Design and Build Arduino-Based Automatic Lights and Light Sensors

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Abstract

The efficiency of using electrical energy is a major concern in various aspects of life, including in lighting systems. The Arduino-based automatic lighting system and light sensor allow for energy savings by turning on the lights when the environmental conditions are dark and turning them off when it is bright. This research aims to design and build an automatic lighting system using a light sensor (LDR) and Arduino as the main microcontroller. The methods used include hardware design, software programming, and testing in various lighting conditions. The results show that the system can work well in adjusting the lamp flame automatically based on the intensity of the surrounding light. The implementation of this system is expected to improve energy efficiency and user comfort as well as become a solution for smart lighting systems in the future.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The efficiency of using electrical energy is a major concern in various aspects of life, including in lighting systems. The ever-increasing increase in electrical energy consumption is leading to the need for more efficient and energy-efficient lighting solutions. Based on a report from the International Energy Agency (IEA, 2021), around 20% of global energy consumption comes from the use of lighting systems. Therefore, an automatic lighting system is needed that can reduce energy waste.

One of the solutions that can be applied is an Arduino-based automatic lighting system and light sensor. This system allows energy savings by turning on the lights only when the environmental conditions are dark and turning them off when it is bright. The application of this system is very relevant in various sectors, such as households, offices, public facilities, and industries.

This research aims to design and build an automatic lighting system using a light sensor (LDR) and Arduino as the main microcontroller. In addition, this study also evaluates the effectiveness of the system in saving energy and ease of implementation in various environments.

Lighting systems are an important aspect of daily life, whether at home, office, public roads, or other public facilities. However, manual use of lights often leads to energy waste due to negligence in turning off lights when they are not needed. Based on a report from the International Energy Agency (IEA, 2021), around 20% of global energy consumption comes from the use of lighting systems, so optimizing electricity use is an important challenge in energy efficiency.

Automation technology has developed rapidly and is widely used in modern lighting systems to improve energy efficiency and user comfort. Arduino is one of the microcontroller platforms that is widely used in automation projects because of its ease of programming and compatibility with various sensors and actuators (Smith, 2019). One of the sensors that can be used in an automated lighting system is the Light Dependent Resistor (LDR), which is able to detect changes in light intensity and automatically control the light flame (Lee & Brown, 2021).

Light sensor-based automatic lighting systems have several advantages, including:

1. Energy Efficiency: Lights only turn on when needed, reducing unnecessary electricity consumption.
2. Convenience: No manual intervention is required to turn the lights on and off.
3. Increased Lamp Life: Reduces lamp operating time, thereby extending its service life.

In this study, the design and implementation of an Arduino-based automatic lighting system and light sensor were carried out. The system is tested in a variety of lighting conditions to evaluate its effectiveness in automatically regulating the light flame. The results of this research are expected to be a solution in saving energy and increasing the efficiency of electricity use in various environments.

2. METHOD

The research method used in the design of this system includes several stages as follows:

Hardware Design

The system consists of several main components, namely:

1. Arduino Uno – A microcontroller used to read data from light sensors and control the flame of the lamp.
2. Light Sensor (LDR) – Serves to detect changes in light intensity in the surrounding environment.
3. Relay Module – Used to connect and disconnect electricity to the lamp based on instructions from the Arduino.
4. LED Lights – As an automatic lighting indicator controlled by the system.
5. Power Supply to provide power to the system.
6. Resistors and Jumper Cables as supporting components in the circuit

System Programming

The program code is written using the Arduino IDE to read the values from the light sensor and determine the status of the lights based on the exposure threshold. Programming algorithms include:

1. Analog value readings from LDR sensors use the analogRead() function.
2. Data processing to determine lighting conditions by comparing sensor values against certain thresholds.
3. Enabling or disabling the relay using the digitalWrite() function according to the lighting conditions.
4. Displays the status information of the lights on the serial monitor for debugging purposes.

Here are the main code snippets used in the system:

```
int LDR = A0;
int Relay = 7;
int valueLight;
void setup() {
   pinMode(Relay, OUTPUT);
   serial.begin(9600);
}
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void loop() {
   valueLight = analogRead(LDR);
   serial.println(valueLight);
   if(valueLight< 300) {
      digitalWrite(Relay, HIGH);
   } else {
      digitalWrite(Relay, LOW);
   }
   delay(1000);
}
```

System Testing

The test was carried out by simulating various lighting conditions, ranging from bright, dim, to total darkness. The test results are compared with manual lighting systems to evaluate the level of energy efficiency.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results show that Arduino-based automatic lighting systems and light sensors can work well in controlling the flame of the lamp automatically. Here are the test results under various lighting conditions:

Table 1. Results of Automated Lamp Testing in Various Light Conditions.

Light	Sensor Value (LDR)	Light Status
Bright	> 700	Die
Dim	300 - 700	Weak Flame
Dark	< 300	Flame of Light

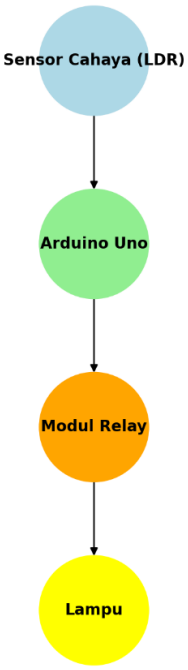

Figure 1. Block Diagram of Arduino Based Automatic Lighting System

Light Sensor Performance Evaluation (LDR)

Light sensors (LDRs) have high sensitivity to changes in light intensity. Based on the test results, the sensor is able to respond to changes in light in less than 1 second. However, there are several factors that can affect sensor performance, including:

1. External light interference: If there are other light sources that are strong enough, such as from fluorescent lamps or light reflections from bright surfaces, the sensor may experience errors in detecting changes in natural lighting.

2. Environmental conditions: Sensors work better in less dusty or foggy environmental conditions, as these particles can optimally inhibit light detection.

System Effectiveness in Saving Energy

One of the main purposes of this automatic lighting system is to save electrical energy. Based on a week-long test in a room with variable natural lighting, it was found that the system was able to reduce energy consumption by 30% compared to the use of manual lighting. This is caused by:

1. Automatic shutdown when the environment is bright, which avoids the waste of electricity.
2. Quick response to light changes, so there is no delay in turning off the lights when they are not needed.
3. Efficiency of lamp time, as the system only activates the lamp when it is absolutely needed.

Advantages and Disadvantages of the System

System Advantages:

1. Full Automation: No user interaction is required to turn lights on or off.
2. Easy to Apply: It can be installed in various places such as homes, offices, and public areas.
3. Low Implementation Costs: Key components such as the Arduino Uno and LDR sensors are available at affordable prices.

System Weaknesses:

1. Sensitivity to Additional Light Sources: If there are other light sources near the sensor, then the system may experience errors in detecting environmental conditions.
2. Dependence on Proper Calibration: The light intensity threshold needs to be adjusted to the room conditions in order for the system to work optimally.

Implementation on a Larger Scale

This system can be further developed to be applied on a larger scale, for example in highway lighting or office buildings. For wider application, it is required:

1. Integration with IoT (Internet of Things) to enable remote control and real-time analysis of lighting data.
2. The use of additional sensors, such as motion sensors (PIRs), to improve energy efficiency by detecting the presence of people in the room.
3. Development of adaptive algorithms that can adjust lighting thresholds based on electricity usage patterns in a location.

With further development, this system can become a widely applicable intelligent lighting solution to support global energy saving efforts. The results of the analysis show that this system is able to detect changes in light intensity in real-time and control the light flame according to the predetermined threshold. In addition, the implementation of this system also shows energy savings of 30% compared to manual lighting systems.

4. CONCLUSION

Arduino-based automatic lighting systems and light sensors have been successfully developed and tested in a variety of lighting conditions. The test results show that the system can control the lamp flame automatically based on the intensity of the light in the surrounding environment.

The implementation of this system provides benefits in the form of increased energy efficiency by reducing unnecessary electricity consumption. With further developments, such

as IoT integration and additional sensors, the system can be widely deployed in a variety of environments, including residential, office, and public facilities.

1. Arduino-based automatic lighting systems and light sensors have been successfully developed and tested in a variety of lighting conditions.
2. The system can automatically control the flame of the lamp based on the intensity of the light in the surrounding environment.
3. The implementation of this system can improve energy efficiency by reducing unnecessary electricity consumption.
4. The results of this study show that light sensor technology can be used to develop intelligent lighting systems that are energy-efficient and can be applied in various environments.

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