

Real time load flow Monitor in Distribution System

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Abstract- A Real time load flow monitor in distribution system this project develops a real-time load flow monitoring system for a distribution network using a bulb and a motor. The system continuously monitors electrical parameters to detect overload and fault conditions. A GSM module is used to send instant alerts to the user, while a buzzer provides local warning. This ensures quick response, improved safety, and reliable operation. The project also demonstrates the effect of different load types on system performance and serves as a simple, cost-effective model for smart power distribution.

Keywords- Real time load flow monitor in distribution system (RTLFMIDS); Real-Time Monitoring; Overload Protection; GSM Alerts; Energy Efficiency.

I. INTRODUCTION

Electrical power distribution systems are the foundation of modern industrial and domestic infrastructure, where reliable and efficient power delivery is essential for smooth operation. In practical systems, both resistive loads such as bulbs and inductive loads such as motors are widely used. These loads have different electrical behaviors, and their combined operation affects current, voltage stability. Inductive loads, in particular, draw reactive power, which can reduce system efficiency and increase the chances of overload, heating, and equipment stress.

Real time load flow monitor in distribution system (RTLFMIDS) system provides a real-time load monitoring solution for mini-industrial power distribution systems using current and voltage sensors. It continuously measures electrical parameters and detects abnormal conditions such as overloads or faults through a microcontroller-based system. When unsafe conditions occur, it activates a buzzer for local warning and sends instant alerts to the user via a GSM module. The system enhances safety, improves reliability, and enables quick response to electrical issues in distribution networks.

Additionally, this project helps in understanding the real-time behavior of resistive and inductive loads in practical distribution systems.

It reduces the need for manual supervision by providing automated monitoring and instant fault notification. The system is cost-effective and easy to implement, making it suitable for small-

scale and mini industrial applications where continuous load supervision and quick response are essential for safe and efficient operation.

II. OBJECTIVE

• To monitor electrical load in real time

The main objective is to continuously measure current and voltage in the distribution system using sensors, allowing live observation of load conditions during operation.

• To detect overload conditions

The system is designed to compare real-time sensor values with predefined limits to identify abnormal conditions such as overloads conditions, real time data.

• To provide local warning using a buzzer

A buzzer is used to give immediate on-site alert whenever unsafe conditions occur, helping nearby users take quick action to prevent damage or accidents.

To send remote alerts using GSM module

- The project includes a GSM module that sends instant SMS notification to the user during fault conditions, enabling remote monitoring without physical presence.

To improve safety and reliability of the system

- By detecting faults quickly and providing immediate alerts, the system helps protect electrical equipment and improve the overall reliability of the power distribution setup.

- **To study behavior of different loads**

The system uses resistive and inductive loads to analyze how different types of loads affect current flow in practical conditions.

- **To develop a low-cost monitoring system for mini-industries**

The final objective is to design a simple, affordable, and efficient monitoring system suitable for small-scale industrial and distribution applications.

III. FEATURES OF TEG

- **Real-Time Load Monitoring**

Continuously measure electrical parameters like current and voltage using sensors for live system tracking.

- **Sensor-Based Operation**

Uses current and voltage sensors for accurate detection of load behavior in the distribution system.

- **Automatic Fault Detection**

Detect overloads and abnormal conditions by comparing sensor values with predefined limits.

- **GSM-Based Alert System**

Sends instant SMS notifications to the user during fault or overload conditions for remote monitoring.

- **Local Warning System**

Provides immediate on-site alert using a buzzer when unsafe conditions are detected.

- **Support for Different Loads**

Works with both resistive (bulb) and inductive (motor) loads for practical analysis of load behavior.

- **Microcontroller-Based Control**

Uses a microcontroller to process sensor data and control alert mechanism efficiently.

- **Low-Cost and Compact Design**

Designed as an affordable and simple system suitable for mini-industrial and small-scale applications.

- **Improved Safety and Reliability**

Helps protect electrical equipment by ensuring quick response to faults and overloads.

- **Easy Implementation**

Simple circuit and programming structure, making it suitable for academic and prototype purposes.

IV. CONCEPT AND METHODOLOGY

A. Block Diagram:

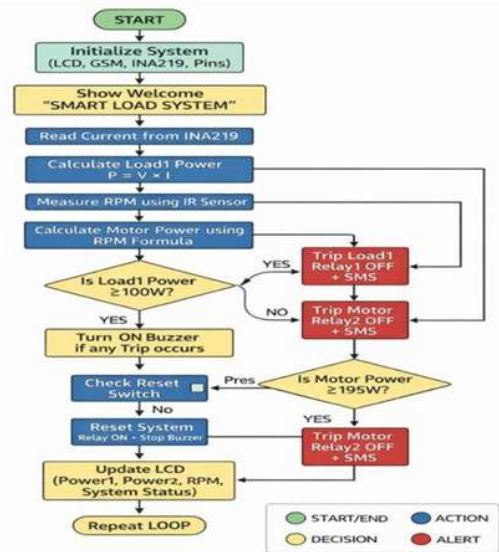


Fig: Load flowmon it orindistribution system

- **Power Supply Unit**

The system is powered by a regulated power supply that provides a stable voltage to all components such as sensors, microcontroller, GSM module, and buzzer for proper operation.

- **Current and Voltage Sensors**

These sensors are used to measure the electrical parameters of the load in real time. They continuously monitor the current and voltage flowing through resistive and inductive loads.

- **Microcontroller Unit**

The microcontroller acts as the brain of the system. It receives data from the sensors, processes it, and compares it with predefined threshold values to detect normal or abnormal conditions.

- **Load Setup**

A bulb is used as a resistive load and a motor is used as an inductive load. This setup helps in analyzing different load behaviors in a practical distribution system.

- **GSM Module**

The GSM module is used for remote communication. When a fault or overload is detected, it sends an SMS alert to the user's mobile phone for immediate action.

- **Buzzer Unit**

The buzzer provides a local audio warning whenever an abnormal condition such as overload or fault is detected, ensuring on-site safety.

• Threshold Comparison System

The system continuously compares real-time sensor values with preset limits. If values exceed safe levels, it triggers alert mechanisms.

• Overall Operation

The system continuously monitors the load, processes sensor data, and provides both local and remote alerts, ensuring real-time protection and reliable operation of the distribution system.

V. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



Fig. Experimental setup

VI. CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

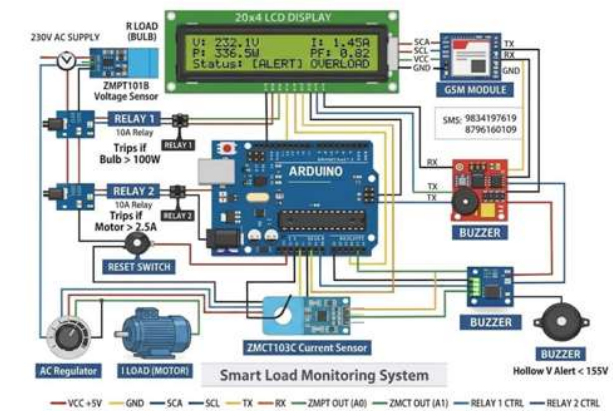


Fig:Arduino microcontroller

- Main controller of the system
- Reads sensor data
- Controls relays, GSM, LCD, and buzzer
- Makes decisions (normal/overload)

20x4 LCD Display

- Shows real-time values
- Displays voltage, current, power
- Shows system status (NORMAL/OVERLOAD)

GSM Module

- Sends SMS alerts to mobile phone
- Used for remote monitoring
- Sends warning during overload or fault

Relay Modules (Relay 1 & 2)

- Acts as automatic switch
- Turns load ON/OFF
- Protects system during fault or overload
- Controlled by Arduino

Voltage Sensor & Current Sensor

- Measures current, voltage, and power
- Sends data to Arduino via I2C
- Detects abnormal load conditions
- DC Motor (Inductive Load - L)
- Represents inductive load
- Used to simulate real motor load
- Draws high starting current

Buzzer

- Gives sound alert
- Activates during overload or fault
- Provides local warning

Reset Switch

- Manually resets system
- Clears fault condition
- Restarts monitoring process

230V AC Supply

- Main power source
- Supplies power to loads
- Converted for circuit operation

VII. HARDWARE DETAILS

1. ArduinoUNO(MainController)

- Actsasthemainprocessingunit
- Readssensordataandmakesdecisions
- ControlsLCD,GSM,relay,and buzzer
- Runsthemonitoring program.



Fig:Arduinounomicrocontroller

2. GSMModule

- SendsSMSalertstomobilephones
- WorksviaTX/RXserialcommunication
- Usedforremotefaultnotification
- Sendsmessagesduringoverload/fault.



Fig: GSM module

3. ZMPT101BAcVoltageSensor

- Measuresvoltage
- Theblueblockistherelayitselfanelectricallycontrolledswitch.
- Thegreenterminalblockiswhereyouconnectthehigh-voltageorloadcircuit.
- ThepinsontheleftarecontrolinputstypicallyVCC,GND,and signal.
- Thesmallscrewontopisoftena potentiometerusedforadjustingsensitivityortiminginsome
- Theboardincludesupportingelectronicstransistor,diode, resistorstosafelycontroltherelaymodules



Fig:Voltage Sensor

4. ACS71230ACurrentSensor

- MeasuresbothACandDCcurrent
- Commonranges:±5A,±20A,±30A
- Outputsanalogsignalcenteredaround~2.5Vwhennocurrentflows.



Fig: Current Sensor

5. RelayModule(10ARelay)

- ActsasanautomaticON/OFFswitch
- Protectssystemduringoverload
- ControlsACloads(bulb/motor)
- ControlledbyArduinosignals

6. 20x4LCDDisply

- Displaysreal-timesystemdata
- Showsvoltage,current,power
- Showsstatus(NORMAL/FAULT/OVERLOAD)
- Helpslocalmonitoring



Fig.LCDDisplay

DCMotor(InductiveLoad)

- Representsinductive load (L)
- Simulatesrealindustrialmotor

- Drawshighstartingcurrent
- Usedfortestingloadbehavior

7. Bulb/ResistiveLoad

- Representsresistiveload(R)
- Simpleconstantpowerload
- Usedforcomparisonwithmotorload
- Helpsstudyloadifferences

8. Buzzer

- Givessoundalertduringfault
- Activatesinoverloadcondition
- Provideslocalwarningsystem
- Worksassafetyalarm

9. ResetSwitch

PushButtonSwitch

- Usedtoresetthesystemmanually
- Clearsfaultconditions
- Restartsmonitoringprocess
- Simpleusercontrol input

10. PowerSupply(230VAC)

- Mainpowersourcefor loads
- Suppliesenergytomotorandbulb
- Convertedtolowvoltageforelectronics
- Backboneofthesystem

VIII. RESULT

Load1`



Fig:Loaded Condition



Fig:Overload Condition

Load2



Fig:Loaded Condition



Fig:Overload Condition

IX. BENEFITS

- Real-time monitoring of voltage, current, and power
- Automatic detection of overload conditions
- GSM module sends SMS alert to users during faults
- Buzzer provides immediate local warning
- Relay automatically disconnects faulty load
- LCD displays real-time system status and measurements
- Improves efficient power management
- Arduino enables smart and automatic control
- Suitable for industrial and domestic applications
- Low-cost and easy to implement system
- Enhances safety of electrical equipment and users

- Reduces maintenance cost and equipment damage risk

X. SCOPE OF THE STUDY

- Study and implementation of real-time load monitoring in electrical distribution systems
- Monitoring of resistive and inductive loads under different operating conditions
- Development of a smart system for detecting overload and fault conditions
- Integration of sensors for measuring voltage, current, and power
- Use of microcontroller-based automation for decision making

- Implementation of GSM technology for remote alert notification
- Use of buzzer and display unit for local monitoring and warning
- Application of relay-based automatic load control for protection
- Study of power management techniques to improve system efficiency
- Application in domestic and industrial electrical systems for safety improvement
- Scope for expansion into IoT-based energy monitoring systems
- Future enhancement for automatic load balancing and smart grid integration

XI. ADVANTAGES

- Provides real-time monitoring of electrical parameters
- Detects overload and fault conditions automatically
- Sends remote alerts through GSM for quick response
- Gives local warning using buzzer for immediate attention
- Automatically disconnects faulty loads using relay protection
- Improves safety of electrical appliances and users
- Reduces chances of short circuit and equipment damage

XII. DISADVANTAGES

- Requires continuous power supply to operate the system
- GSM module depends on network availability for SMS alerts
- Limited accuracy depending on sensor quality and calibration
- Increases system complexity compared to basic monitoring circuits
- Requires technical knowledge for installation and troubleshooting
- Hardware components may increase initial setup cost

XIII. APPLICATIONS

- Industrial load monitoring and control systems
- Domestic electrical power monitoring systems
- Transformer and substation load management
- Overload protection in distribution networks
- Motor and machinery protection in industries
- Smart energy management systems
- Electrical fault detection systems
- Remote monitoring of electrical loads using GSM

- Power consumption monitoring in commercial buildings
- Educational and research projects in electrical engineering
- Integration in smart grid and automation systems
- Renewable energy system monitoring (solar and wind system)

XIV. CONCLUSION

The real-time load monitoring system for distribution networks effectively measures and controls electrical parameters such as voltage, current, and power for both resistive and inductive loads. The system is designed to detect overload and fault conditions automatically and respond through relay-based load disconnection for protection. It also provides local alerts using a buzzer and real-time status display on an LCD, while a GSM module sends SMS notifications to users for remote monitoring. This enhances safety, reduces the risk of equipment damage, and improves overall power management efficiency. The project demonstrates a reliable and cost-effective solution that can be applied in domestic, industrial, and educational environments, with further scope for expansion into IoT-based smart energy monitoring systems.

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