate bins.

II. COMPONANTS USED

1. Arduino Uno Microcontroller Board:

The Arduino Uno is a widely used open-source microcontroller board based on the ATmega328P microcontroller. It is designed to make electronics and embedded system development simple and accessible for beginners as well as

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professionals. The board consists of digital and analog input/output pins that allow it to interface with various sensors, actuators, and other electronic components. It operates at a voltage of 5V and can be powered through a USB connection or an external power supply. In a garbage automatic separation system, the Arduino Uno acts as the central control unit. It receives input signals from sensors such as moisture sensors, metal detectors, and infrared sensors, processes the data, and then controls output devices like motors and indicators to perform waste segregation.

2. LCD Display

A Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) is an electronic display module widely used in embedded systems and automation projects to show information in a visual format. It works by using liquid crystals that align when an electric current is applied, thereby controlling the passage of light to form characters or images on the screen. LCDs are popular because they consume very low power, are compact in size, and provide clear output, making them suitable for microcontroller-based applications. The most commonly used LCD in projects like garbage automatic separation systems is the 16x2 LCD, which can display 16 characters in each of its two rows.

3. Ultra Sonic Sensor :

An ultrasonic sensor is an electronic device used to measure distance by using high-frequency sound waves. It works on the principle of echo, where the sensor emits ultrasonic waves and receives the reflected waves after they bounce off an object. By calculating the time taken for the echo to return, the sensor determines the distance between itself and the object. The most commonly used ultrasonic sensor in embedded systems is the HC-SR04 module, which consists of two main parts: a transmitter and a receiver. The transmitter sends ultrasonic waves, while the receiver captures the reflected waves. The sensor has four pins—VCC, GND, Trigger, and Echo—which are used for power supply and communication with a microcontroller such as Arduino.

4. Moisture Sensor :

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A moisture sensor is an electronic device used to detect the presence of rain or water droplets. It works on the principle of conductivity or resistance change. The sensor consists of a rain detection plate with exposed conductive tracks and a control module. When water droplets fall on the sensor plate, they create a conductive path between the tracks, which changes the resistance. This change is detected by the control module and converted into an electrical signal that can be read by a microcontroller. In automation systems, the rain sensor is used to detect moisture or water presence and trigger actions accordingly. In a garbage automatic separation system, it can help in identifying wet waste by detecting moisture content. It can also be used in other applications such as automatic wiper systems, smart irrigation systems, and weather monitoring stations.

5. Servo Motor:

A servo motor is a small, efficient actuator used for precise control of angular position, rotation, and movement. It consists of a DC motor, a control circuit, and a feedback mechanism (usually a potentiometer) that helps in achieving accurate positioning. Unlike normal motors that rotate continuously, a servo motor can rotate to a specific angle, typically between 0° and 180°, based on the input signal it receives. The operation of a servo motor is based on Pulse Width Modulation (PWM). The microcontroller, such as Arduino, sends PWM signals to the servo motor, and depending on the pulse width, the motor shaft moves to a particular position. It has three main wires: VCC (power supply), GND (ground), and a signal pin that receives control signals. In a garbage automatic separation system, the servo motor is used to control mechanical movements such as opening and closing flaps or directing waste into different bins. For example, when a sensor detects the type of waste, the servo motor rotates to a specific angle to drop the waste into the correct container.Overallthe servo motor is an important component in automation systems because of its accuracy,

6. Active Buzzer :

An active buzzer is an electronic sound-producing device that has a built-in oscillator. This means it can generate a beep sound automatically when a voltage (usually 5V) is applied. Unlike a passive buzzer, it does not require an external signal to produce sound.In a garbage automatic separation system, the active buzzer is used to provide alerts such as when the bin is full, when waste is detected, or when an error occurs. It helps in giving immediate audio feedback to the user.

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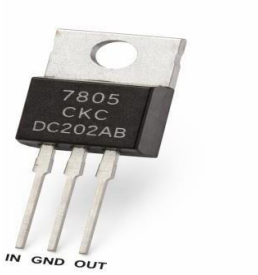
7. 5 Volte Regulator :

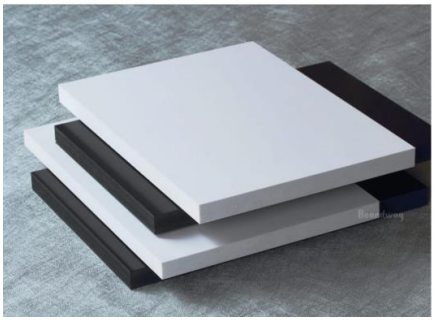


5V voltage regulator, commonly known as the 7805 IC, is an electronic component used to provide a constant 5-volt output from a higher input voltage. It belongs to the 78xx series of linear voltage regulators, where "78" indicates positive voltage regulators and "05" represents the 5V output. It is widely used in electronic circuits to ensure a stable power supply for components like microcontrollers, sensors, and modules.The 7805 regulator has three pins: input, ground, and output. The input pin receives an unregulated voltage, typically between 7V to 35V, and the output pin provides a steady 5V DC supply. The ground pin acts as a reference point. It also includes internal protection features such as overcurrent protection and thermal shutdown, which help prevent damage due to overheating or excessive current.

8. Power Switch :

A power switch is a simple electrical device used to turn a circuit ON or OFF by controlling the flow of current. It plays an important role in electronic systems by allowing the user to manually control the power supply. When the switch is turned ON, it completes the circuit and allows current to flow, enabling the system to operate. When it is turned OFF, it breaks the circuit and stops the flow of current, shutting down the system.Power switches are available in different types such as toggle switches, push-button switches, and rocker switches. The rocker switch, as shown in the image, is commonly used in many electronic devices. It usually has markings like "I" (ON) and "O" (OFF) to indicate its state. These switches are easy to use, reliable, and suitable for both low and high voltage applications depending on their rating.

9. PVC Foam Sheeet :



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A PVC foam sheet is a lightweight, durable, and versatile material made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC). It has a smooth surface and a foam-like internal structure, which makes it strong yet easy to cut, shape, and handle. PVC foam sheets are resistant to water, chemicals, and corrosion, making them suitable for both indoor and outdoor applications. They are available in different thicknesses and sizes depending on the requirement of the project.

One of the main advantages of PVC foam sheets is their excellent strength-to-weight ratio. Despite being lightweight, they provide good mechanical strength and stability. They also have good insulation properties and are easy to drill, glue, and paint, which makes them ideal for prototyping and fabrication work.

III. LITERATURE SURVEY

Efficient waste management has become a major concern due to the rapid increase in population and urbanization. Several researchers have proposed different methods for automatic garbage segregation to improve recycling efficiency and reduce environmental impact. Earlier systems mainly focused on manual segregation, which was time-consuming, labor-intensive, and prone to human error. These limitations led to the development of automated systems using embedded technology and sensor-based approaches.

Many studies have utilized basic sensors such as moisture sensors, metal detectors, and infrared sensors to classify waste into categories like wet, dry, and metallic.

These systems are simple, cost-effective, and suitable for small-scale applications. However, their accuracy is limited when dealing with mixed or complex waste materials. Some researchers have improved these systems by integrating multiple sensors, which enhances the reliability of detection and reduces classification errors. With the advancement of technology, recent research has focused on the use of image processing and machine learning techniques for waste classification. Systems based on camera modules and algorithms such as Convolutional Neural Networks have shown higher accuracy in identifying different types of waste like plastic, paper, and glass.

These approaches are more efficient but require higher computational power and cost, making them suitable for large-scale or industrial applications. In addition, the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technology has further enhanced garbage management systems. IoT-based systems enable real-time monitoring of waste levels, remote data access, and efficient scheduling of waste collection.

This helps in reducing overflow issues and improving overall waste management efficiency in smart cities.

Overall, the literature indicates that while sensor-based systems are economical and easy to implement, advanced techniques such as machine learning and IoT provide better accuracy and scalability.

The proposed garbage automatic separation system aims to combine these approaches to achieve an efficient, cost-effective, and reliable solution for modern waste management.

IV. SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Functional Scope

Functional scope refers to the specific functions, operations, and tasks that a system is designed to perform. It defines what the system actually does and how it behaves when it is working. In simple words, it describes the features and activities that are included in the project.

- The system detects the presence of garbage using sensors.
- It identifies the type of waste such as wet, dry, and metal.
- The microcontroller processes sensor data and makes decisions.
- The system automatically separates waste into different bins.
- Servo motors control the movement of flaps for sorting waste.
- The LCD display shows system status and waste type.
- The buzzer provides alerts for events like bin full or detection.
- The ultrasonic sensor monitors the level of garbage in bins.
- The system operates automatically with minimal human intervention.

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Non-Functional Scope

The non-functional scope defines the quality, performance, and constraints of the system.

- The system should be reliable and provide accurate waste detection.
- It should have low power consumption for efficient operation.
- The design should be cost-effective and affordable.
- The system must be easy to use and user-friendly.
- It should be durable and resistant to environmental conditions.
- The response time of the system should be fast.
- The system should require minimal maintenance.
- It should be safe to operate and handle.
- The design should be scalable for future upgrades.

V. METHODOLOGY/APPROACH

The proposed garbage automatic separation system is designed using a combination of sensors, a microcontroller, and mechanical components to achieve efficient waste segregation. The process begins when garbage is placed into the system, where an infrared sensor detects the presence of an object and activates the system. Once the waste is detected, it is passed through different sensing stages for classification.

At the first stage, a moisture sensor checks the moisture content of the waste to determine whether it is wet or dry. If the waste contains moisture, it is classified as wet waste. Next, a metal sensor is used to detect the presence of metallic materials. If metal is detected, the system classifies the waste accordingly. All sensor data is sent to the microcontroller, which acts as the central processing unit of the system.

Based on the input received from the sensors, the microcontroller processes the data and sends control signals to the servo motor. The servo motor then rotates to a specific position to direct the waste into the appropriate bin. An LCD display is used to show the type of waste detected and system status, while a buzzer provides alerts when necessary. Additionally, an ultrasonic sensor monitors the level of garbage in each bin and indicates when the bin is full.

- System Design

Design an automatic waste segregation system

Divide system into sensing, processing, and output units

- Sensor Integration

Use moisture sensor to detect wet waste Use metal sensor to detect metallic waste Use IR sensor for object detection

- Data Processing

Collect data from all sensors

Process data using microcontroller (Arduino Uno) Identify the type of waste

- Waste Segregation Mechanism Use servo motor for movement control Direct waste into appropriate bins
- User Interface

Display information on LCD screen

Show waste type and system status

- Alert System

Use buzzer for notifications Indicate bin full or system activity

Monitoring System

Use ultrasonic sensor to check bin level Prevent overflow of garbage

Automation

Ensure system works automatically

Reduce human effort and increase efficiency

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VI. ADVANTAGES

• Reduces Manual Work
The system automatically separates waste, reducing human effort and making the process more efficient.
• Improves Hygiene
It minimizes human contact with garbage, helping to prevent diseases and maintain cleanliness.
• Efficient Waste Segregation
The system accurately separates different types of waste, improving recycling and waste management
• Saves Time
Automatic operation speeds up the segregation process and reduces the time required compared to manual methods.
• Eco-Friendly
Proper segregation reduces environmental pollution and supports sustainable waste management practices.
• Cost-Effective
The use of low-cost components makes the system affordable and suitable for practical applications.
• Automatic Operation
The system works independently with minimal human intervention, ensuring smooth and continuous operation.
• Smart Monitoring
Sensors help monitor waste levels and prevent overflow, improving overall system efficiency.
• Scalable System
The system can be upgraded with advanced technologies like IoT and AI for larger applications

VII. APPLICATIONS

• Households
Used in homes to automatically separate daily waste, making disposal easier and cleaner.
• Hospitals
Helps in safe segregation of medical and general waste, reducing health risks and contamination.
• Colleges and Schools
Promotes proper waste management and cleanliness in educational institutions.
• Public Places
Installed in parks, bus stands, and railway stations to manage large amounts of waste efficiently.
• Municipal Waste Management
Assists city authorities in improving garbage collection and segregation systems.
• Industries
Used in factories for sorting industrial waste materials effectively

VIII. CONCLUSION

The Garbage Automatic Separation System provides an effective and innovative solution to the growing problem of waste management. By using sensors, a microcontroller, and automated mechanisms, the system is able to identify and separate different types of waste such as wet, dry, and metal efficiently. This reduces the need for manual segregation, saves time, and improves overall hygiene.

The system not only enhances the accuracy of waste classification but also supports recycling and proper disposal practices. It is cost-effective, easy to implement, and suitable for various applications such as households, institutions, and public places.

In conclusion, the proposed system contributes to environmental sustainability by reducing pollution and promoting smart waste management.

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