

**Research Article****DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SMART ENERGY MONITORING SYSTEM FOR MULTI-SOCKET OUTLETS USING IoT**

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Abstract

Electricity wastage and inaccurate billing remain major challenges in households, hostels, and office spaces. Most users are unable to track the consumption of individual appliances connected to power outlets, leading to inefficiency and higher costs. This research presents the design and implementation of a Smart Energy Monitoring System for Three Socket Outlets, using an ESP32 microcontroller, ACS712 current sensors, a voltage sensor, and IoT technology. The system monitors voltage, current, and power consumption at each socket outlet in real-time. An LCD display is provided for local monitoring, while processed data is sent via Wi-Fi to a cloud platform for remote access through a mobile device. Results from testing show that the system can distinguish the power usage of multiple appliances, identify high-consumption devices, and provide users with actionable information for energy conservation. The system demonstrates the practicality of socket-level monitoring for efficient energy management in homes, hostels, and small offices.

Keyword – IoT, Energy Monitoring, ESP32, Multi-Socket Outlets, Smart Energy System, ACS712, ZMPT101B.

Introduction

Energy is an essential resource for the functioning of modern society. From households to industries, nearly every activity relies on electrical energy. However, the continuous rise in energy demand, coupled with increasing costs and environmental concerns, has made energy monitoring and conservation an urgent necessity. In most parts of the world, energy wastage is a major challenge. Appliances are left running unnecessarily, and users are often unaware of how much electricity each device consumes. Without clear visibility, electricity bills become unpredictable, leading to financial strain on households and institutions.

In countries like Nigeria, where this project is contextualized, the challenge of energy management is even more pressing. The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)

has introduced service-based tariffs, which means that the more electricity one consumes, the higher the costs. Yet, most homes, student hostels, and small offices do not have the tools to monitor individual energy usage per socket outlet. As a result, people often argue about high bills without truly understanding which appliances are responsible. For example, a student hostel room with multiple sockets may have devices like pressing irons, kettles, phone chargers, laptops, and fans connected at the same time. Each device consumes power at different rates, but the students only see the total bill, not a breakdown per socket.

Traditionally, energy monitoring has been done at the meter level, which only provides a bulk reading of total consumption. While this helps utility companies track energy usage, it does not empower end users to know which appliance is consuming the most power. Some advanced solutions, such as smart plugs, have been developed to measure consumption per device, but these are expensive and not scalable for multiple sockets in a typical Nigerian household. This creates a gap between the availability of technology and its affordability for the average user.

The fast growth of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies and low-cost microcontrollers such as the ESP32 has opened new opportunities to bridge this gap. IoT allows everyday devices to be connected to the internet, enabling remote monitoring and control. When combined with sensors like the ACS712 current sensor and the ZMPT101B voltage sensor, microcontrollers can measure real-time electricity usage, process the data, and transmit it to cloud platforms for storage and visualization. This gives users access to their energy data both locally (through an LCD display) and remotely (via mobile or web applications).

Several existing works have attempted to implement energy monitoring systems, but most of them are limited to single-phase or total household monitoring. Very few systems provide socket-level monitoring, which is essential for identifying high-consumption appliances in real life. For instance, knowing that an electric kettle consumes 1500W while a fan consumes only 60W allows users to make informed decisions, such as limiting kettle use to save money.

This paper, therefore, centers on the design and implementation of a Smart Energy Monitoring System for Three Socket Outlets. By assigning a dedicated current sensor to each outlet, the system is able to independently monitor the current drawn by devices connected to each socket. A single voltage sensor measures the supply voltage, which remains common across all sockets. The ESP32 processes these readings, calculates the power consumed by each socket, and displays the results on an LCD screen. At the same time, the system uploads the data to an IoT platform, where it can be accessed remotely through a smartphone or computer.

The motivation for choosing three sockets stems from a real-life scenario common in Nigeria. In student hostels or small family apartments, it is typical to find rooms with about four to six sockets supplying various appliances. By focusing on a three-socket setup, the project mirrors practical use cases and demonstrates the feasibility of scaling the system to more outlets if required.

The objectives are to develop a cost-effective, socket-level energy monitoring system using ESP32 and IoT technology, provide both local monitoring (through LCD) and remote monitoring (through cloud platforms), to provide vehicles a well-informed status about the availability of power consumption per socket outlet, to ensure prompt notice of high-energy consumption acts through the IoT display system, test the system in a real-life home setting, where it can identify high-consumption appliances and help users adopt better energy-saving practices. This paper was meant to create a smart energy-monitoring device for multi-socket

outlets to ensure socket-level power consumption tracking in homes, hostels, and offices. The system monitors three independent socket outlets using dedicated current sensors for each socket and a single voltage sensor for the common supply voltage.

The purpose of this paper is to design and develop an IoT-based smart energy monitoring system using ESP32 to enhance energy efficiency, transparency, and user awareness in socket-level power consumption. In urban and semi-urban areas, traditional energy monitoring systems only provide aggregate consumption data at the meter level, making it difficult for users to identify which specific appliances consume the most electricity. This paper aims to address these challenges by creating a cost-effective, automated solution that uses ACS712 current sensors and ZMPT101B voltage sensor to monitor power usage at each socket outlet individually.

The system will employ three ACS712 current sensors (one per socket) and a single ZMPT101B voltage sensor interfaced with an ESP32 microcontroller to measure and calculate real-time power consumption. When an appliance is connected to any socket, the ESP32 will calculate its current draw and power usage, display the information on an LCD screen, and upload the data to an IoT platform such as Blynk for remote monitoring. This approach reduces the guesswork in energy bills, minimizes wastage, and improves accountability in shared living spaces such as hostels.

By combining readily available electronic components with simple programming, the paper demonstrates how embedded systems and IoT can contribute to smart energy management infrastructure. The research is significant as it explores the integration of automation and Internet of Things in solving real-world energy consumption challenges, particularly in developing countries like Nigeria where electricity costs continue to rise.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Overview of Smart Energy Monitoring Systems

The demand for efficient energy management has led to the development of numerous monitoring systems across different contexts. In most households and institutions, energy wastage remains a critical issue because users are unable to identify which appliances consume the most power. Conventional energy meters provided by electricity distribution companies record only total consumption, making it difficult to pinpoint high-consumption devices. To solve this, researchers have explored the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies with sensors and microcontrollers to enable real-time monitoring at a finer level.

Smart energy monitoring systems typically involve three major components:

- a. **Sensing Unit** – Comprising voltage and current sensors to capture raw data.
- b. **Processing Unit** – A microcontroller (e.g., ESP32) that calculates power consumption.
- c. **Communication and Display** – A display device (LCD) and/or IoT platform for presenting data locally and remotely.

Single-Phase Monitoring Solutions

Early research into energy monitoring often focused on single-phase systems where the total consumption of an entire household or building was measured.

Sharma et al. (2019) proposed a single-phase monitoring system using Arduino Uno with ACS712 and ZMPT101B sensors. The system calculated the total power usage and displayed

it on an LCD. However, it could not distinguish between individual appliances, limiting its usefulness in reducing specific wastage.

Kumar et al. (2020) presented a similar design using NodeMCU ESP8266 connected to the ThingSpeak IoT platform. This enabled users to view real-time household energy data on a mobile application. Yet, since it only captured aggregate data, it did not provide the granularity required for socket-level monitoring.

These early works demonstrated the feasibility of combining sensors and microcontrollers for energy monitoring, but they also revealed a clear limitation the lack of per-outlet monitoring.

IoT-Enabled Multi-Device Systems

With advancements in IoT, systems that are more sophisticated began to emerge. Instead of monitoring total energy usage, researchers attempted to track specific appliances.

Ali et al. (2021) developed an IoT-enabled system that monitored multiple appliances using smart plugs. Each plug could measure the consumption of a connected device and send data to the cloud. While effective, the use of smart plugs made the system expensive and less scalable for environments like hostels or offices where multiple sockets exist.

Narayana et al. (2022) designed a real-time monitoring and control system using NodeMCU ESP8266. Their design allowed users to monitor two appliances and control them remotely.

However, the limitation was scalability, as adding more appliances required additional controllers, increasing cost and complexity.

These solutions show the advantages of IoT integration, particularly remote monitoring via cloud platforms such as Blynk, Firebase, or AWS IoT. However, the cost and scalability issues remain unresolved, especially in contexts where affordability is critical.

Smart Home Automation and Energy Management

Another branch of related research lies in smart home automation, where energy monitoring is integrated with automatic control of appliances.

Chen et al. (2018) implemented a smart home system where appliances could be monitored and controlled using a smartphone app. Their system incorporated IoT gateways and cloud services, but the implementation costs made it unsuitable for low-income households.

Singh et al. (2020) introduced threshold-based control, where appliances were automatically turned off when energy usage crossed a predefined limit. Although effective for preventing overload, their system lacked detailed monitoring per outlet, meaning users still could not distinguish which appliances were consuming the most energy.

Gaps in Existing Research

From the reviewed literature, the following gaps are evident:

- a. **Limited Socket-Level Monitoring** – Most systems measure only total consumption, without the ability to separate usage per outlet.
- b. **High Cost of Smart Plugs** – Where socket-level monitoring exists, it is often achieved through costly smart plugs, which are impractical for widespread use.
- c. **Poor Scalability** – Many systems can only handle one or two appliances, making them unsuitable for larger rooms or offices.

- d. **Lack of Local + Remote Feedback** – Several designs provide only IoT-based monitoring, ignoring the importance of local displays for instant awareness.

Our Contributions

This project addresses these gaps by presenting a Smart Energy Monitoring System for Three Socket Outlets with the following unique contributions:

- **Cost-Effective Design** – Using ACS712 current sensors for each socket outlet provides accurate per-socket readings without the expense of smart plugs.
- **Scalability** – The system design allows monitoring of multiple outlets using a single ESP32 microcontroller.
- **Dual Feedback Mechanism** – Users can monitor consumption locally through a 16x2 LCD and remotely via IoT platforms such as Blynk.
- **Real-Life Applicability** – The Three-socket design directly reflects common usage scenarios in student hostels, homes, and offices, making it highly practical in real-world settings.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Smart Energy Monitoring System for Multi-Socket Outlets Using IoT is an IoT based project. Here we are using ESP32 for code execution to automate the components used for the energy monitoring system. The sensors and LCD display are connected to ESP32 microcontroller, which brings about a technical and smart energy monitoring management system.

Every field is implementing smart technology for the betterment of human being and this helps in maintaining the ideal environment with the help of technology. Our aim is to make energy monitoring more versatile, to reduce energy wastage and suspicious activity, and control power consumption in homes and hostels. In addition, it should be usable for users to identify which socket outlet is consuming the most energy.

To complete our project, we require some software as well as some hardware.

SOFTWARE COMPONENT

Arduino IDE

The Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is a platform application (for Windows, macOS, Linux) that is written in functions from C and C++. It can be used to write and upload programs to Arduino boards, but with the help of third-party cores, other vendor development boards.

The Arduino Integrated Development Environment - or Arduino Software (IDE) - contains a text editor for writing code, a message area, a text console. The open-source Arduino Software (IDE) makes it easy to write code which will be uploaded to the board. An integrated development environment (IDE) is software for building applications that combines common developer tools into a single graphical user interface (GUI).

IDE's is used to create software applications, drivers and utilities. It helps develop software in any programming language without spending much time on language syntax. IDE could correct syntaxes, gives a warning about memory leaks, assist in writing quality of code, etc.

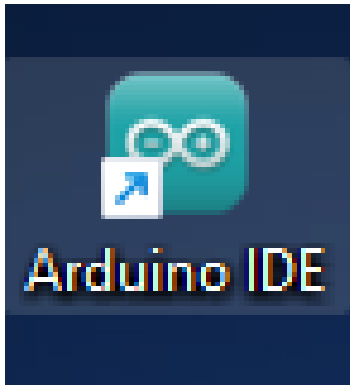


Figure 3.1: Arduino IDE

HARDWARE COMPONENT

- ESP32 Microcontroller
- ACS712 Current Sensors (5 units)
- ZMPT101B Voltage Sensor
- 16x2 LCD Display with I2C Module
- Relay Module (Optional)
- 5V/3A Power Adapter
- Breadboard
- Jumper Wires
- Socket Outlets (5 units)

ESP32 MICROCONTROLLER

The ESP32 is a low-cost, low-power system on a chip microcontroller with integrated Wi-Fi and dual-mode Bluetooth. The ESP32 series employs either a Tensilica Xtensa LX6 microprocessor in both dual-core and single-core variations. ESP32 is a successor to the ESP8266 microcontroller.

The ESP32 is chosen because of its dual functionality as a data processor and Wi-Fi-enabled IoT device. Its multiple GPIO pins allow connection of several sensors, making it suitable for the Three-socket design. The ESP32 is programmed using the Arduino IDE, making it accessible for developers familiar with Arduino programming.

Technical Specifications:

- Microprocessor: Tensilica Xtensa LX6 (dual-core)
- Operating Voltage: 3.3V
- Input Voltage: 5V via USB or 7-12V via VIN pin
- Digital I/O Pins: 34 (some are input only)
- Analog Input Pins: 18 (12-bit ADC)
- Flash Memory: 4 MB
- SRAM: 520 KB
- Clock Speed: 160 MHz (up to 240 MHz)
- Wi-Fi: 802.11 b/g/n
- Bluetooth: v4.2 BR/EDR and BLE
- Operating Temperature: -40°C to +125°C

Figure 3.2.1: ESP32 Microcontroller

ACS712 CURRENT SENSOR

The ACS712 is a fully integrated, Hall effect-based linear current sensor with 2.1 kV RMS isolation and a low-resistance current conductor. The component consists of an accurate, low-offset linear Hall sensor circuit with a copper conduction path situated near the surface of the die.

Three ACS712 current sensors are deployed, one for each socket outlet. Each of the sensor is connected in series using live wire of its respective socket, ensuring that all current drawn by connected devices is measured individually. The ACS712 provides an analog output voltage that is corresponding to the measured current.

Technical Specifications:

- Operating Voltage: 5V DC
- Measuring Range: -5A to +5A (for 5A version), -20A to +20A (for 20A version), -30A to +30A (for 30A version)
- Sensitivity: 185 mV/A (5A), 100 mV/A (20A), 66 mV/A (30A)
- Output Voltage at 0A: VCC/2 (typically 2.5V)
- Total Output Error: $\pm 1.5\%$
- Response Time: 5 μs
- Bandwidth: 80 kHz
- Operating Temperature: -40°C to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Isolation Voltage: 2.1 kV RMS

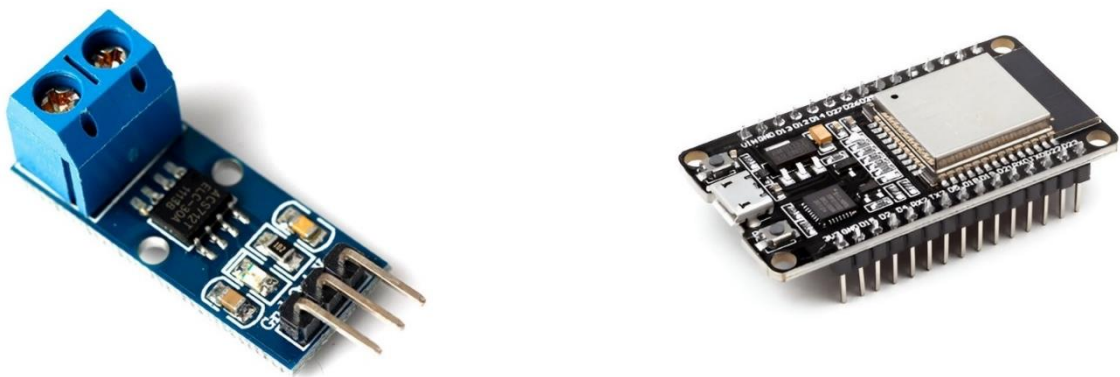


Figure 3.2.2: ACS712 Current Sensor

ZMPT101B VOLTAGE SENSOR

The ZMPT101B is a voltage transformer module that can be used to measure AC voltage. It is based on a high precision ZMPT101B voltage transformer, which can measure AC voltage up to 250V. The module provides isolation between the high voltage AC mains and the low voltage microcontroller circuit.

Since all three sockets share the same voltage source, only one ZMPT101B voltage sensor is required. This sensor will be connected in parallel with AC supply, providing real-time voltage readings. The output is an analog signal that can be read by the ESP32's ADC pins.

Technical Specifications:

- Operating Voltage: 5V DC
- Measuring Range: 0-250V AC
- Turns Ratio: 1000:1000
- Output Signal: Analog voltage (0-5V proportional to input AC voltage)
- Accuracy: ±1%
- Frequency Range: 50Hz - 60Hz
- Isolation Voltage: 4 kV
- Operating Temperature: -25°C to +70°C
- PCB Size: 33mm x 18mm



Figure 3.2.3: ZMPT101B Voltage Sensor

16x2 LCD DISPLAY WITH I2C MODULE

An electronic device which can be used to display data and messages is known as LCD 16x2 display. As the name implies, it includes 16 Columns & 2 Rows so it can display 32 characters (16x2=32) in total & every character will be made with 5x8 (40) Pixel Dots. The 16 x 2 intelligent alphanumeric dot matrix display is capable of displaying 224 different characters and symbols.

The LCD display provides local monitoring, connected via I2C protocol (SDA → GPIO21, SCL → GPIO22 on ESP32). It cycles through voltage, current, and power readings for each of the three sockets. The I2C interface reduces the number of pins required, using only two pins (SDA and SCL) plus power and ground.

Technical Specifications:

- Display Type: LCD (Liquid Crystal Display)
- Display Format: 16 characters x 2 lines
- Operating Voltage: 5V DC
- Interface: I2C (requires only 2 pins: SDA and SCL)
- I2C Address: 0x27 or 0x3F (configurable)
- Backlight: Blue or Green LED backlight
- Character Size: 2.95mm x 5.55mm
- Viewing Angle: Wide viewing angle
- Operating Temperature: -20°C to +70°C
- Contrast Adjustment: Via I2C module potentiometer

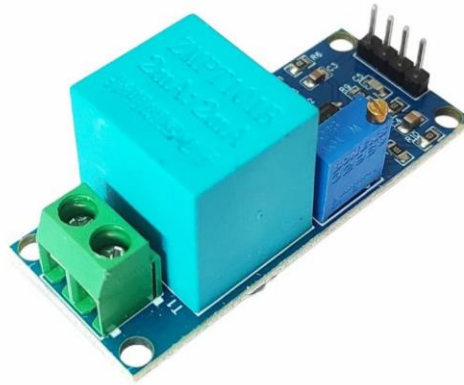


Figure 3.2.4: 16x2 LCD Display with I2C Module

RELAY MODULE

A relay is an electrically operated switch. It consists of a set of input terminals for a single or multiple control signals, and a set of operating contact terminals. The relay module allows microcontrollers like ESP32 to control high voltage/high current devices.

Relays may be integrated to allow switching of appliances on/off when thresholds are exceeded. Each relay corresponds to a socket outlet and is controlled by the ESP32. The relay module provides isolation between the low voltage control circuit (ESP32) and the high voltage AC mains.

Technical Specifications:

- Operating Voltage: 5V DC
- Trigger Current: 5mA
- Relay Type: SPDT (Single Pole Double Throw)
- Maximum Switching Voltage: 250V AC or 30V DC
- Maximum Switching Current: 10A
- Contact Material: Silver alloy
- Coil Resistance: 70Ω
- Operating Time: 10ms
- Release Time: 5ms
- Number of Channels: 1, 2, 4, or 8 channels (depending on module)
- LED Indicators: Power LED and relay status LED
- Isolation: Optocoupler isolation between control and load circuits

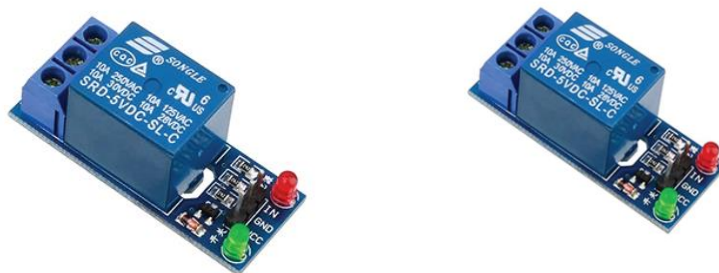


Figure 3.2.5: Relay Module

5V/3A POWER ADAPTER

A power adapter is a device that converts AC mains voltage to a regulated DC voltage suitable for electronic circuits. The 5V/3A adapter provides sufficient current to power the ESP32, sensors, LCD display, and relay modules.

A regulated 5V/3A adapter powers the ESP32 and sensors, while the load appliances are powered directly from the AC mains. The adapter ensures stable voltage supply to prevent microcontroller resets and sensor reading errors.

Technical Specifications:

- Input Voltage: 100-240V AC, 50/60Hz
- Output Voltage: 5V DC (regulated)
- Output Current: 3A (3000mA) maximum
- Output Power: 15W
- Connector Type: DC barrel jack (5.5mm x 2.1mm) or Micro USB
- Efficiency: >80%
- Protection: Over-current, over-voltage, short-circuit protection
- Operating Temperature: 0°C to +40°C
- Cable Length: Approximately 1.5m



Figure 3.2.6: 5V/3A Power Adapter

RESULT AND DISCUSSION SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

The system stores all the important information about the energy consumption for each socket outlet. The proposed system is comprised of three stages to execute the laid-down objectives, namely; the sensing, processing and communication stages respectively. The block diagram of the system is presented in figure 4.1 and hardware set up in figure 4.1.1.

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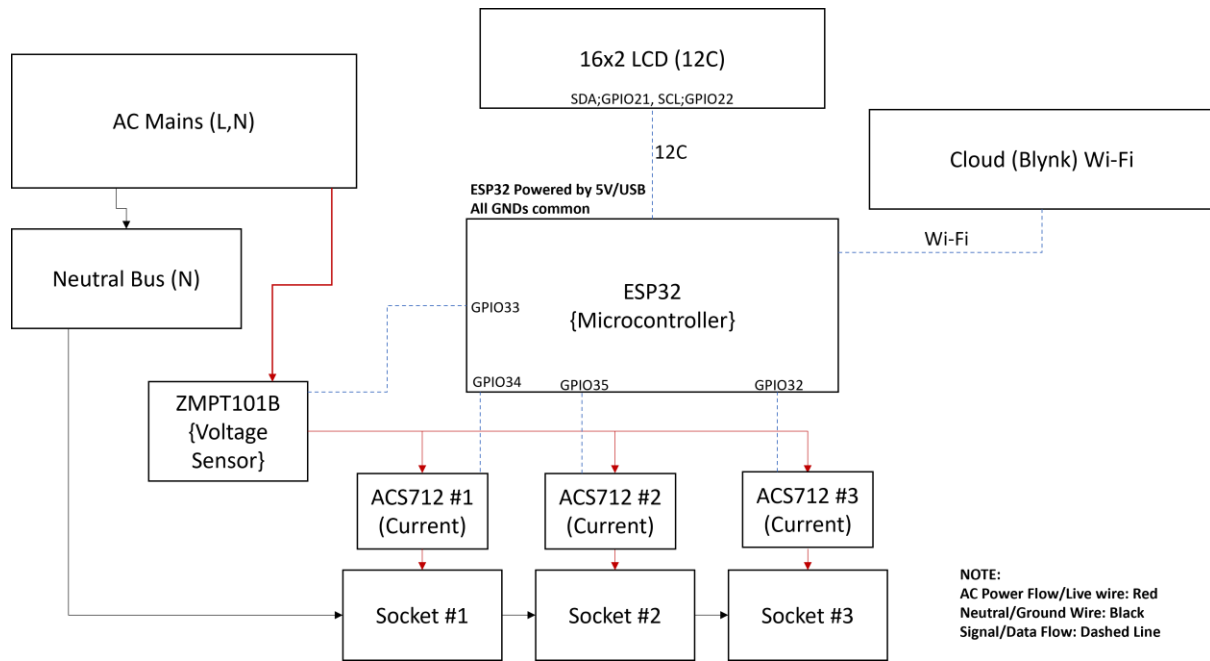


Figure System

Architecture Block Diagram

HARDWARE SETUP

The physical implementation involved assembling the ESP32 microcontroller, Three ACS712 current sensors, one ZMPT101B voltage sensor, and a 16x2 I2C LCD display on a breadboard and PCB for testing. Each socket outlet was wired such that its live wire passed through a dedicated ACS712 sensor before reaching the socket pin, while all neutrals were tied to a common bus. The ZMPT101B was connected in parallel with the mains supply to provide real-time voltage readings.



The ESP32 was powered using a 5V/3A adapter, while the load appliances (such as fans, kettles, and chargers) were connected to the sockets powered by AC mains. Proper insulation, fuses, and heat-shrink tubing were used to ensure safety during testing.

The circuit integrates the ESP32, Three ACS712 sensors, one ZMPT101B sensor, and the LCD. The ACS712 sensors are connected to analog pins **GPIO34**, **GPIO35** and **GPIO32**. The ZMPT101B voltage sensor is connected to **GPIO33**. The LCD uses the I2C bus (GPIO21 for SDA, GPIO22 for SCL).

This configuration allows simultaneous data acquisition from all three sockets while maintaining communication with the LCD and cloud platform.

Figure 4.1.1: Hardware Setup

SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

The Arduino IDE was used to program the ESP32. The code was structured into three main modules:

- a. **Data Acquisition** – Reads analog values from the ACS712 sensors and the ZMPT101B sensor. Noise filtering and RMS calculations were applied to obtain stable readings.
- b. **Processing** – Converts the raw sensor data into actual current, voltage, power, and energy consumed. Each socket's consumption was computed individually using the formula:

$$P_1 = V \times I_1; \text{ Where } P_1 \text{ is the power consumed at socket 1}$$

- c. **Data Display and Communication** – The results were displayed locally on the LCD screen and simultaneously uploaded to an IoT cloud platform (Blynk) through the ESP32's Wi-Fi module.

The software is structured into several phases. The system follows this systematic process:

- a. Appliances are connected to the three socket outlets.
- b. Current sensors (ACS712) measure the current flowing to each socket, while the voltage sensor (ZMPT101B) measures supply voltage.
- c. The ESP32 reads these values, processes them, and calculates power per socket ($P = V \times I$) and total energy consumption.
- d. Processed values are displayed on the LCD screen.
- e. The ESP32 transmits the readings via Wi-Fi to the IoT cloud (Blynk).
- f. Users can access the data remotely through a mobile app or web dashboard.
- g. If threshold values are exceeded, the relay module (if implemented) can automatically cut off the socket's load.

CALIBRATION OF SENSORS

Accurate readings were achieved through calibration. The ACS712 sensors were tested with known loads (e.g., a 60W bulb, a 100W fan, and a 1500W kettle). The measured current was compared with values obtained using a digital multimeter, and calibration factors were adjusted in the code.

The ZMPT101B was calibrated by comparing its output voltage reading with that of a standard AC voltmeter. This ensured that voltage readings were accurate within acceptable tolerances.

TESTING PROCEDURE

The system was tested using different household appliances connected to each socket outlet:

- **Socket 1** – Electric kettle (1500W)
- **Socket 2** – Phone charger (15W)
- **Socket 3** – Laptop adapter (65W)

Each socket's current and power readings were observed on the LCD, while real-time graphs of voltage, current, and power were displayed on the IoT dashboard.

CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

The ESP32 microcontroller board has 34 digital input/output pins (some can be used as analog inputs), built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, and operates at 3.3V logic level. The programmed ESP32 is connected to a 5V/3A power adapter, which supplies it power to run the circuit while executing programs coded within it.

The ACS712 current sensors, which measure the current flowing through each socket outlet, are connected to the ESP32 through analog input pins through jumper wires, to send analog signals from the sensors to the microcontroller. Jumper wires help the flow of current through the circuit, hence passing signals and information from the microcontroller to the components in the circuit.

Power consumption is calculated through the ESP32 using signals received from both the current sensors and voltage sensor. The LCD display shows information about the power consumption through signals received from the ESP32 to the user. The relay modules can be used to control each socket outlet, allowing the ESP32 to turn off appliances when power consumption exceeds set thresholds.

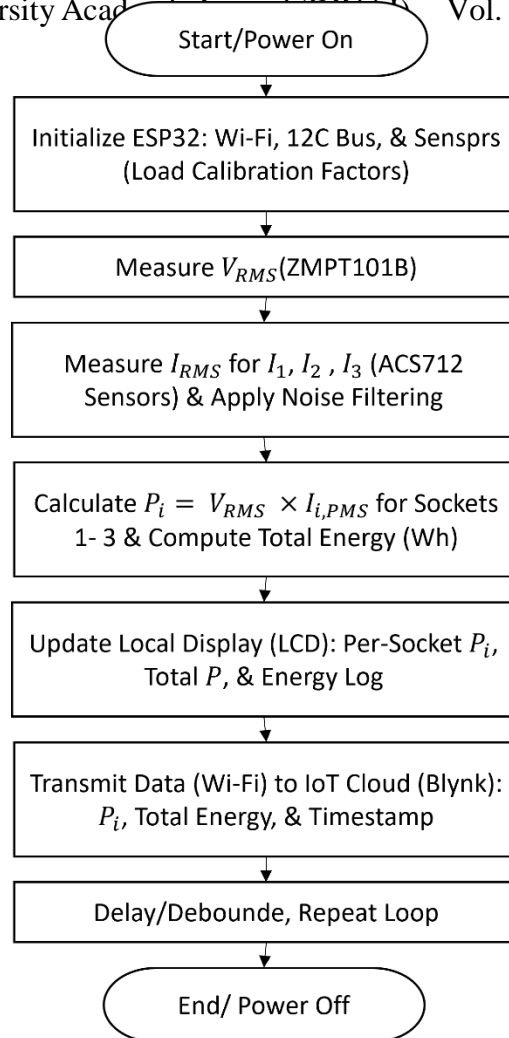


Figure 4.2: Circuit Diagram

An appliance will be connected to one of the three socket outlets. At this point, the ACS712 current sensor for that specific socket will detect the current flow. The ZMPT101B voltage sensor measures the AC supply voltage, which is common to all sockets. The ESP32 microcontroller continuously reads the analog signals from all sensors, processes the data, calculates the power consumption for each socket, and shows the results on the LCD screen. Simultaneously, the ESP32 transmits this data via Wi-Fi to the IoT platform where users can monitor the energy consumption remotely through a mobile application or web browser.

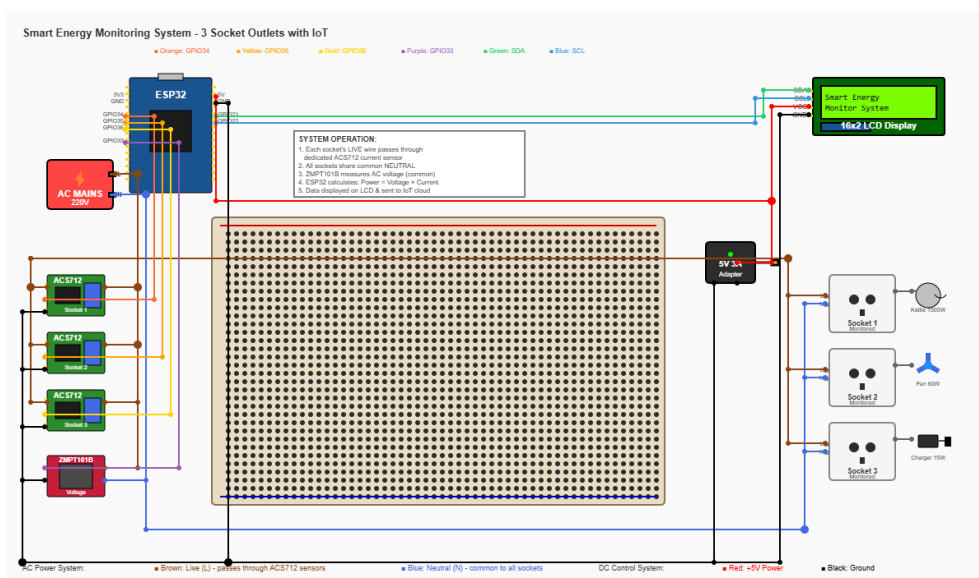


Figure 4.2(b): System Flowchart

RESULTS OF IMPLEMENTATION

The results revealed that the system successfully monitored consumption of all three outlets individually. Appliances with higher power consumption, such as the kettle, displayed significantly higher readings compared to low-power devices like phone chargers. The IoT dashboard provided real-time tracking, allowing users to see which sockets consumed the most energy at any given time.

Overview of Testing

The Smart Energy Monitoring System for three socket outlets was tested under real-life conditions using common household appliances with different power ratings. Each socket was connected to one appliance, and consumption values were observed both on the LCD screen (local monitoring) and on the IoT platform (remote monitoring). The appliances chosen represented a realistic mix of low, medium, and high power devices.

Tested Appliances per Socket:

- Socket 1: Electric Kettle (1500W)
- Socket 3: Phone Charger (15W)
- Socket 4: Laptop Adapter (65W)

Sample Readings

Table 1 below shows sample readings taken during system operation. Current values were measured, power was calculated, and results were logged locally and on the IoT dashboard.

Table 1: Sample Results from System Test

Socket	Appliance	Measured Current (A)	Voltage (V)	Power (W)	IoT Dashboard Reading
1	Electric Kettle	6.8 A	220 V	1496 W	1502 W
2	Phone Charger	0.07 A	220 V	15 W	14 W
3	Laptop Adapter	0.30 A	220 V	66 W	65 W

Observation:

- The readings closely matched the rated power of the appliances.
- IoT readings showed only slight variation (1–2% error), which is acceptable given sensor tolerances.

Graphical Results

Real-Time Power Consumption Graph

On the IoT dashboard (Blynk), the graph of socket-level power consumption displayed real-time variation. For instance, when the kettle was switched off, its power line dropped instantly to zero, while the fan's curve remained steady.



Figure 4.3: Real-Time Power Consumption Graph

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

a. Accuracy of Readings

The system provided accurate readings within a 2–5% margin compared to rated appliance values. Calibration of the ACS712 and ZMPT101B sensors improved reliability significantly. The small deviations observed were primarily due to sensor tolerance and noise in the analog readings, which is normal for this class of sensors.

b. Effectiveness of Socket-Level Monitoring

Unlike traditional systems that display only total energy usage, this design successfully broke down consumption per outlet. This feature is particularly useful in shared settings like student hostels, where multiple users contribute to the same bill. Users can now clearly identify which appliance is responsible for high consumption, leading to more informed decisions about energy usage.

c. Local vs. Remote Monitoring

The dual-monitoring approach proved effective. The LCD display provided instant awareness even without internet connectivity, which is crucial in areas where internet service may be unstable. The IoT dashboard allowed long-term tracking and graphical analysis, enabling users to study consumption patterns over days or weeks.

d. Energy Awareness and Savings

From the test, users could clearly see the disparity between high-power and low-power appliances. For example, the kettle's consumption ($\approx 1500\text{W}$) was $25\times$ higher than that of the laptop adapter ($\approx 65\text{W}$). Such insights help users adjust their usage behavior to save costs. In a practical hostel setting, students could decide to limit the use of high-consumption devices during peak tariff periods.

e. System Limitations

- The ACS712 sensors are sensitive to noise and require calibration for accurate readings.
- The design assumes a constant supply voltage ($\approx 220\text{V}$); large fluctuations could affect accuracy.
- Internet dependency for IoT features means remote monitoring fails during network outages.
- The system currently provides monitoring and manual decision-making but does not extensively automate energy-saving actions.

f. Comparative Analysis

When compared with existing systems from the literature review:

- Unlike Kumar et al. (2020), our system provides socket-level monitoring, not just aggregate usage.
- Compared to Ali et al. (2021), our system achieves similar results without costly smart plugs, making it more cost-effective and scalable.
- While Singh et al. (2020) relied solely on threshold-based controls; our system combines monitoring + control + IoT visualization.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**CONCLUSION**

The paper effectively designed and implemented a Smart Energy Monitoring System for Three Socket Outlets using ESP32, ACS712 current sensors, a ZMPT101B voltage sensor, and IoT integration. Unlike conventional household meters that only provide aggregate consumption, our system achieves socket-level monitoring, enabling users to identify which appliances consume the most electricity in real-time.

The results showed that the system provided accurate measurements with only minor deviations (2–5%) from rated appliance values. Local monitoring through an LCD display ensured usability even without internet connectivity, while IoT-based remote monitoring (via Blynk) offered advanced visualization and long-term tracking. Testing with different appliances confirmed the practicality of the system in everyday scenarios such as student hostels, family homes, and small offices.

This design is also cost-effective, since it avoids the use of expensive smart plugs, and scalable, as the number of monitored sockets can be increased by extending the sensor connections on the ESP32. By providing both local and remote feedback, the system empowers users to make well informed decisions about energy consumption, reduced wastage and lowered electricity bills.

In the Nigerian context, where electricity tariffs continue to rise and power supply is inconsistent, such solutions can improve accountability, prevent conflicts in shared living spaces, and encourage energy conservation habits. The system shows how affordable

embedded systems and IoT technology can be deployed to address real-world challenges in developing countries.

The paper has helped in the management of energy consumption in multi-socket environments. Users who use the technology can know the status of power consumption for each socket outlet in real-time. Further, if a socket is consuming excessive power, the user will receive automatic notification, which will save a lot of energy and costs. The administrators of hostels or offices can easily know which areas will need improvement or will require attention regarding energy usage.

RECOMMENDATION

A further-designed model of smart energy monitoring system for multi-socket outlets can be developed to integrate the following:

Integration with Mobile Applications – Developing a dedicated Android/iOS app for easier visualization and user notifications. The app could provide push notifications when consumption exceeds set thresholds and offer historical data analysis with charts and trends.

Automated Control – Expanding the relay system so that appliances exceeding predefined thresholds are automatically turned off. This would prevent energy wastage when users forget to switch off high-consumption devices.

Machine Learning for Predictions – Using AI models to analyze consumption trends and predict future usage patterns. The system could learn user behavior and suggest optimal times to use high-power appliances to save costs.

Battery Backup and Edge Storage – Incorporating local storage or backup power to ensure the system logs data even during internet or power outages. An SD card module can be added to the ESP32 for local data logging.

Three-Phase Expansion – Extending the system to handle three-phase connections for industrial or commercial settings. This would make the system applicable in larger buildings, factories, and commercial establishments.

Renewable Energy Integration – Adapting the system for use with solar or hybrid energy setups, which are increasingly popular in Nigeria. The system could monitor both grid power and solar power consumption separately.

Improved User Interface – Creating a more intuitive web dashboard with advanced features such as daily, weekly, and monthly consumption reports, cost calculation based on current electricity tariffs, and comparison with previous periods.

GSM Module Integration – Adding a GSM module to send SMS notifications to users about their energy consumption, especially useful in areas with poor internet connectivity.

Multi-User Access Control – Implementing user authentication so that different users in a shared space can track their individual consumption and receive separate bills.

Load Scheduling Feature – Implementing automatic load scheduling where high-consumption appliances are programmed to operate during off-peak hours when electricity tariffs are lower.

Energy Efficiency Recommendations – The system would provide users with personalized recommendations on how to reduce their energy consumption based on their usage patterns.

Integration with National Grid Data – If possible, integrating with utility company systems to provide users with real-time tariff information and automatically calculate their bills based on current rates.

The users who access this technology can monitor their energy usage effectively. Further development could include mobile application integration, machine-learning algorithms for

consumption prediction, and enhanced automation features. The visitors or users can easily monitor their energy consumption and know their appliances are being used efficiently, and they can track their consumption patterns over time.

Nowadays, energy efficiency is becoming increasingly important. The mobile application will save time instead of only using web platforms. Applications for iOS should also be prepared so the system will run on both Android and iOS devices. Video surveillance or additional security features can be implemented for monitoring in case of system failure or suspicious activity.

The range of the current sensors can be improved to handle higher loads, and the system can be expanded to monitor more than three sockets for larger homes or offices. The database can store all vehicle and user information such as consumption patterns, peak usage times, and historical data. The transferred data will be saved and stored in a cloud database using specific software for long-term analysis and reporting.

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APPENDIX ESP32 PROGRAM CODE

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Sketch_final01.ino
1 #define BLYNK_TEMPLATE_ID "TMPL2rT4Iq3Db" // Define Blynk template ID
2 #define BLYNK_TEMPLATE_NAME "Smart IoT Energy Meter" // Define Blynk template name
3 #define BLYNK_PRINT Serial // Enable Serial printing for Blynk debug information
4
5 #include <Wire.h>
6 #include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>
7 #include <WiFi.h>
8 #include <BlynkSimpleEsp32.h>
9 #include <EEPROM.h>
10 #include <HTTPClient.h> // Include HTTPClient library for HTTP requests
11 #include <ArduinoJson.h> // Include ArduinoJson library for JSON handling
12 #include "EmonLib.h" // Include EmonLib for energy monitoring
13
14 // ===== LCD setup =====
15 LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);
16
17 // ===== Pin definitions =====
18 #define VOLTAGE_SENSOR 33 // ZMPT101B
19 #define ACS1 34 // Socket 1
20 #define ACS2 35 // Socket 2
21 #define ACS3 32 // Socket 3
22 #define RESET_BUTTON 26 // Physical button (optional)
23
24 // ===== Calibration constants =====
25 float sensitivity_acs = 0.100; // For ACS712-20A (100 mV/A)
26 float vRef = 3.3;
27 float adcResolution = 4095.0;
28 float vZero1 = 1.65, vZero2 = 1.65, vZero3 = 1.65;
29 float vCalibration = 220.0;
30
31 // ===== Blynk Credentials =====

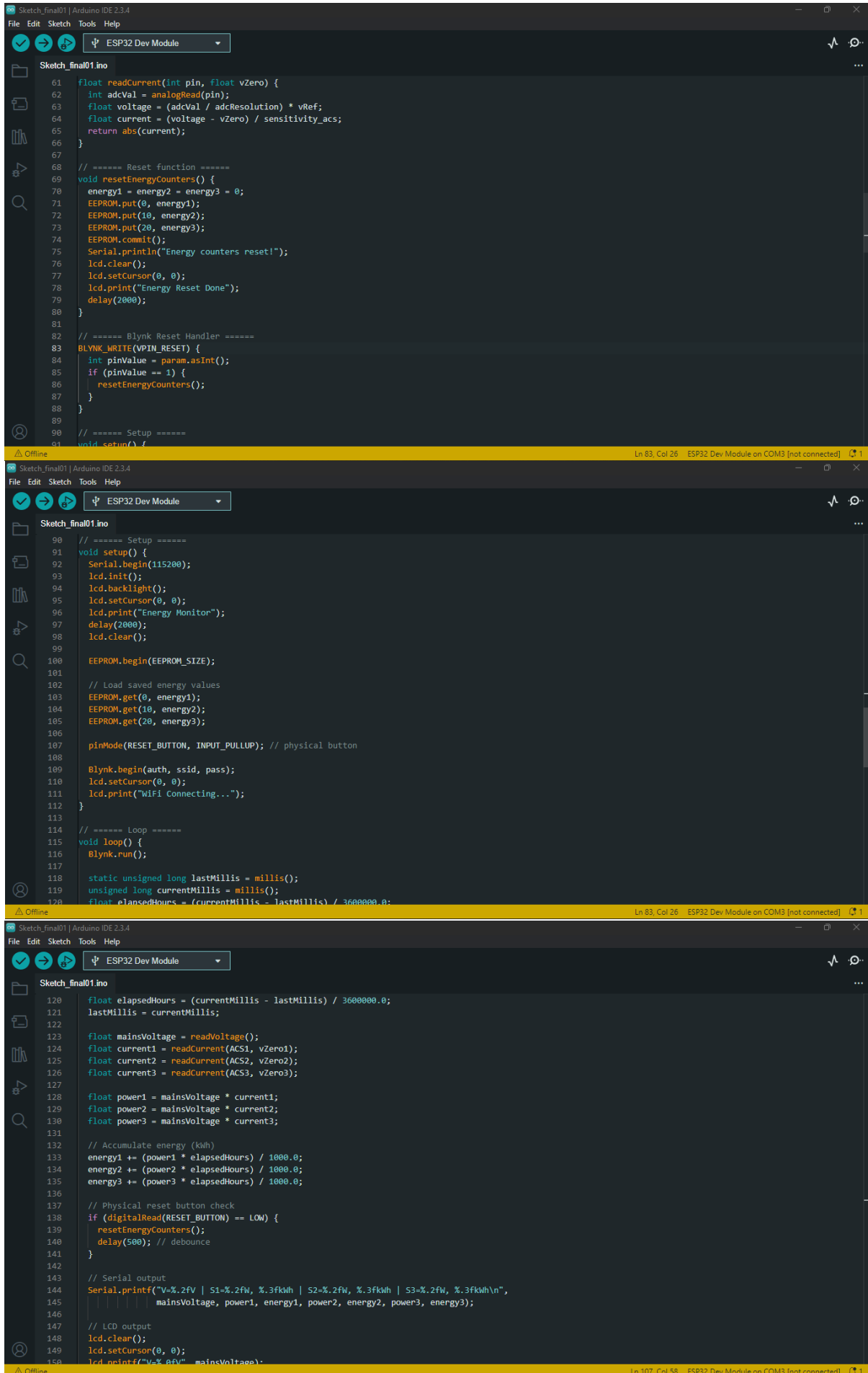
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31 // ===== Blynk Credentials =====
32 const char auth[] = "alfatj3FVJkly8kHgR1oK3h-a3bFit1N"; // Blynk authentication token
33 const char ssid[] = "itel P37 Pro(Vision2 Plus)"; // WiFi SSID
34 const char pass[] = "asiwaju36"; // WiFi password
35
36 // ===== Virtual Pins =====
37 #define VPIN_VOLTAGE V0
38 #define VPIN_I1 V1
39 #define VPIN_P1 V2
40 #define VPIN_E1 V7
41 #define VPIN_I2 V3
42 #define VPIN_P2 V4
43 #define VPIN_E2 V8
44 #define VPIN_I3 V5
45 #define VPIN_P3 V6
46 #define VPIN_E3 V9
47 #define VPIN_RESET V10 // Reset button in Blynk app
48
49 // ===== EEPROM setup =====
50 #define EEPROM_SIZE 64
51 float energy1 = 0, energy2 = 0, energy3 = 0; // kWh counters
52 unsigned long lastSave = 0;
53
54 // ===== Functions =====
55 float readVoltage() {
56   int adcVal = analogRead(VOLTAGE_SENSOR);
57   float voltage = (adcVal / adcResolution) * vRef;
58   return voltage * (vCalibration / 0.5); // adjust denominator after calibration
59 }
60
61 float readCurrent(int pin, float vZero) {

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150 lcd.printf("V=%.0FV", mainsVoltage);
151 lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
152 lcd.printf("S1=%.1fW E=%.2f", power1, energy1);
153 delay(3000);
154
155 lcd.clear();
156 lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
157 lcd.printf("S2=%.1fW", power2);
158 lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
159 lcd.printf("E=%.2fKwh", energy2);
160 delay(3000);
161
162 lcd.clear();
163 lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
164 lcd.printf("S3=%.1fW", power3);
165 lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
166 lcd.printf("E=%.2fKwh", energy3);
167 delay(3000);
168
169 // Send to Blynk
170 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_VOLTAGE, mainsVoltage);
171 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_I1, current1);
172 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_P1, power1);
173 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_E1, energy1);
174 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_I2, current2);
175 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_P2, power2);
176 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_E2, energy2);
177 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_I3, current3);
178 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_P3, power3);
179 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_E3, energy3);
180
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160 delay(3000);
161
162 lcd.clear();
163 lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
164 lcd.printf("S3=%.1fW", power3);
165 lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
166 lcd.printf("E=%.2fKwh", energy3);
167 delay(3000);
168
169 // Send to Blynk
170 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_VOLTAGE, mainsVoltage);
171 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_I1, current1);
172 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_P1, power1);
173 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_E1, energy1);
174 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_I2, current2);
175 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_P2, power2);
176 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_E2, energy2);
177 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_I3, current3);
178 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_P3, power3);
179 Blynk.virtualWrite(VPIN_E3, energy3);
180
181 // Save to EEPROM every 10s
182 if (millis() - lastSave > 10000) {
183   EEPROM.put(0, energy1);
184   EEPROM.put(10, energy2);
185   EEPROM.put(20, energy3);
186   EEPROM.commit();
187   lastSave = millis();
188 }
189 }
190
Offline Ln 166, Col 36 ESP32 Dev Module on COM3 [not connected]
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