Smart Diesel Generator Control System

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ABSTRACT

This paper introduces a user-friendly PLC (programmable logic controller) monitoring and control system of heavy machinery using Android based smartphone. The proposed system will control diesel generator and many such like machine without a dedicated PC with respect to similar system and offers a new communication protocol for handling it. The smartphone controls the generator via Wi-Fi, through which it connects to the Raspberry pi which will be installed in the PLC panel to setup the communication between them. Furthermore, Raspberry pi connects to two devices, one is PLC which gives the status and current information of the machine and to ON/OFF the machine. This proposed system used RS485 as a key mediator for data exchanging between Raspberry Pi(master) and PLC(slave). RS485 allows multiple devices (up to 32) to communicate at half duplex on single pair of wires and provides a long connectivity area (up to 1200 meters) as compared to another device. This proposed system specially focused on accurate data flow between smartphone and PLC panel.

Key words: Android, Smartphone, Diesel Generator, PLC, Raspberry pi.

1. INTRODUCTION

Automation of heavy machinery facilitate the reduction of accident occur in handling those machines manually and tracking the status of those machine without going near to them. To gain full utility and customer protection, smart handling technology are being introduced. The idea of controlling heavy machinery with smartphones attracts for the safety in the industry.

Moreover, the rapid growth of smartphone’s popularity and function, demands advance mobile application for controlling almost all machinery. The use of web services is an open and interoperable method for providing remote access service or application to communicate each other.

Automation of Heavy machinery limits the risk for the worker or the maintainer of those machine. For this purpose, Raspberry pi is used as a mediator between PLC, Relay and Smartphone for data transferring. It is an open source electronics prototyping platform and easy to use hardware and its dedicated software i.e. Raspbian, a Linux based operating system. The specification of used Raspberry pi 3 have 10/100 BaseT Ethernet socket, 802.11 b/g/n Wireless LAN and many more. Raspberry pi helps to setup its IP address which helps to connect other device like smartphone for communication.

PLC is a digital controller which is widely used in automation industry for electromechanical

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processes. PLC is designed for multiple arrangements of digital and analog inputs and outputs which extends temperature ranges, immunity to electrical noise. PLC is mostly used to control machinery, PLC comes with build in communication port, usually 9-pin RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 and Ethernet. Here we will be discussing on RS-485 port. Under the IEC 61131-3[1, 2] standard PLC can be programmed using standard based programming languages, in which ladder logic is most commonly used [3]. Ladder logic some time called “relay logic” was designed to work like relay logic, an old programming language which was already in wide use. It is run by reading and writing from the memory table of inputs, outputs, and intermediate values.

2. RELATED WORK

2.1 Wire Grinding Machine and Wire Stripping Machine Control System Based on PLC

This system introduces PLC control system with the support of relay control circuit[4]. Here PLC obtains the status of sensors in the wire grinding machine such as data of diameter value to control the operation of their corresponding parts to form a close loop between PLC control system, the motor of the machine and the wire diameter grinding detectors to grind the wire into segments with different diameter.

In this system, PLC obtains the status of sensors, diameter value and the motor, basically it only deals with the internal work of the system. In our proposed system, we have included third party device to monitor and control the diesel generator. Here we are not only taking the data of the running machine but also alerting the machine handler through smartphone in any malfunction is going or started occurring and controlling it, which helps to minimize the Accident occurs by heavy machine.

2.2 Smart Home Intelligence

Smart home refers an automatic system for controlling home appliances, multi-media equipment for monitoring and activating security apparatus associated with different areas and devices[5, 6, 7]. There are many systems came into existence, some system uses smartphone to interact with devices and some uses AI (Artificial Intelligence) mechanism to work as per changing conditions and events. It also provides an immediate automatic response to unexpected events.

But in this system, sometime geographical area creates a big issue for functioning the operation. Keeping it in mind our proposed system focused can operate in wide area and be a user-friendly system which can be install and operate any other such device.

3. MODBUS PROTOCOL OVERVIEW

Modbus protocol is a serial communication protocol where digital communication networks can be implemented over long distance effectively and also in electrically noisy environments. Here multiple receiver can be connected in a linear network where only one will be master device and rest will be slave. Slave cannot transmit data without a request from the master node, and cannot communicate with another slave. The master node issues a MODBUS request to the slave nodes in two modes i.e. unicast mode and broadcast mode[8].

Modbus protocol takes place at level2 of the OSI model. At physical level, MODBUS use different physical interface like RS485, RS232 etc. RS485 is Two-Wire interface which is most commonly used. At Data link layer MODBUS Serial Line Protocol is defined[9].

In Table 1 we have presented the difference between Modbus ASCII and Modbus RTU.

3.1 MODBUS Addressing

The MODBUS address space includes 256 dif-
Table 1. Comparison of Modbus ASCII and Modbus RTU

|                  | MODBUS ASCII | MODBUS RTU |
|------------------|--------------|------------|
| Characters       | ASCII 0…9 and A…F | Binary 0…255 |
| Error check      | LRC (Longitudinal Redundancy Check) | CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check) |
| Frame start      | Character ':' | 3.5 chars silence |
| Frame end        | Characters CR/LF | 3.5 chars silence |
| Gaps in message  | 1 sec | 1.5 times char length |
| Start bit        | 1 | 1 |
| Data bits        | 7 | 8 |
| Parity           | Even/odd | none |
| Stop bits        | 1 | 2 |

Table 2. MODBUS Address

| Address          | 0 | 1-247 | 248-255 |
|------------------|---|-------|--------|
| Broadcast Address| 0 | 1-247 | 248-255 |
| Slave Address    | 0 | 1-247 | 248-255 |
| Reserved         | 0 | 1-247 | 248-255 |

Table 3. MODBUS Frame Structure

| START | ADDRESS | FUNCTION | DATA | CRC CHECK | END |
|-------|---------|----------|------|-----------|-----|
| T1-T2-T3-T4* | 8 BITS | 8 BITS | N*8 BITS | 16 BITS | T1-T2-T3-T4* |

Table 4. MODBUS Function Codes

| CODE | Description                        |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 01   | Read coil status                   |
| 02   | Read input status                  |
| 03   | Read holding registers             |
| 04   | Read input registers               |
| 05   | Force single coil                  |
| 06   | Present single registers           |
| 07   | Read exception status              |
| 15   | Force multiple coils               |
| 16   | Write holding/multiple registers   |
| 17   | Report slave ID                    |

Table 1. Comparison of Modbus ASCII and Modbus RTU

- Different address. The Address 0 is for broadcast purpose and all slave must recognize broadcast address. The Master node has no specific address.

3.2 MODBUS Frame Structure

Modbus frame is composed of ADU(Application Data unit) which encloses a PDU(Protocol Data Unit). ADU composed of Address, PDU and Error check. PDU is composed Function code and Data. Table 3 represents the frame structure of Modbus.

For T1-T2-T3-T4*, 3.5 character times at no communication.

The address field contains the slave address.

The function code indicates server for kind of action to perform.

CRC (cyclic redundancy checking) checks the content of entire message.

4. MODBUS Function Codes

The second byte sent by the Master is the Function code. This number tells the slave which table to access and whether to read from or write to the table. MODBUS has 10 function codes as shown in Table 4. In this proposed system, we have used two codes i.e. 04 and 05.

4.1 Function 04: Read Holding Registers

The Modbus RTU function 04 is used to read Input registers from a Modbus Slave device. Function 04 reads the contents of the 3X registers. Here the address starts from 0(zero), for example 1-10 are addressed as 0-9. Function 04 includes the quantity of registers to read from the Modbus Slave device. With Function 04 master used to request one or more holding register value from the

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device but only one slave device can be addressed in a single query. Frame structure of query and response are shown in Table 5 and Table 6.

Query Table (From PC to Machine)
In Table 5, Top 2 byte is the start address register, the lower two bytes is word units.

Table 5, Query Structure of Function 03

| Slave Address | Function | Data     | CRC |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----|
| 01            | 04       | 00 00 00 | 02  |

Response Table (From Machine to PC)
In Table 6, the first is the number of data to read (byte unit) and then the top data, sub-data, and lower data.

Table 6, Response Frame Structure of Function 03

| Slave Address | Function | Data     | CRC |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----|
| 01            | 04       | 04 02 2B | 00 64 |

4.2 Function 05: Force Single Coil

Function 05 is used to force a Single Coil, or turn ON/OFF a digital output in a Modbus Slave Device. Coils are addressed starting at zero i.e. Coil 10 is addressed as 9.

Turn On/Off coils by specifying a constant in the data field. A value of FF 00 hex turns the coil ON. A value 00 00 turns the coil OFF.

Frame structure of Query. (PC (Master) to Machine (Slave))
The data "00 00 FF 00" from PC represents to ON the machine

Table 7, Query of Function 05

| Slave Address | Function | Data     | CRC |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----|
| 01            | 05       | 00 00 FF | 00  |

Frame structure of Response (Machine (Slave) to PC (Master))
The data "00 00 FF 00" from PLC respond that machine has been ON

Table 8, Response of Function 05

| Slave Address | Function | Data     | CRC |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----|
| 01            | 05       | 00 00 FF | 00  |

*Normal Response is returned as query.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Whole system diagram

Fig. 1 shows how our proposed system communicate each other. Smartphone uses internet to connect with Raspberry Pi and communication medium between PLC and Pi is RS485.

5.2 Connection of Smart phone with Raspberry Pi

Connection between smartphone and raspberry Pi is done through socket Client-Server module, where raspberry Pi is socket server and smartphone is socket client. A socket is a two-way communication between two programs running on the network. A socket is restrained to a port number so that the TCP layer identify the application that data is destined to be sent to. Here Raspberry Pi receives data from client and passes it to the PLC to control.

5.3 Raspberry Pi to PLC

The connection interface between Pi and PLC is RS485. In figure 2, TX and RX port of Raspberry Pi is connected to DI and RO of RS485 respectively. Whereas RE and DE port of RS485 is combined and connected to port 3 of Pi.

5.4 Screen shot of Android Application

This android App is developed with Android Studio platform. As discussed earlier, through this App user can track the status of machine and also can control through internet. This app is simple and highly interactive so that a person can easily understand and use it.

In fig. 4, (a) is for log in to the management portal. (b) add machine by giving name, ip address
and port number. (c) for safety click on safety button to control machine. (d) controlling portal of machine where we can ON/OFF the machine and also view the status of the machine.

6. TESTING

We have successfully tested our system with diesel generator. Fig. 5 shows the generator where
we tested proposed system.

The following table represents the data transfer and receive between master and slave. Here Raspberry Pi is a master and PLC is a slave.

From Table 8 we can see four data row from which first two is data address and next two is data which are to be transfer.

First address with function 05 i.e. 0×00 is to “on” the machine, 0x01 “off” the machine. with function 04 Raspberry Pi reads data from PLC, address 0×02 is for “Voltage” of the machine, 0×03 for “Power status”, 0×0F is for “battery voltage” of the machine, 0×10 for “oil pressure” of the machine.

In Table 9, function 05 return same as it is for ON/OFF the system. But function 04 return in different form with one extra data at beginning which is number of data to read, followed by first data, second data and lower data. Here both the request and response CRC should match otherwise there will be error in communication.

7. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

As we know that automation in all fields are in great demand. To fulfill the customers, need electronic and mechanical companies adopted automation for their various product.

In future, we would like to study more about the

Table 8, Request from Raspberry Pi to PLC

| Address | Function Code | Data | Data | Data | Data | CRC LO | CRC HI |
|---------|---------------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|
| 0×01    | 0×05          | 0×00 | 0×00 | 0×FF | 0×00 | 0×18   | 0×F0   |
| 0×01    | 0×05          | 0×00 | 0×00 | 0×01 | 0×FF | 0×00   | 0×19   | 0×60   |
| 0×01    | 0×04          | 0×00 | 0×02 | 0×00 | 0×02 | 0×19   | 0×90   |
| 0×01    | 0×04          | 0×00 | 0×03 | 0×00 | 0×02 | 0×19   | 0×00   |
| 0×01    | 0×04          | 0×00 | 0×0F | 0×00 | 0×02 | 0×1A   | 0×30   |
| 0×01    | 0×04          | 0×00 | 0×10 | 0×00 | 0×02 | 0×1A   | 0×61   |
initial power supply technique. Initial power supply
to start machine is differ from machine to machine.
It will help us to test our same system in some
other machine so that we can bring out the
difference. Then our target will be to change this
system to work on all such kind of machines. This
will help to reduce the development cost for many
such company.

8. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we studied various components
required to build this system. Automation, the
technique of making an apparatus, process or a
system operate automatically is demanded in every
mechanical and such like company to saves labor
cost and time. However, still many automation
companies trying to increase the accuracy and re-
duce the risk while operating those systems. In this
proposed system, we have used PLC (Program-
mable logic controllers) with raspberry Pi con-
ected with Android phone to control diesel
generator. One of the most benefit of this system
is that it can be connected to all such kind of ma-
chine integrated with PLC like devices. We also
came out with an issue of initial power supply to
start the machine. To start diesel machine power
supply should not be constant and this gave us any
opportunity to study about initial power supply
mechanism for various machines.

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