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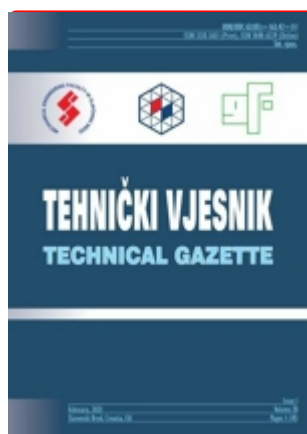
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The inappropriate installation of electrical control devices causes a lot of harm to houses and their owners. This is in addition to the widespread assumption that electrical installations and control devices need to be checked, maintained, and repaired. However, the disruptions that frequently occur in electrical installations tend to shorten the device's lifespan, making it prone to malfunction and fire outbreaks. For example, a house/building that burned due to an electrical short circuit has the ability to potentially propagate the fire to the surrounding buildings, which would certainly harm many people. Therefore, to overcome these problems, an electrical system capable of controlling the safety and electronic devices need to be installed in a house/building by a certified expert approved by the government.

## 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

Several studies have been conducted on the use of Web-based Android software to ON and OFF electrical devices at home. For instance, Hodge et al. [1] studied android based home automation system, using raspberry pi to control electronic devices at low cost easily. The use of a smartphone-based android system to make home automation control was also examined by Gunge et al. [2] and Setiawan et al. [3]. They also used a raspberry pi as the control design to significantly reduce electricity consumption. The research carried out by Shireesha et al. [4] used a raspberry pi to enable the disabled to carry out their various electrical activities on a webpage. Meanwhile, the use of raspberry pi was also applied by Maslekar et al. [5] to control lights at home. Chen et al. [6] researched the application of raspberry pi to lock telephones automatically. The research combined Rpi3 and hardware sensors and was connected to the MQTT as a data producer.

Furthermore, numerous researches have been carried out on the use of raspberry pi to control household appliances from a smartphone-based android system. For instance, Arifianto et al. [7] successfully applied raspberry pi as a control system center for filling bottles of drinking water in the home. A similar method was used by Akbar et

al. [8] by integrating raspberry pi, UPnP protocols, and Xbee to control home appliances smartly. This is in addition to the research carried out by Lochan Basyal [9] to develop smart home applications.

Meanwhile, Birajdar [10] used raspberry pi to implement an embedded web-server based on ARM11 and Linux. The result showed that any client could access the system over the internet. Ali et al. [11] developed a wheelchair controllable with the eyes based on an autonomous camera using raspberry pi. However, there are still some inconsistencies associated with this device, thereby making it difficult to function in dark places. Vignesh Kumar et al. [12] applied the raspberry system to control the power factor automatically. The research shows that the tool is applicable to industry or households to make the power factor more stable.

All the electronic devices previously mentioned will be controlled in this research by integrating the devices, which are manipulated manually by using a local network or through an internet network.

## 3 EXPERIMENTAL EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, AND METHOD

### 3.1 Materials and Tools Research

Several tools and materials were used to carry out this research as follows:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Board house set        | 16. Relay               |
| 2. Switch push-On         | 17. Aux. contacts (KKB) |
| 3. Special contacts (KKK) | 18. MCB                 |
| 4. Electrical inst.cable  | 17. Lighting panel      |
| 5. Lighting               | 18. Smartphone          |
| 6. Water pump             | 19. Raspberry set       |
| 7. Ethernet shield        | 20. Sonic sensor        |
| 8. Webcam                 | 21. Dig.Voltmeter       |
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| 10. A. Point TP-Link      | 23. USB cable           |
| MR-3020                   |                         |
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| 12. Adaptor               | 25. Computer set        |
| 13. Fan                   | 26. Motion sensor       |
| 14. TV                    | 27. Smoke sensor        |
| 15. Jack connector set    |                         |

### 3.2 Data Collection

Data used to carry out this research were collected as follows:

1. Direct interview with several experts in the field of electrical installation and control systems.
2. Literature review by comparing conceptual theory and its application to support the experiment.
3. Direct measurement to control the equipment used and obtain obvious results and factual.
4. Documentation by making raspberry-based electrical equipment control and monitoring applications using smartphones.

### 3.3 Data Analysis Method

This research used the analytical method to model and formulates a system, which is further solved using the appropriate technique. The choice of analytical method used in this research has a direct effect on the level of accuracy. The analysis results are the success rate of the electrical device control system in a house that is controlled and monitored automatically through a Smartphone or manually via switches.

## 4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Application Design

The system to be built is a tool that controls and monitors electrical devices, such as MCB, lights, TV, heaters, refrigerators, AC, box of auxiliary contacts (BAC), water pump, reservoir control device with a sonic sensor, control tools for electric energy savings with pears sensors, smoke/gas detector with an MQ2 (gas sensors), and environmental monitoring tools using an environmentally friendly webcam and a smartphone. This control and monitoring system consists of 3 main elements, namely input, process, and output. The output is produced from the control system design, while the inputs are those parameters used to regulate the output. In this case, the controlled device is electrical equipment. The minimum control requirements for electrical devices are commonly used to turn on and off electrical equipment. Therefore, a simulated electrical equipment control system was built in this research, as shown in Fig. 1.

### 4.2 Electrical Installation Design

The design of the Electrical Installation is based on the Regulations of PUIL 2011, SPLN, and LMK. This type of electrical installation utilizes a 4B MCB safety device to secure all electronic devices in the house/building, which are automatically controlled through the smartphone and manually via the switch button installed inside the house. The switch used to activate (ON) and extinguish (OFF) the lamp manually is connected to the relay device located on the control panel. Every lamp and KKB used in a house/building is controlled by a relay contained in the control panel. Fig. 2 shows a sequential step on how to connect electrical safety devices with electrical equipment, such as electricity/MCB, lights, TV, heaters, refrigerators, AC, KKB, water pump machines, reservoir control devices with sonic sensors, electric energy saver control with PIR

sensors, smoke/gas detector with MQ2 gas sensors, and environmental monitoring using a control equipment, such as relay, raspberry, access points and smartphone.

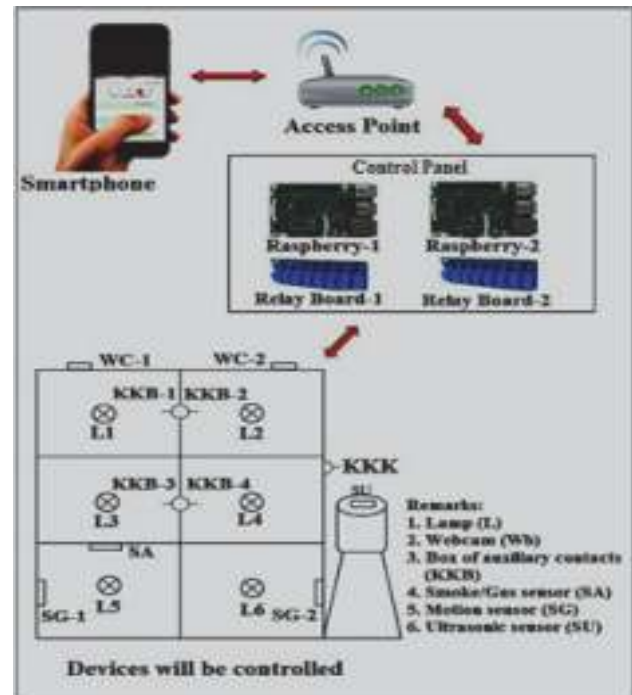


Figure 1 Raspberry-based home electrical system control device

### 4.3 Trial System by Using Local Network

Fig. 2 clearly shows an access point as a server connecting smartphones and raspberry. It is also used as a control for electricity/MCB security devices, lights, TV, heater, refrigerator, AC, KKB, water pump machine, reservoir control, electric energy saver, smoke/gas detector, and environmental monitoring. The smartphone is used as a controller to send instructions to raspberry via a website-based application, with an IP Address/local 192.168.100.102 that function to control/turn on all electrical devices described above. These devices worked through the instructions of the raspberry device and relayed to the board, which then controls all electrical devices, according to the consumer's desire.

### 4.4 Trial System by Using an Internet Network

Fig. 2 shows the development of a local connection capable of controlling electrical equipment using an internet connection. A modem/router is also used as a link to connect local and internet networks. Users must login to the internet and access the link: <http://www.penelitikendaligedung.ngrok.com> using their phone. The user's smartphone is used as a remote to send instructions to the raspberry in order to control and secure electrical devices in the house or building.

### 4.5 Discussion of Design and Testing Results

First, the research team made the application design and installed the electrical devices, as shown in Fig. 1, Fig. 2, and Fig. 3. Second, the validation team refined the developed software and downloaded it into the raspberry

connected to the devices, such as sonic sensor, PIR sensor, Q-2 sensor, relay board, and microcontroller (raspberry set), smartphone, and other small devices. After connecting the devices perfectly, the raspberry is download and tested for all electrical devices, as shown in Tab. 1 to Tab. 4.

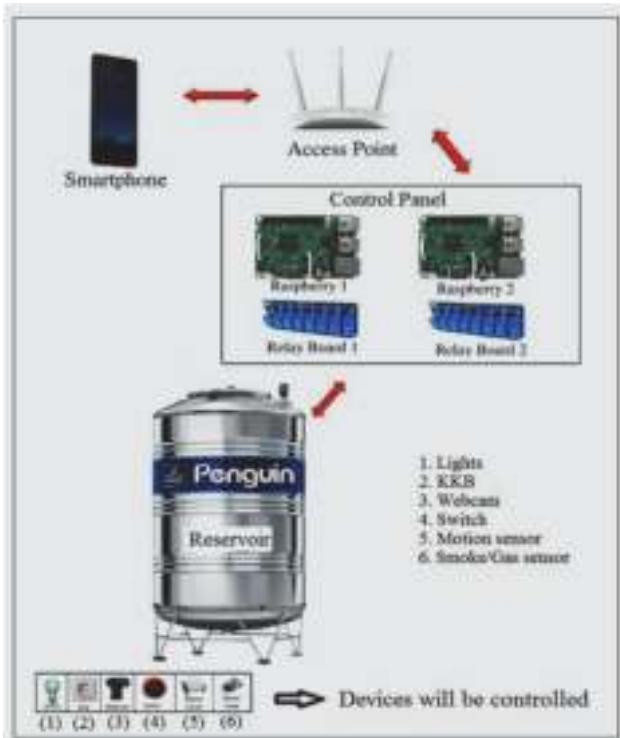


Figure 2 Illustration of reservoir control by using Local Network



Figure 3 Illustration of reservoir control by using Internet Network

Table 1 Testing of Electric Safety Devices (MCB/ELCB/NFB/MCCB)

Electric Safety Equipment Status (MCB/ELCB/ NFB/MCCB)	Smartphone Status	Explanation
ON	ON	All electrical devices, such as MCB, Lights, TV, Heater, Refrigerator, AC, KKB, Water Pump Machine, Reservoir Control Equipment with Sonic Sensors, Electric Energy Saver Control with PIR Sensors, Smoke/Gas Detector with MQ2, and Environmental Monitoring devices using Webcam, are operated with 220 V.
OFF	OFF	No supply from an electricity source, which means all electrical devices cannot operate because they do not have a working voltage

Table 2 Testing of Electric Lights installed on the Board House (House/Building)

Switch	Position of Manual Switch on Board House	Smartphone Status	Lights Status	Explanation
1	ON	ON	Lamp No.1 lights up	The electric light receives 220 volts from the source, SEE $V = 220$ Volt
	OFF	OFF	Lamp No.1 Off	Electric lights do not obtain volts from the source, SEE $V = 0$ Volt
2	ON	ON	Lamp No.2 lights up	The electric light is received 220 volts from the voltage source, SEE $V = 220$ Volt
	OFF	OFF	Lamp No.2 Off	Electric lights do not obtain volts from the source, SEE $V = 0$ Volt
3	ON	ON	Lamp No.3 lights up	The electric light is supplied 220 volts from the voltage source, SEE $V = 220$ Volt
	OFF	OFF	Lamp No.3 Off	Electric lights do not obtain volts from the source, SEE $V = 0$ Volt
4	ON	ON	Lamp No. 4 lights up	The electric light is supplied 220 volts from the source, SEE $V = 220$ Volt
	OFF	OFF	Lamp No.4 Off	Electric lights do obtain volts from the voltage source, SEE $V = 0$ Volt

**Table 3** Testing of Reservoir Control Devices with Sonic Sensors by Electricity Source from KKK (Special Contact Box for Reservoir)

Water Pump Status	KKK Status	SmartphoneStatus	Position of Manual Switch on Board House	Explanation
ON	The reservoir machine is not supplied with electric voltage from the source/KKK/SEE ( $V = 220$ Volts)	ON	ON	The reservoir machine works because it gets 220 V supply voltage, with the water level in the reservoir is controlled by Sonic sensors.
OFF	The reservoir machine is not supplied with electricity from the source/ KKK/SEE. ( $V = 0$ Volt)	OFF	OFF	The reservoir machine does not work because it does not get supply voltage from the source ( $V = 0$ Volt) with the water level on the reservoir controlled by Sonic sensors.

The control devices on raspberry-based home electrical systems are tested on the boarding house that had been designed as a real home replacement. The results showed that security plays a very vital role in the electrical system of a house/building. Furthermore, without a good safety system, the house is prone to fire hazards. From the test results towards the security system installed, the authors carried out various activation and placed a short circuit between the phase and neutral cables. The result shows that the safety device installed in the house acts as a short circuit inside and secures the house from fire hazards.

After ensuring the proper functioning of the security system, the next test is connecting the safety device with the control, as previously stated. When the safety device is turned ON (activated), it is indicated on the smartphone's screen. This means that all electrical devices installed in the boarding house are ready to be operated at 220-volt. The equipment included in the electrical equipment controlled is electricity/MCB, lights, TV, heater, refrigerator, AC, KKB, water pump machine, reservoir

control with the sonic sensor, electric energy saver control with PIR sensor, and tool smoke/gas detector with an MQ2 gas sensor.

The next test is to turn OFF (deactivate) the electric safety device installed on the boarding house. The results obtained in KKB using a digital multimeter are zero volts ( $V = 0$  volts). This result illustrates that all the control systems are inoperable because there is no electricity supply from SEE (state electricity enterprise). Therefore, the electrical system of a raspberry-based future home cannot be used. The OFF position needs to be turned ON to activate the control system, as shown in Tab. 1 to Tab. 6. Furthermore, all-electric lights installed in the house are tested. Therefore, switch number 1 need to be in the ON position either manually or using a smartphone to turn light no. 1 that was previously connected to the specified local IP. It can also be turned OFF and ON at a distance by using the local IP address specified on the control device. Similar methods were also used to turn on all the lights installed on the boarding house.

**Table 4** Testing of Electric Energy Savings Control Devices with PIR/Motion Sensor No.1

PIR No.1 Sensor Status	No.1 Indicator Light Sensor Status	No.1 Switch on the Board House Status	Smartphone Status	Explanation
No.1 PIR Sensor Works/ON	On, Because People are inside the Room	Switch No.1 ON/ Functioned	ON/ Functioned	Electric lights inside the room automatically turn on if people enter the room and turn off when they leave.
No.1 PIR Sensor Does Not Work / OFF	Off, because no one is in the room	Switch No.1 OFF/ does not Function	OFF/does not Function	There is no activity in the room.

**Table 5** Testing of Smoke/Gas Detectors with MQ2 Gas Sensors

Gas/Smoke Conditions in the Room	Smartphone Status	Switch Status	Indicator Light Status	Horn status at the Board House	Explanation
Excess/ above the threshold	ON/ Functioned	ON/ Work	ON	Sounds/ ON	Smoke/gas contained in the room is above the threshold/ excess, which activates the Gas Sensor, thereby alerting the horn with the Indicator light turned on
Less/below the threshold	OFF/does not Functioned	OFF/does not Work	Off	Silent/Off	Smoke/gas contained in the room is below the threshold, which does not activate the gas sensor with no horns and the Indicator light is off.

**Table 6** Testing of Environmental Monitoring Device using Webcam No. 1

Webcam1 Status	Smartphone Status	Explanation
	ON/ Functioned	Webcam 1 Functioned, therefore it has the ability to capture images in front of it.
	OFF does not Function	Webcam 1 does not function, therefore it cannot capture images.

Tab. 5 shows the result of testing gas/smoke detectors found in rooms/offices using a smartphone, both at close range using local IP and remotely through the internet network. The result indicates that when there is a

considerable amount of gas/smoke over the threshold, the sensor works automatically by providing a signal to the smartphone. The code appears "ON" on the screen and the indicator lights are installed in the room. In addition, the



horn also rings and only stops when the OFF button on the smartphone or switch is pressed. Moreover, assuming there is still a lot of smoke in the room/office, the horn and the indicator light will not turn off /stop even when pressed. This indicates that the gas/smoke sensor is more sensitive, and the manual buttons only work when the smoke in the room has completely left.

The next stage is testing the electricity usage saver using the motion sensor/PIR, as shown in Tab. 6. It also the light functions with motion sensor functions, therefore when people are in the room, the lights turn ON with the switch position at 1 and vice versa.

The next activity is testing reservoir control devices with sonic sensors by electricity source from KKK, which denotes the special contact box for the reservoir. The testing for the water pump machine by a voltage source from KKB3 is used by the tower water system in which the water bath cap is fitted with a sonic sensor to control the level contained in a water bath. The sonic sensor installed is controlled by the raspberry and relay contained in the panel board. Furthermore, the control system automatically assumes the ON button on the smartphone is activated or manually switched on the boarding house. Conversely, when the button is turned OFF, no power supply source goes into the KKK, therefore, the water pump engine does not function ( $V = 0$  volts). The water tower is equipped with a sonic sensor capable of monitoring the water level in a bath. The control device has the ability to stop the water pump engine at various levels of water contained in the tub through the smartphone or manual button.

The last test is a home/building environment monitoring trial. The webcam 1 is able to function and capture images through local or internet networks, assuming the smartphone status is ON. Conversely, when the buttons on the smartphone are pressed to dim webcam 1 (OFF position), the camera automatically stops capturing images. It also appears in the same path with webcams 2 and 3.

## 5 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the raspberry-based future house electricity system functions appropriately as follows:

1. All safety control systems (MCB) have various loads.
2. The hardware has the ability to control electrical devices, such as electric safety/MCB, electric lights, TV, heaters, refrigerators, air conditioners, KKB, and water pump machines properly using a smartphone.
3. The application and interface of the Arduino mega-based control system function properly with the ability to control the electrical equipment through a smartphone.

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