PROJECT REPORT

TOUCHLESS ENTRY-EXIT DATA TRACKING SYSTEM

1. ABSTRACT:

The **Touchless Entry-Exit Data Tracking System (TEED-TS)** offers a hygienic, non-contact solution for monitoring movement, utilizing **infrared (IR) sensors** and the **ESP8266 microcontroller**. By detecting disruptions in IR signals, the system reliably records entry and exit events. The collected data is accessible through **graphical visualizations** or as **CSV exports**, ensuring seamless integration with analytical and reporting tools.

This project addresses the growing need for safe and efficient data collection in environments where monitoring human or object movement is essential. TEED-TS leverages **embedded systems** and **IoT technologies** to deliver a scalable and automated contactless tracking solution. Its applications span industries such as healthcare, retail, logistics, and security, promoting enhanced safety, hygiene, and operational efficiency.

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2.INTRODUCTION:

In recent years, the demand for hygienic and efficient automation systems has grown significantly, particularly for entry-exit monitoring in public spaces. The Touchless Entry-Exit Data Tracking System (TEED-TS) meets this need by utilizing infrared (IR) sensors and IoT technologies to deliver a fully touchless solution. Designed with safety in mind, the system eliminates physical contact, enhances data accuracy, and integrates seamlessly with existing infrastructures, providing a scalable and reliable approach to modern automation challenges.

3.KEYWORDS:

Infrared (IR) Sensors, Touchless System ESP8266 Microcontroller, Entry-Exit Monitoring, Hygienic Automation, IoT (Internet of Things), Data Logging, Real-Time Tracking, Embedded Systems, Motion Detection.

4. OBJECTIVES:

The primary objective of the Touchless Entry-Exit Data Tracking System (TEED-TS) is to design and implement a non-contact, automated system using infrared (IR) sensors and a microcontroller to monitor and record movements at entry and exit points. The system is designed to:

1. Deliver a hygienic, touchless solution by eliminating the need for physical interaction.

2. Enhance safety and operational efficiency in monitoring movement across various environments, including public spaces, workplaces, and healthcare facilities.
3. Facilitate the collection, storage, and visualization of data for real-time tracking and advanced data analysis, supporting decision-making and security applications.

4. Provide a cost-effective, scalable, and easily integral solution, adaptable to existing infrastructure or expandable for larger-scaledeployments.

5. LITERATURE REVIEW:

5.1 Infrared (IR) Sensors for Object Detection

Infrared (IR) sensors are highly regarded for their accuracy, affordability, and non-invasive nature in object detection. Kumar et al. (2021) identify IR sensors as particularly effective for detecting motion and proximity in automation systems. By emitting IR light that is disrupted when an object crosses the beam, these sensors enable precise monitoring of entry and exit activities. However, the study notes a significant limitation: strong ambient infrared light can interfere with sensor performance, reducing reliability in specific environments.

5.2 Embedded Systems for Real-Time Monitoring

Embedded systems are integral to real-time monitoring and data processing in touchless systems. Smith et al. (2022) emphasize the efficiency of microcontrollers like the ESP8266 in IoT applications, attributing it to their low power consumption, built-in Wi-Fi capabilities, and compatibility with diverse sensors. These systems enable local data processing before transmission to a central server, ensuring rapid response times. The integration of IR sensors with the ESP8266 has demonstrated its effectiveness in creating lightweight and portable solutions.

5.3 IoT for Data Logging and Visualization.

The Internet of Things (IoT) has transformed data collection and analysis in automation systems. Tan and Zhou (2020) highlight how IoT devices transmit sensor data to cloud platforms or local servers, enabling advanced analytics and visualization. In the context of TEED-TS, IoT facilitates seamless data logging and provides outputs in formats such as CSV files and graphical displays, enhancing user accessibility. Additionally, IoT systems integrate with mobile devices, enabling convenient remote monitoring capabilities.

5.4 Hygiene and Contactless Automation

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, touchless systems have gained prominence for improving hygiene and reducing human contact. Johnson et al. (2021) highlight the critical role of touchless entry-exit systems in public spaces like hospitals, airports, and schools to mitigate the spread of pathogens. The TEED-TS project addresses this need with a fully non-contact approach to monitoring and tracking movements.

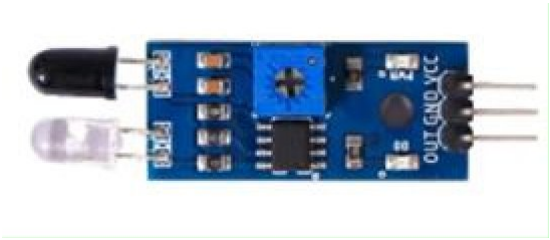
5.5 Challenges in Touchless Systems

The quest for seamless touchless experiences is fraught with challenges. Take, for instance, the environmental hurdles that can dash our hopes. As noted by Park et al. (2019), even the slightest dust speck or temperature fluctuations can throw off sensor accuracy, leaving us scrambling to find solutions. Moreover, when it comes to multi-sensor setups in real-time applications, ensuring perfect synchrony demands meticulous calibration and sophisticated algorithms - a daunting task that requires careful consideration and attention to detail.

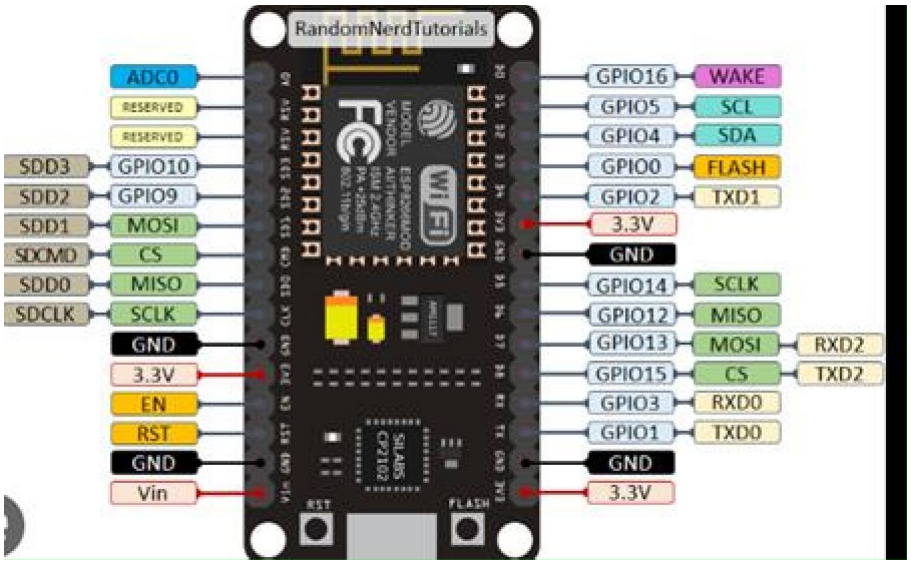
6. COMPONENTS:

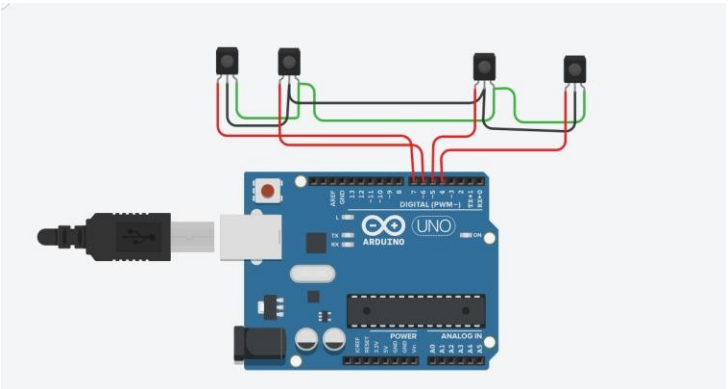
6.1 HARDWARE

IR sensors: Detect interruptions in the infrared beam.



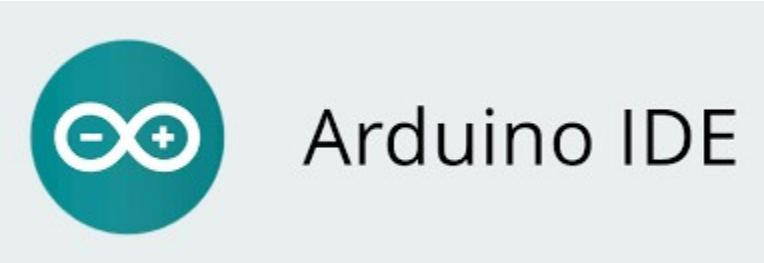
ESP8266: Processes sensor data and communicates with the laptop.





6.2 SOFTWARE

Arduino IDE for ESP8266 programming**.**



Python for data processing and visualization.

Python modules used

- **csv** – provide read/write functionality
- **time** – track the elapsed time
- **datetime** – for manipulating times, generate timestamp
- **matplotlib.pyplot** – for creating bar graphs and visualisation
- **matplotlib.animation** – for animated plots and RT update of bar graph
- **serial** – for adding communicative ability

CODE:

SERVER (PYTHON):

```
import serial
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.animation as animation
import csv
import datetime
import time
import re
from collections import defaultdict

# Configure your serial port and baud rate here
serial_port = 'COM5' # Update with your port (e.g., 'COM3' on Windows or '/dev/ttyUSB0' on Linux)
baud_rate = 115200
output_file = "serial_data.csv"
threshold = 1000  # Customizable threshold for total count

# Initialize serial connection
ser = serial.Serial(serial_port, baud_rate)

# Initialize data storage
entry_count = 0
exit_count = 0
total_count = 0
time_stamps = []
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interval_data = defaultdict(lambda: {'Entry': 0, 'Exit': 0})
start_interval_time = time.time()

# Set up CSV file for data storage
with open(output_file, 'w', newline='') as csvfile:
    csvwriter = csv.writer(csvfile)
    csvwriter.writerow(['Timestamp', 'Type', 'Count']) # Write header row

print("TOUCHLESS ENTRY EXIT DATA TRACKER")

# Set up matplotlib figures
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 5))
bars_realtime = ax[0].bar(['Entry', 'Exit'], [entry_count, exit_count], color=['green', 'red'])
bars_interval = ax[1].bar([], [], color=['blue', 'orange'])

# Set integer tick marks for y-axis
ax[0].yaxis.get_major_locator().set_params(integer=True)
ax[0].set_title("Real-Time Entry/Exit Count")
ax[0].set_xlabel("Event Type")
ax[0].set_ylabel("Count")

ax[1].yaxis.get_major_locator().set_params(integer=True)
ax[1].set_title("5-Minute Interval Entry/Exit Count")
ax[1].set_xlabel("Intervals")
ax[1].set_ylabel("Count")

total_count_annotation = ax[0].text(0.5, 0, '', ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=12, color='blue')
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# Function to parse the time from the serial message
def parse_time_from_message(message):
    match = re.search(r"(\d+) hr : (\d+) min : (\d+) sec", message)
    if match:
        hours, minutes, seconds = map(int, match.groups())
        return datetime.datetime.now().replace(hour=hours,
minute=minutes, second=seconds)
    return None

# Function to update bar graphs
def update(frame):
    global entry_count, exit_count, total_count, start_interval_time

    if ser.in_waiting > 0:
        # Read a line from the serial port with error handling for
decoding
        line = ser.readline().decode('utf-8', errors='ignore').strip()
        timestamp = None
        label = None

        if "Entry detected at" in line:
            entry_count += 1
            total_count += 1
            timestamp = parse_time_from_message(line)
            label = 'Entry'

        elif "Exit detected at" in line:
            exit_count += 1
```

```
            total_count = max(0, total_count - 1) # Prevent negative
total count
            timestamp = parse_time_from_message(line)
            label = 'Exit'

        # Update interval data
        if timestamp:
            interval = int((time.time() - start_interval_time) // 300) # 5-
minute intervals
            interval_data[interval][label] += 1

            # Save data to CSV
            with open(output_file, 'a', newline='') as csvfile:
                csvwriter = csv.writer(csvfile)
                csvwriter.writerow([timestamp.strftime("%Y-%m-%d
%H:%M:%S"), label, entry_count if label == 'Entry' else
exit_count])

            # Update real-time bars
            bars_realtime[0].set_height(entry_count)
            bars_realtime[1].set_height(exit_count)
            total_count_annotation.set_text(f"Total Count:
{total_count}")
            total_count_annotation.set_position((0.5, max(entry_count,
exit_count) + 1))

            # Update interval graph
            ax[1].cla()
            ax[1].set_title("5-Minute Interval Entry/Exit Count")
            ax[1].set_xlabel("Intervals")
            ax[1].set_ylabel("Count")
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        ax[1].yaxis.get_major_locator().set_params(integer=True)
        interval_labels = [f"{i}" for i in sorted(interval_data.keys())]
        entry_values = [interval_data[i]['Entry'] for i in
sorted(interval_data.keys())]
        exit_values = [interval_data[i]['Exit'] for i in
sorted(interval_data.keys())]
        ax[1].bar([i - 0.2 for i in range(len(interval_labels))],
entry_values, width=0.4, color='blue', label='Entry')
        ax[1].bar([i + 0.2 for i in range(len(interval_labels))],
exit_values, width=0.4, color='orange', label='Exit')
        ax[1].legend()

    return bars_realtime, bars_interval

# Set up real-time animation
ani = animation.FuncAnimation(fig, update, interval=1000,
cache_frame_data=False)

# Show the graphs
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# Close the serial connection when done
ser.close()
```

CLIENT SIDE (ARDUINO IDE):

```
// Pin definitions for entry and exit IR sensors
const int entryIR1 = 5;
const int exitIR1 = 4;

// Variables to store timing information
unsigned long entryStartTime = 0;
unsigned long exitStartTime = 0;

// Flags to check if sensors have been high long enough
bool entryDetected = false;
bool exitDetected = false;

#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiUdp.h>
#include <NTPClient.h>

const char* ssid     = "xxxx";
const char* password = "xxxx";

// Define NTP Client to get time
WiFiUDP ntpUDP;
NTPClient timeClient(ntpUDP, "pool.ntp.org", 19800 , 30000); // Update every 60 seconds

void setup() {
  // Initialize serial monitor
  Serial.begin(115200);
```

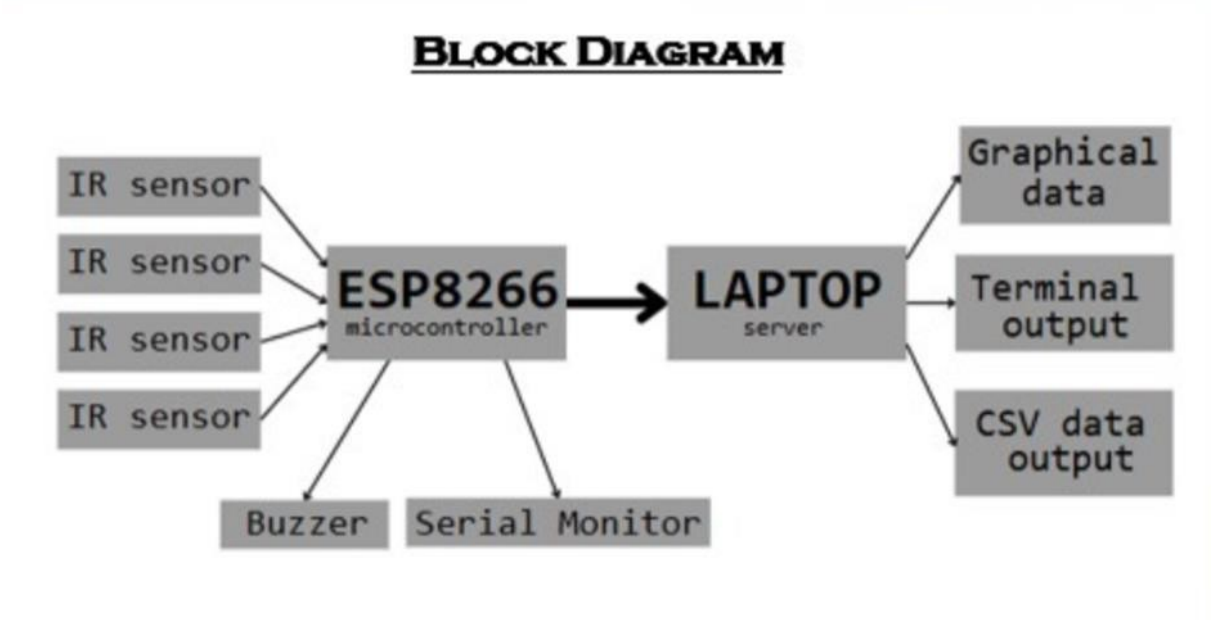
```
  // Set up pins for the sensors
  pinMode(entryIR1,   Serial.println("WiFi connected.");

  // Initialize NTP client
  timeClient.begin();
}

void loop() {INPUT);

  pinMode(exitIR1, INPUT);


   Serial.print("Connecting to ");
  Serial.println(ssid);
  WiFi.begin(ssid, password);

  while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED)
    {delay(500);
    Serial.print(".");
  }
  Serial.println();


  timeClient.update();
  unsigned long epochTime = timeClient.getEpochTime();
  int currentHour = timeClient.getHours();
  int currentMinute = timeClient.getMinutes();
  int currentSecond = timeClient.getSeconds();

  // Read sensor states
```

```
int entryIR1State = digitalRead(entryIR1);
int entryIR2State = digitalRead(entryIR2);
int exitIR1State = digitalRead(exitIR1);
int exitIR2State = digitalRead(exitIR2);

// Check entry detection condition
if (entryIR1State == LOW ) {
  if (entryStartTime == 0) {
    entryStartTime = millis(); // Start timing if sensors are both high
  }
  if (millis() - entryStartTime >= 500 && !entryDetected)
    {Serial.print("Entry detected at :");
    Serial.print(currentHour);
    Serial.print(" hr : ");
    Serial.print(currentMinute);
    Serial.print(" min : ");
    Serial.print(currentSecond);
    Serial.println(" sec");
    entryDetected = true; // Mark as detected to avoid repeated prints
  }
} else {
  entryStartTime = 0; // Reset timing if sensors go low
  entryDetected = false; // Reset flag to allow new detection
}

// Check exit detection condition
if (exitIR1State == LOW ) {
  if (exitStartTime == 0) {
```

```
      exitStartTime = millis(); // Start timing if sensors are both high
    }
    if (millis() - exitStartTime >= 500 && !exitDetected)
      {Serial.print("Exit detected at : ");
      Serial.print(currentHour);
      Serial.print(" hr : ");
      Serial.print(currentMinute);
      Serial.print(" min : ");
      Serial.print(currentSecond);
      Serial.println(" sec");
      exitDetected = true; // Mark as detected to avoid repeated prints
    }
  } else {
    exitStartTime = 0; // Reset timing if sensors go low
    exitDetected = false; // Reset flag to allow new detection
  }
}
```

7. METHODOLOGY:

7.1 SYSTEM DESIGN



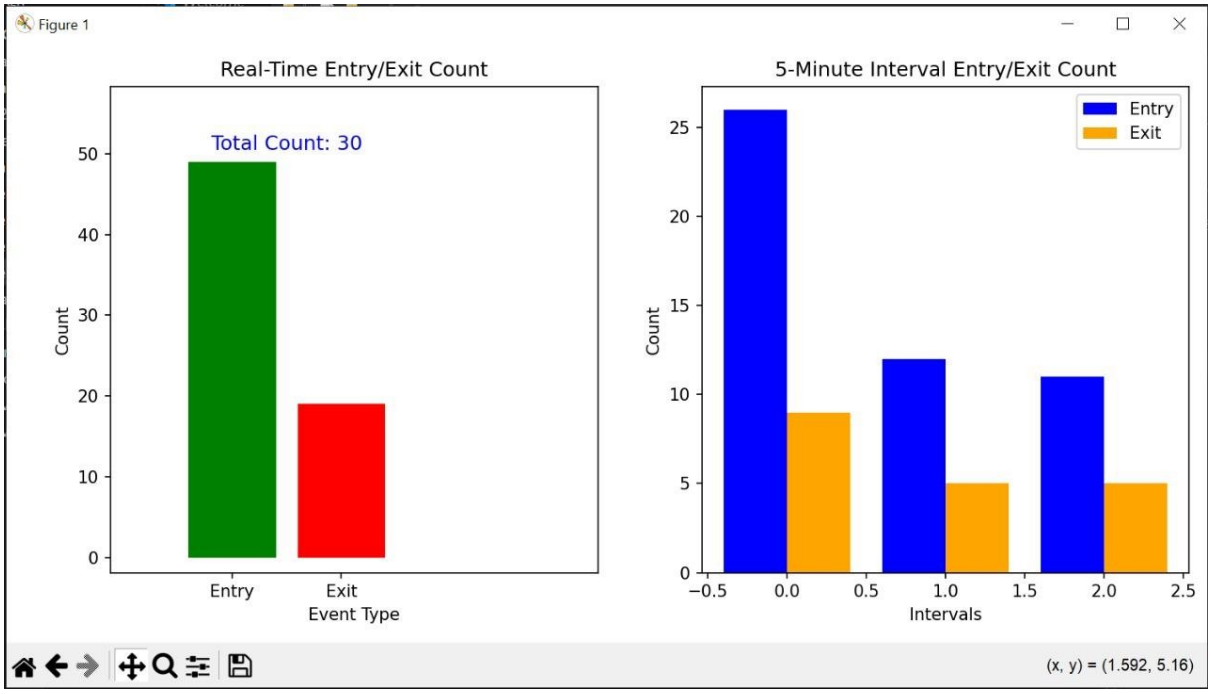
7.2 WORKING PRINCIPLE

At the time of initialization of the system it connect to a wifi network to access the internet in order to get the current date and time form a remote server , Each time an object obstructs the IR beam, it triggers the sensor to close the circuit, allowing the event to be logged at the ESP8266 microcontroller. It is subsequently relayed by the ESP8266 to a laptop for storage in CSV format and for graphical representation.

Sensor Detection: It comes complete with entry and exit points fitted with infrared sensors or similar proximity detection technology. These sensors can identify movement, or a person, as the individual moves past an entrance or an exit point.

Processing Data: Then, once the sensors detect movement, they send signals to microcontrollers, such as the ESP8266, which interpret the signals. Then it evaluates the signals that will determine whether the event is an arrival or a departure based on the priority ofactivation of sensors

Visualization and Monitoring: The foregoing information in the laptop example is presented in a view; for instance, a real-time count on a dashboard which shows entries and exits. Alerts or log files may be triggered to notify trends or thresholds violated, like reaching maximum capacity.



8 IMPLEMENTATION:

8.1 SETUP

IR sensor configuration.
ESP8266 setup for communication.
Data processing and output formats (Graphical/CSV).

8.2 FINANCE

S.no	Component	Quantity	Total Cost
1	ESP8266	1	285
2	IR sensor	4	258
3	Breadboard	1	58
4	Jumper Wire	1	50

9. RESULTS:

The Touchless Entry-Exit Data Tracking System successfully demonstrated its effectiveness. It provided a hygienic and contactless solution for monitoring movements. The system efficiently tracked entry and exit points, reducing germ transmission risks. It proved to be a reliable data collection tool.

10. KEY FINDINGS:

10.1 Accuracy:

IR sensors demonstrated high accuracy in detecting motion with minimal false positives. However, environmental factors such as dust and ambient light interference posed challenges. Proper calibration effectively mitigated these issues. The sensors maintained reliable performance under controlled environments.

10.2 Real-Time Data Tracking:

The system featured real-time data visualization through a graphical dashboard. Entries and exits were recorded with precise timestamps. Data was logged in CSV format for easyanalysis.

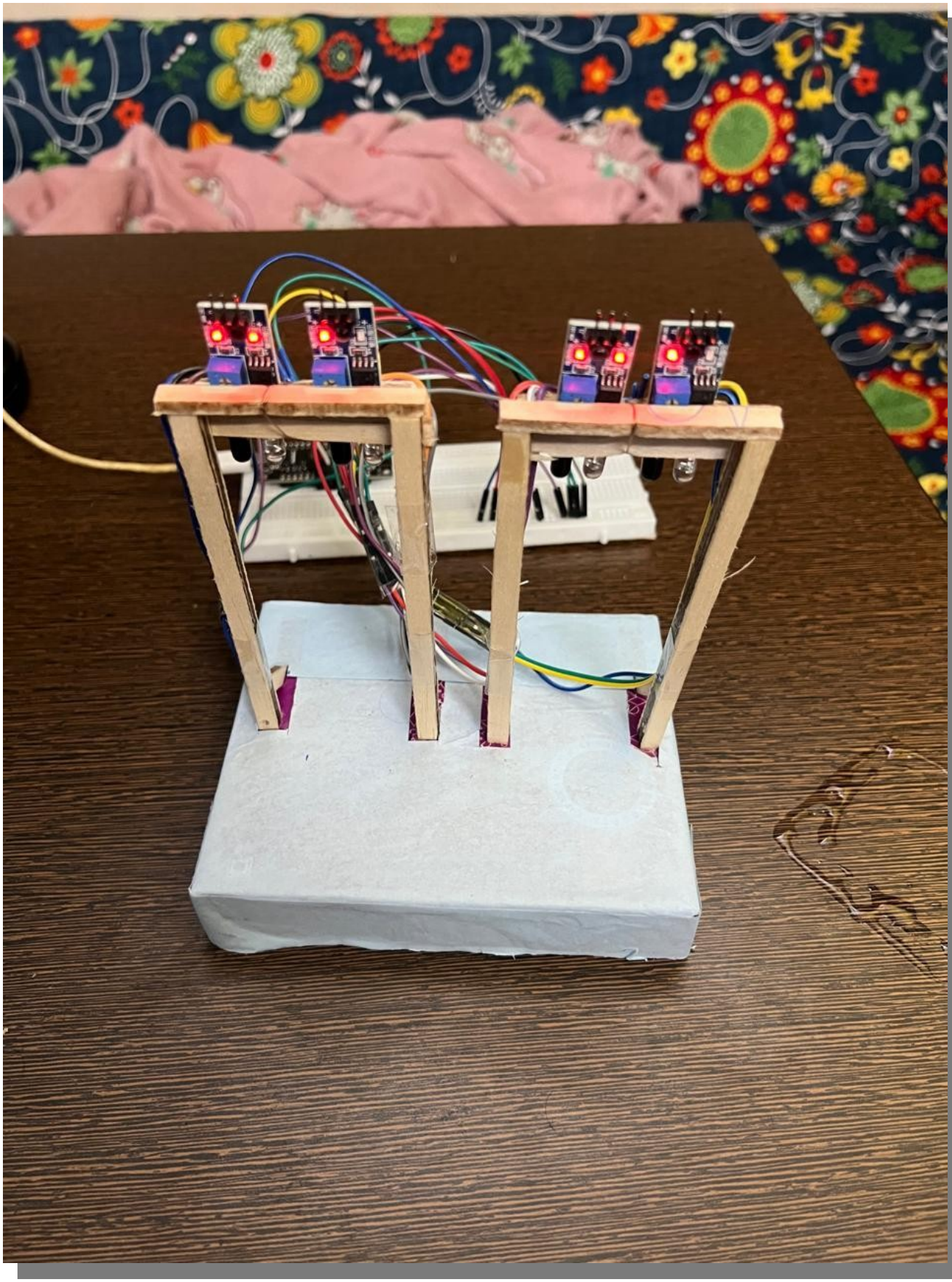
	Timestamp	Type	Count
2	17-11-2024 21.49	Entry	1
3	17-11-2024 21.49	Exit	1
4	17-11-2024 21.49	Entry	2
5	17-11-2024 21.49	Entry	3
6	17-11-2024 21.49	Entry	4
7	17-11-2024 21.49	Entry	5
8	17-11-2024 21.49	Exit	2
9	17-11-2024 21.49	Exit	3
10	17-11-2024 21.50	Exit	4
11	17-11-2024 21.50	Exit	5
12	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	6
13	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	7
14	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	8
15	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	9
16	17-11-2024 21.50	Exit	6
17	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	10
18	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	11
19	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	12
20	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	13
21	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	14
22	17-11-2024 21.50	Entry	15
23	17-11-2024 21.50	Exit	7
24	17-11-2024 21.50	Exit	8

10.3 Scalability:

The system design demonstrated flexibility to integrate into larger networks or more complex setups (e.g., multi-locationmonitoring).

10.4 Quantitative Results:

- Average sensor response time: 0.5 seconds
- Total movements tracked over a test period of 24 hours:98 entries, 96 exits
- Data accuracy: ~95% in controlled environments
- System uptime: 100%, with no communicationinterruptions.



11. FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

For further improvements connection of client and server can be now converted to wifi and more and the integration of AI to analyse the traffic to perform statistical analysis would help gather data more efficiently

12. CONCLUSION:

The Touchless Entry-Exit Data Tracking System (TEED-TS) proves effective in tracking movement in real-time without physical contact. Accurate detection and logging of events occur, with data displayed in graphical formats and CSV files. Real-time bar graphs show ongoing entry/exit activity, while interval-based data highlights trends over time. The system's consistent performance is ensured by reliable IR sensors and communication via ESP8266 microcontroller. Overall, TEED-TS demonstrates practicality, precision and scalability, making it ideal for diverse environments.

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