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Abstract

Internet of Things (IoT) plays a major role in good agriculture. Smart cultivation is associate in nursing rising construct, because IoT sensors capable of providing information regarding their agriculture fields. The paper aims making use of evolving technology i.e. IoT and smart agriculture exploitation automation. Monitoring environmental issues is the key factor to enhance the yield of the economical crops. The point of this paper includes monitoring temperature and wetness in agricultural field through sensors exploitation CC3200 single chip. Camera is interfaced with CC3200 to capture images and send that photos through MMS to farmer's mobile exploitation Wi-Fi. Major challenge in Agriculture is to cultivate produce in the farm and deliver it to the top customers with the most effective potential worth and absolute best quality. This paper provides the solution to scale back the transport value, predictability of costs on the past information analytics and therefore the current market conditions, reduce variety of middle hops and agents between the farmer and the finish client victimization IoT based mostly resolution.

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1. Introduction

Today the Internet has turned out to be universal, has touched relatively every last bit of the globe, and is touching human life in unfathomable ways. In any case, the voyage is a long way from being done. We are currently entering a period of considerably more all-inclusive availability where a wide assorted variety of apparatuses will be associated with the web. We are entering an age of the "Web of Things". This word has been characterized by various scholars in a wide range of ways. Give us a chance to take a gander at two of the most mainstream definitions. The Internet of Things as essentially a communication between the physical and advanced universes. The advanced world interfaces with the physical world utilizing a plenty of sensors and actuators. Another meaning of the Internet of Things as a worldview in which registering and organizing capacities are inserted in any sort of possible question. We utilize these abilities to question the condition of the protest and to change its state if conceivable [1]. In like manner expressing, the Internet of Things alludes to another sort of world where every one of the gadgets and machines that we use are associated with a system.

The Internet of Things finds various applications in health care, fitness, education, entertainment, social life, energy conservation, environment monitoring, home automation, and transport systems. For example, Internet of Things, can be an individual with a heart screen embed, a homestead creature with a biochip transponder, a car that has worked in sensors to caution the driver when tire weight is low or some other characteristic or man-made article that can be doled out an IP address and gave the capacity to exchange information over a system. With everything from lights, vehicles, washers, watches, pots and stoves to seats, protective caps, loads, ropes, pacifiers, forks and even socks associated with the Internet of Things, we can securely say that we truly are interfacing everything to the Internet of Things, regardless of whether it really makes life simpler or not. [2]

1.1 Background

The IoT expression is a fresher one, beginning from a man named Kevin Ashton in the late twentieth century. He is viewed as the principal individual to utilize the term Internet of Things in an introduction about RFID at Procter and Gamble in 1999 (Ash09). The IoT abbreviation is utilized to characterize the thought of things associated with the Internet. These things can fluctuate fiercely including pulse screens to wastewater meters being incorporated into the term. [2]

Sensors and actuators are gadgets, which help in cooperating with the physical condition. The information gathered by the sensors must be put away and handled brilliantly so as to get helpful deductions from it. Note that we extensively characterize the term sensor, a cell phone or even a microwave can consider a sensor as long as it gives contributions about its present state (inside state + condition). An actuator is a gadget that is utilized to impact an adjustment in nature, for example, the temperature controller of a climate control system. [3]

1.2 How It Works

The Internet of Things (IoT) is the arrange of physical devices, vehicles, domestic machines, and other things embedded with gadgets, program, sensors, actuators, and network which engages these things to put, through collect and trade data. IoT includes amplifying Web network past standard gadgets, such as desktops, smartphones and tablets, to any extend of customarily stupid or non-internet-enabled physical gadgets and ordinary objects. Implanted with innovation, these gadgets can communicate and associated over the Web, and they can be remotely checked and controlled. With the entry of driverless vehicles, a department of IoT, i.e. the Web of Vehicles begins to pick up more consideration. [2]

An IoT environment comprises of web-enabled keen gadgets that utilize inserted processors, sensors and communication equipment to gather, send and act on information they procure from their situations. IoT gadgets share the sensor information they collect by interfacing to an IoT door or other edge gadget where information is either sent to the cloud to be analyzed or analyzed locally. Now and then, these gadgets communicate with other related gadgets and act on the data they get from one another. The gadgets do most of the work without human intercession, in spite of the fact that individuals can connected with the gadgets for occasion, to set them up, allow them informational or get to the data. The network, organizing and communication conventions utilized with these web-enabled gadgets generally depend on the particular IoT applications conveyed. [3]

1.3 IoT in Agriculture

There has been much investigate and different endeavors to apply Internet of Things (IOT) innovation to rural regions. The Internet of Things (IOT) has as of now brought progressive changes in farming. In this segment there are so numerous challenges like tall taken a toll of speculation, lands confinement, need of mindfulness by ranchers on way better cultivating strategies, imbalanced utilize of fertilizers, need of quality seeds, more generation and efficiency, need of appropriate capacity information etc. Web of Things makes a difference agriculturists or businesses to bargain with all these various challenges which they confront. It is anticipated that by utilizing IoT in this division the industry must discover out the arrangement for different issues like expanding water deficiencies, deficiency of lands, legitimate capacity framework etc. This

unused development has come to address all these issues and makes a difference to extend the amount, quality, fetched viability, Nourishment security and supportability of rural generation. [3]

1.4 Motivation of using IoT in Agriculture

The expanding request for nourishment, both in terms of amount and quality has risen the requirement for escalated and industrialization of the agrarian segment. The "Internet of Things" (IoT) may be a profoundly promising family of advances which is competent of advertising numerous arrangements towards the modernization of horticulture. Logical bunches and investigate educate as well as the industry are in a race attempting to convey increasingly IoT items to the rural commerce partners and in the long run lay the establishments to have a clear part when IoT gets to be a standard innovation. At the same time Cloud Computing which is as of now exceptionally prevalent and Haze Computing gives adequate assets and arrangements to maintain, store and examine the colossal sums of information created by IoT gadgets. The administration and examination of IoT information ("Huge Information") can be utilized to robotize forms, foresee circumstances and make strides numerous exercises indeed in real-time and additionally the concept of interoperability. [3]

1.5 Importance of IoT in Agriculture

Some advantages of using IoT in agriculture are given below:

- ✓ Water Conservation
- ✓ Increased Production
- ✓ Increased Quality of Production
- ✓ Lowered operating Costs
- ✓ Improved Livestock Farming
- ✓ Reduced Environmental Footprint
- ✓ Real-Time Data and Production Insight
- ✓ Remote Monitoring
- ✓ Remote Controlling
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Food safety
- ✓ Increased crop and food quality

2. Application of IoT in Agriculture

The Internet of Things (IoT) has the capability to convert the world we live in more-efficient. Businesses, associated vehicles, and more astute cities are all components of the IoT condition. Be that as it may the application of innovation like IoT in farming might have the most prominent impact. The worldwide populace is set to touch 9.6 billion by 2050. So, to nourish this much populace, the cultivating industry must grasp IoT. Against the challenges such as extraordinary climate conditions and rising climate alter and natural affect coming about from seriously cultivating hones the demand for more nourishment should be met. [4]

2.1 Precision Farming

Moreover known as accuracy horticulture, accuracy cultivating can be thought of as anything that creates the cultivating hone more controlled and exact when it comes to raising animals and developing of crops. In this approach of cultivate administration, a key component is the utilize of IT and different things like sensors, control frameworks, mechanical technology, independent vehicles, robotized equipment, variable rate innovation and so on. The appropriation of get to high-speed web, portable gadgets and dependable, low-cost satellites (for symbolism and situating) by the producer are few key advances characterizing the exactness agribusiness trend. Precision agriculture is one of the foremost celebrated applications of IoT within the agricultural sector and various organizations are leveraging this strategy around the world. Crop Metrics could be a accuracy horticulture organization centered on ultra-modern agronomic arrangements whereas specializing within the administration of accuracy irrigation. [4]

The items and administrations of Crop Metrics incorporate VRI optimization, soil dampness tests, virtual optimizer Professional and so on. VRI (Variable Rate Water system) optimization maximizes productivity on inundated trim areas with geology or soil inconstancy make strides yields and increments water utilize efficiency. The soil dampness test innovation gives total in-season nearby agronomy back and suggestions to optimize water utilize productivity. The virtual

optimizer professional combines different advances for water administration into one central cloud based and effective area outlined for specialists and cultivators to require advantage of the benefits in accuracy water system through a disentangled interface. [4]

2.2 Agricultural Drones

Development has changed after some time and rustic meanders are an extremely incredible representation of this. These days, cultivating is one of the significant organizations to merge drifts. Meanders are being used in agribusiness in orchestrate to overhaul diverse agrarian sharpens. The ways ground-based and ethereal based meanders are being used in cultivating are trim prosperity assessment, water framework, alter watching and trim showering, planting and soil and field examination. The real advantages of using drifts consolidate trim prosperity imaging, arranges GIS mapping, simplicity of use, spares time and the possibility to broaden yields. With methodology and organizing dependent on ongoing data accumulation and setting up the meander advancement will enable a cutting-edge makeover to the cultivation business. [5]

Exactness Hawk is an association that businesses drifts for social occasion productive data by methods for a course of action of sensors that are used for imaging, mapping and investigating of country arrive. These drifts perform in-flight watching and observations. The agriculturists enter the unobtrusive components of what field to review and choose a height or ground goals. From the meander data prepared to draw bits of learning concerning plant prosperity records, plant checking and relinquish figure plant height estimation, overhang cover mapping, field water balancing mapping, exploring reports, reserve estimating, chlorophyll estimation, nitrogen substance in wheat, squander mapping, weed weight mapping, etc. The drift gathers multispectral, warm and visual symbolism in the midst of the flight and after that lands inside a similar region it took off. [5]

2.3 Livestock Monitoring

Enormous develop proprietors can use remote IoT applications to accumulate data as for the region prosperity and prosperity of their dairy cattle. This information has any kind of affect them in perceiving animals that are wiped out so they can be detached from the group, therefore envisioning the spread of ailment. It also cuts down work costs as ranchers can find their steers

with the help of IoT based sensors. JMB North America is an association that gives ox-like checking plans to dairy cattle creators. One of the courses of action has any kind of effect the dairy cattle proprietors watch bovines that are pregnant and around to give birth. From the calf, a sensor powered by battery is expelled when its water breaks. This sends an information to the gathering executive or the agriculturist. Inside the time that is proceeded with calves that are conceiving an offspring, the sensor engages agriculturists to be increasingly focused. [4]

2.4 Smart Greenhouses

Nursery cultivating could be a strategy that makes a difference in upgrading abdicate of the vegetables, natural products, crops etc. Nurseries control the natural parameters through manual intercession or a corresponding control component. As manual intercession comes about in generation misfortune, vitality misfortune and labor taken a toll, these strategies are less successful. A smart nursery can be planned with the assistance of IoT. This plan scholarly people screens as well as controls the climate, dispensing with the requirement for manual intervention. For controlling the earth in an astute nursery, different sensors that measure the common parameters agreeing to the plant essential are used. Ready to make a cloud server for remotely getting to the system when it is related using IoT. This executes the prerequisite for consistent manual checking. Inside the nursery, the cloud server also engages data dealing with and applies a control movement. This arrangement gives financially savvy and perfect plans to the agriculturists with insignificant. [5]

3. Concept of Smart Agriculture

There are numerous ways to allude to cutting edge horticulture. For illustration, AgriTech alludes to the coating of innovation in horticulture in general. Smart horticulture on the other hand is generally utilized to indicate the application of IoT arrangements in agribusiness. The same applies to the savvy cultivating definition. Although shrewd horticulture IoT, as well as mechanical IoT in common aren't as prevalent as buyer associated gadgets. However the showcase is still exceptionally energetic. The selection of IoT arrangements for agribusiness is always developing. To be specific, BI Insights predicts that the number of farming IoT gadget establishments will hit 75 million by 2020, developing 20% annually. At the same time, the worldwide savvy agribusiness showcase measure is anticipated to triple by 2025, coming to $15.3 billion (compared to being marginally over $5 billion back in 2016).

Figure 1: Smart Farming [Adopted from: 8]

Since the showcase is still creating, there's still sufficient opportunity for businesses willing to connect in. Building IoT items for farming inside the coming a long time can set you separated as an early adopter, and as such, assist you clear the way to victory. [6]

3.1 The benefits of smarting farming & how's IoT formation agriculture

Innovations and IoT have the potential to convert agribusiness in numerous viewpoints. Specifically, there are 5 ways IoT can move forward agribusiness. [7]

3.2 Data, net tons of data, collected by smart husbandry sensors

For example, climate conditions, soil quality, crop's development advance or cattle's wellbeing. This information can be utilized to track the state of your commerce in common as well as staff execution, gear proficiency, etc.

3.3 Better control over the internal appendage and as a result, lower berth production risks

The capacity to anticipate the yield of your generation permits you to arrange for superior item conveyance. In case you know precisely how much crops you're reaching to gather, you'll be able make beyond any doubt your item won't lie around unsold. [7]

Figure 2: Cutting crop [Adopted from: 9]

3.4 Increased business efficiency through unconscious process automation

By utilizing keen gadgets you'll mechanize numerous forms over your generation cycle, e.g. water system, fertilizing or bother control. [16]

3.5 Enhanced product quality and bulks:

Achieve better command over the production process and maintain higher touchstone of crop lineament and maturation capacity through automation. [16]

 So as a result, all of these factors can eventually lead to higher revenue.

4. IoT use cases in agriculture department

There are many types of IoT sensors for department of agriculture as well as IoT lation in agriculture in general.

4.1 Monitoring of climate conditions

Likely the most famous shrewd horticulture contraptions are conditions stations, consolidating different keen cultivating sensors. Situated over the field, they gather different information from the encompass and send it to the cloud. The gave measure can be utilized to outline atmosphere conditions, pick the suitable yield and take the expected measures to enhance their substance (i.e. exactness cultivating). [16]

Figure 3: Climate condition [Adopted from: 10]

Some examples of such agriculture IoT devices are allMETEO, Smart Elements and Pycno. [21]

4.2 Greenhouse automation

In addition to sourcing ecological information, climate stations can naturally change the conditions to coordinate the given parameters. In particular, nursery mechanization frameworks utilize a comparable guideline. [17]

Figure 4: Smart Garden Hub [Adopted from: 11]

For example, Farmapp and Growlink are additionally IoT horticulture items offering such capacities among others. [14]

4.3 Crop management

One more kind of IoT item in agribusiness and another component of exactness cultivating are trim administration gadgets. Much the same as climate stations, they ought to be put in the field to gather information explicit to trim cultivating from temperature and precipitation to leaf water potential and by and large product health. [16]

In this manner, you can screen your product development and any irregularities to viably keep any illnesses or pervasions that can hurt your yield. Arable and Semios can fill in as great portrayals of how this utilization case can be connected in genuine life [19]

4.4 Dairy cattle observing and the board

Much the same as yield observing, there are IoT horticulture sensors that can be connected to the creatures on a homestead to screen their wellbeing and log execution. This works likewise to IoT gadgets for pet care.

Figure 5: Cattle monitor [Adopted from: 12]

For instance, SCR by Allflex and Cowlar utilize shrewd farming sensors (neckline labels) to convey temperature, wellbeing, action, and nourishment bits of knowledge on every individual bovine and in addition aggregate data about the herd. [18]

4.5 End-to-end cultivate the executives' frameworks

A progressively mind-boggling way to deal with IoT items in agribusiness can be spoken to by the alleged homestead profitability the board frameworks. They for the most part incorporate various agribusiness IoT gadgets and sensors introduced on the premises and also an amazing dashboard with expository abilities and in-fabricated bookkeeping/announcing highlights.

5. Things to be considered before developing a smart farming solution

As its just plain obvious, the utilization cases for IoT in horticulture are unending. There are several ways that sensible devices will assist you increment your homestead's execution and income. In any case, horticulture IoT applications advancement is no simple undertaking. There are bound challenges you would like to remember of if you're considering finance into sensible farming. [18]

5.1 The Hardware

To construct an IoT goals for horticulture, you have to settle on the sensors for your gadget (or deliver a custom one). Your decision can depend on the sorts of information you wish to assemble and in this way the motivation behind your goals by and large. Regardless, the nature of your sensors is critical to the accomplishment of your item, it'll depend on the precision of the gathered information and its unreliability. [18]

5.2 The Brain

Information examination should be at the center of every great agribusiness goals. The gathered information itself can be next to no encourage in the event that you can't be of it. Accordingly, you have to possess ground-breaking data investigation abilities and apply prophetic calculations and machine adapting to get uncalled for bits of knowledge upheld the gathered data. [18]

5.3 The Maintenance

Upkeep of an equipment is a test that is of essential significance for IoT items in agribusiness, as the sensors are usually employed in the sector and might be simply broken. Thus, you need to create positive your hardware is sturdy and simple to keep up. Otherwise you ought to replace your sensors additional typically than you'd like. [18]

Figure 6: Maintenance Sensor [Adopted from: 13]

5.4 The Mobility:

Savvy cultivating applications should be custom-made for use inside the field. An entrepreneur or ranch director ought to be in a situation to get to the information on site or remotely by means of a cell phone or PC.

Also, each associated gadget should be self-governing and have enough remote change to speak with the contrary gadgets and send data to the focal server. [18]

5.5 The Infrastructure:

To guarantee that a sensible cultivating application performs well and to frame certain it will deal with the data stack, you require a strong inward foundation.

Besides, your inside frameworks must be secure. Neglecting to appropriately anchor your framework just will expand the likelihood of someone breaking into it, taking your information or notwithstanding taking administration of your independent tractors. [18]

6. What are security challenges to IoT in agriculture?

There are many other IoT security challenges that should be taken into account and that refer to other industries too. In these terms, companies have to establish strong safeguards and integrate effective security mechanisms. [13]

6.1 IoT security recommendations

6.1.1. Concentrate on information traffic checking. Envision a cloud IoT arrangement that screens both inbound and outbound traffic, follows every single suspicious movement, squares dangerous interchanges, right away alarms clients and the focal framework about potential issues, and averts information spills.

6.1.2. Utilize dependable apparatuses that assistance guarantee information classification and protection and in addition fabricate a safe and versatile information stockpiling. Incorporate an element of suspicious action and malevolent code checking. For instance, today we can see an expanding utilization of AI innovation for ongoing security checking. [13]

6.1.3. Concentrate on testing exercises. When building up an IoT arrangement, give careful consideration to the testing/QA process. It's greatly improved to keep any security issues at the pre-discharge arrange than dawdle for troubleshooting after.

6.1.4. Incorporate a Block chain decentralized methodology. Since Block chain depends on cryptographic calculations, it ensures and oversee information. Block chain has all exchanges (connections) recorded, so the historical backdrop of shrewd gadgets will be likewise recorded. Right now, the utilization of Block chain for anchoring the Internet of Things is one of the developing and most encouraging patterns.

For example, the technology allows smart devices to exchange messages (data) and even make orders and complete financial transactions. In smart farming, devices can monitor machinery conditions and order repairs and parts for replacements when required. [13]

7. Solving challenges for agriculture with IoT

In all actuality, there are loads of chances for IoT innovation in agribusiness. We should begin with the miles and miles of farmland. Whatever you develop on your territory, needs water. Moreover, extraordinary sorts of create require distinctive measures of water. Wheat may require an alternate measure of water than tomatoes or lettuce. Moreover, in the event that it just rained yesterday, the dirt is as yet sodden and may require less water system than if it didn't simply rain. How would you realize how much water to use without squandering valuable assets? The dirt may likewise require distinctive supplements relying upon what you're developing. There might be various types of vermin that follow various types of deliver, which requires explicit treatment for each kind of yield that you develop. How would you realize when it's a great opportunity to reap your harvests? In case you're maintaining a business with 100 square miles of farmland, it gets sort of hard dealing with each one of those subtleties by hand. [15]

Other than open air cultivating, there is likewise a whole industry that depends on indoor cultivating. This is the place you develop sustenance in huge distribution centers! Inside this sort of homestead, there are no common seasons, days or evenings. Light, stickiness, and temperature are on the whole firmly controlled. Each kind of plant gets the correct wavelength of light, the perfect measure of water, and the correct temperature it needs to flourish. How would you guarantee that deliver flourishes within an extensive steel distribution center with no sun, seasons, or rain? Whenever, precisely, do you gather the products that develop without seasons? [17]

This is the place IoT proves to be useful. There are a wide range of savvy sensors that you can convey on your farmland. There is an organization that makes a sun oriented controlled sensor that estimates precipitation. At that point there are sensors to measures edit pressure, air temperature, mugginess weight, prescient examination of yield development, collect planning, and that's only the tip of the iceberg. Another organization has an extensive shrewd water system framework. By using machine-to-machine correspondence (otherwise called M2M), the precipitation estimation sensor can advise the water system framework to yield less water in the event that it just rained!

However, another organization has a shrewd irritation control framework with brilliant sensors, traps, and goad stations.

It proactively tells you of all inconvenience spots with irritations and gives you their correct area, so you're not going on a famous wild goose (or rat) pursue. There are soil quality sensors you can send to quantify supplements in the dirt and have them naturally discharge the appropriate measure of supplements dependent on the requirements of the individual sorts of harvests. [14]

8. Conclusion

Subsequently, the IoT rural applications are making it feasible for farmers and agriculturists to accumulate substantial information. Enormous landowners and small ranchers ought to see the capability of IoT commercial center for horticulture by putting in great advancements to expand battle and property in their preparations. The interest for developing populace are regularly with progress met if the farmers yet as minor ranchers actualize rural IoT arrangements in an exceedingly thundering manner. [21]

This writing audit on Internet of Things (IoT) in farming and nourishment gives an outline of existing applications, empowering innovations and fundamental difficulties ahead. The consequences of the audit demonstrate that this subject got consideration by mainstream researchers from 2010 on and the quantity of papers has increased from that point forward. The literature on IoT in agriculture and food is very a lot of dominated by Asian scientists, especially from China. In other continents, the concept of IoT was up to recently primarily adopted by non-agricultural scientists. The application area of food offer chains is addressed most often, followed by arable farming. Most papers report the results of explorative studies or they gift IoT systems that area unit designed or enforced in prototypes and pilots. The literature reviewed focuses on sensing and monitoring, while exploit and remote management is far less addressed. The findings indicate that IoT is still in its infancy within the agriculture and food domain. Applications are usually fractional, lack seamless integration. Associate in nursing especially additional advanced solutions area unit in an experimental stage of development. Important challenges to overcome this case embrace (i) integration of existing IoT solutions by open IoT architectures, platforms and standards. (ii) Upscaling the usage of interoperable IoT technologies on the far side early adopters particularly by the simplification of existing solutions and build it additional cheap for finish users and (iii) further improvement of IoT technologies to guarantee a broad usability within the diversity of the agri-food domain.

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