



TRANSFORMER FAULT DETECTION USING IOT

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ABSTRACT—

In the process of distributing electric power, the transformers is known as the "heart of "Transmission and Distribution" Distribution is important because it fulfills a vital function, especially for many applications. However, now there are a lot of restrictions due to lack of any routine maintenance and, in the situation of an overload, the problem isn't discovered until it has already happened at the transformers on a different day. Usually, this happens when a fuse is installed incorrectly. The load results in the transformer's capacity being exceeded. This study recommends a procedure for avoiding protection failure by frequently evaluating select circuit for low voltage in order to reduce transformer failure. The IoT-based findings were reported online using the New application. The shift in electrical data is one indicator of the status of the transformer under examination. If there is a deviation from the transformer's typical characteristics, the state of the transformer may be known beforehand by transmitting data from microcontroller and then passing it to a later application, which further shows the measured data for the transformer location. Any deviations from the transformer's usual characteristics will be quickly identified by this monitoring system.

Keywords— Distribution transformer; PIC microcontroller; GSM module; current; temperature; oil level; vibration; humidity; Remote terminal Unit (RTU); Monitoring Unit. Overload, IoT, Arduino, and microcontroller are all terms used to describe distribution transformers.

INTRODUCTION

An essential part of the electricity generation and distribution system is the transformer. If the transformer has an unforeseen fault while it is in service, the economy and public safety will suffer greatly. More thorough monitoring and diagnostics of transformers are therefore essential. The "internet of things" use in the electrical system may improve not only security but also the central network for information exchange and power transfer, as well as the reliability of that transmission. In this industry, technology advances swiftly. However, uneven maintenance causes a lot of current limits, and usually, as in the case of an overload, the problem is not discovered until after the transformer has already experienced it. Overloading occurs when the transformer is used beyond its intended capacity. A voice call is used by an online IoT to report the outcome. One sign of the state of the transformer under investigation is the difference in temperature from the norm. A microcontroller signal may be used to rapidly determine the state of the transformer if it performs differently from how it typically does.

LITERATURE SURVEY

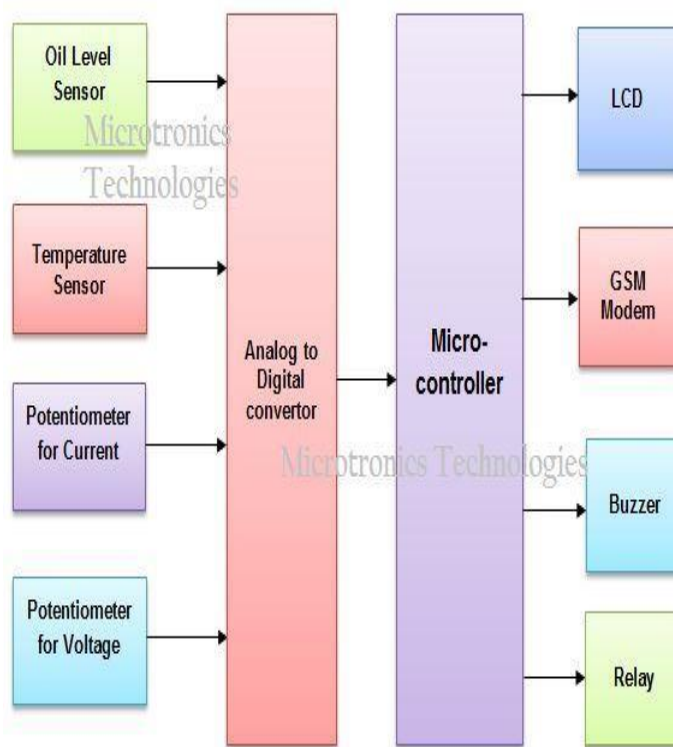
Distribution transformers serve as the foundation of every electricity distribution network. In this study, we create an online monitoring system that has several benefits for engineers, including data collection, improved management, condition evaluation, and decision-making. Distribution transformers' primary purpose is to change high AC power into low AC voltage. The rated circumstances determine the lifespan of the distribution transformer. Transformers have a long lifespan while operating under normal conditions, and their lifespan decreases if they are overworked. System dependability is decreased by distribution transformer overload. Distribution transformers are now manually maintained and parameter values are recorded. In manual testing, there are several flaws that are brought on by oil and windings. The life of the transformer is increased and all manual testing's drawbacks are eliminated by the suggested approach. The parameters are graphically represented to offer engineers a thorough understanding of how the transformer operates.

Modern technology is evolving at a breakneck pace. The transformer is the key component of transmission and distribution in the world of electric power distribution. That is to say, a transformer should perform at its best. Power transformers that are in a voltage state where a mistake cannot be recognised in advance are a general example of constraints. It is now very difficult to determine the status of the transformer suffering interference if interference occurs outside of the maintenance schedule. The only does routine maintenance in accordance with the schedule at a specific time.

The Fuse placed, which is inappropriate or greater than what should be installed, is an example of an occurrence that occurred on the field. The load transformer is above 100% as a result. An online transformer condition monitoring system is necessary as a result of this circumstance. It gives this instrument the idea of the Internet of Things. Using the sensor, we can keep an eye on the current, which the programme will use to show information based on the location of the transformer after being read by the microcontroller. A current sensor for parameters to determine the condition of the secondary transformer is included in the tool.

Although this would increase prices, the advantage is that it will be simpler for staff to look into disturbances and expedite handling. When there is an interruption, it typically takes the employee 45 to 60 minutes to locate the source of the problem. Also, this makes it simpler for workers to effectively manage their time by instantly locating any interruptions. With this idea, Such a monitoring is crucial for ensuring reliable and sustainable delivery of electrical energy.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



A common transformer condition monitoring system is capable of tracking a number of variables, including oil temperature, gas content, moisture content, oil level, voltage, and current. This paper's major goal is to build and execute an embedded mobile and Internet of Things (IoT)-based system. To meet this goal, we have developed a project-IoT-based transformer failure detection method. Through the use of a buzzer and voice calls from engineers, this aids in the early detection of municipal problems.

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

A typical transformer condition monitoring system can monitor a variety of components such as oil level, voltage, current, and so on.

The primary objective of this article is to design and implement an embedded mobile and IoT-based system that uses sensors to determine the oil level, voltage, current, and so on.

A predefined programme uploaded to the Arduino calibrates the given input values and provides the required output.

This work entails monitoring the level range of transformer oil. The Arduino receives the measured values.

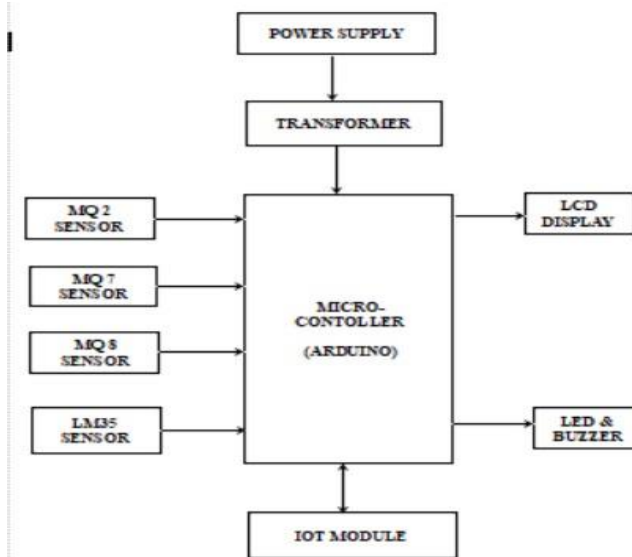
In the comparators, the values provided by the sensors are measured and compared to the nominal value predetermined in the programme. If the measured value changes, the system will send an alert to the concerned person using the GSM module, and the buzzer will beep and place a call as a physical indication.

We will also set a threshold frequency level so that if the voltage crosses that level, GSM will place a call, and if it blasts, we will produce a buzzer.

A local display LCD screen displays the programmed output. The same output is also sent via the GSM module to the internet server and then to the mobile application programmed in the Arduino.

Data will be saved and can be used for further research. The GSM modem serves as a short message server, sending parameters as SMS.

The information on the state of health of the transformer and alarms raised when measured values exceed appropriate limits can be provided to the operator by using software to store and perform the dissolved analysis of the measured data.

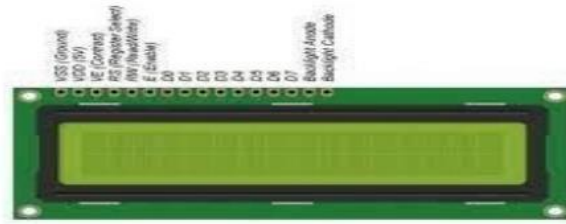


BLOCK DIAGRAM

CURRENT SYSTEM	PROPOSED SYSTEM
<p>In the current system, the employee must manually locate the problem.</p> <p>Cons: - The current system include the lengthy identification process for faults the error must be manually located by the employee.</p>	<p>The primary idea behind a sensor-based intelligent fault detection technique is that the time it takes to discover a fault is reduced.</p> <p>Advantages: - Benefits of the suggested approach include a shorter time frame for fault detection. The microcontroller will use IOT technology to report the detected fault to the WEB SERVER.</p>

COMPONENTS DESCRIPTION

Arduino: - In order to develop digital equipment and interactive objects that really can read and operate both physically and digitally, users of Arduino's open - sourced hardware and software design and produce single board microcontrollers as well as kits of microcontrollers. The boot loader that comes pre-programmed on Arduino microcontrollers makes it easier to upload programmes to the chip's flash memory. Any programming language with a compiler that produces binary bytecode for the target machine can be used to create programs for Arduino hardware.



Temperature sensor: - Precision integrated-circuit thermistors of the LM35 series have voltage waveform that are linear proportional to the temperature in Celsius. The operating temperature range for the LM35 is -55 to +120°C.

The LM35's temperature can be adhered to or fixed to a surface, and it will remain between 0.010°C of a temperature rise. A comparator circuit can be used to detect overheating by feeding the LM35's temperature output into it.

Current sensor: - The ESP8266 Wi-Fi module is a self-contained SOC with an integrated TCP/IP protocol stack that can provide access to your Wi-Fi network to any microcontroller. The ESP8266 can host an application or offload all Wi-Fi networking functions from another application processor. Each ESP8266 module comes preprogrammed with an AT command set firmware, meaning, you can simply hook this up to your Arduino device and get about as much Wi-Fi ability as Wi-Fi offers. The ESP8266 module is a low-cost board with a large and rapidly growing community.

Supply Circuit: - The circuits' required power is supplied by the supply circuit. 230V single phase AC is changed to 12V using a step down transformer. The power supply circuit receives the voltage of the step-down alternating current. Sent by the circuit that supplies power are +5, -5, +12, and -12 volts. The driving circuit requires both 5V and 12V, and the Uno and LCD display both require 5V.

PROPOSED WORK

The design and construction of an embedded mobile Internet

- of - things system to check voltage fluctuation, oil level, and oil temperature is the main objective of this project.

METHODOLOGY

As part of our job, we monitor the operation of the transformer by measuring the over voltage, over current, oil level, oil current, and winding temperature and comparing them to the nominal value in a comparator. The system will notify the concerned individual of an error if the calculation that determines changes. Install sensors on the transformers and its surroundings, such as temperature, vibration, and current/voltage sensors. The sensors will be coupled with IoT hardware so that the sensor data may be sent to a centralised system for analysis.

CONCLUSION

The design, implementation, and testing of a mobile distribution transformer monitoring system. The system is configured to capture and transmit information about abnormal operating parameters to a mobile device through a GSM network while being attached to a distribution transformer. Given the general GSM network load, the SMS message delivery time ranged from 2 to 10 seconds. The system hardware was built using components that were readily available. The experimental outcomes confirmed what was predicted. This system may be enhanced with a server module that will regularly collect and store data about the transformer parameters for each distribution transformer belonging to a certain service in a data model. The utility may monitor the operating behaviour of its transformer using the recorded data and discover defects before any catastrophic breakdowns, which would result in considerable cost savings and improved system dependability.

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