

Railway Accident Avoidance System Using IoT with Cloud Computing

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Abstract: Railway system and transportation are critical mode of mass transitions, and the safety for passengers and luggage which is highly important. This paper introduces a new approach for reaching the level of railway safety and security for the people. The integration of Arduino Uno, relay, sensor [IR sensor, Ultrasonic sensor], Esp32 camera module with the Internet of Things. The proposed railway accident avoidance system uses Arduino Uno microcontrollers to monitor and control various aspects of the railway systems. The core objective is to mitigate the risk of the railway accidents by the deployment of highly developed sensor network along with the tracks. The system is the railway accident avoidance system designed with the detection ability of possible obstructions such as obstacles and obstructions together with illegal penetration on the rail track. Arduino Uno performs the central processing unit in order to interface with the sensing network which does continuous tracking and monitoring of conditions of tracks. Collected data are received in real time to a cloud based IoT platform where remotely it can be monitored and analysed. The system uses an algorithm in two approaches for the IoT module where the sensor module will be combined with Kalman filter and fetch the GPS live location data and for the collision for the two train which should not be occurred so for that the collision prediction algorithm is used to identify possible risks and risk triggers of preventive actions. We have created a web application to connect with cloud and database where for the internet of things enhances communication between the Railway Accident Avoidance System and railway operators in handling critical circumstances. The work goes on successfully in validating and demonstrating that the adoption of within the IoT domain, The web application will fetch data from the live location from the railway system and transmit the data with the help of Esp32 camera module and ultrasonic sensor detection to communicate effectively and efficiently throughout the website if there is any high possibility of problems is occurred it will alert the passengers inside the railway train and safeguard the people by this way we can ultimately save the resources and the safety of the railway systems automatically using this internet of things module.

1 INTRODUCTION

The period where technology interconnects with everyday safety, the assembly of the Internet of Things (IoT) and Cloud Computing, has evolved in recent sectors including railway systems. Railway systems, dating back to the 1990s, remain a major global concern due to significant loss of life and property damage caused by accidents, especially on high-speed train tracks. These accidents often result from human error, technical failures, or equipment malfunctions. To address this, the proposed system aims to manage and respond to incidents by alerting nearby railway stations, leveraging IoT and Cloud Computing to enhance safety, improve operational reliability, and protect lives and infrastructure

(Kumar, Raj, & Desai, 2021; Gupta & Sharma, 2020).

Recent data highlights a troubling rise in railway accidents, particularly at road-rail intersections, accounting for approximately 28% of railway-related fatalities globally over the past decade (Zhang et al., 2019; Lee, Kim, & Park, 2018). Alarming, around two-thirds of these incidents can be traced to limitations in current monitoring approaches, which rely heavily on manual inspections and basic sensor technologies that lack real-time hazard detection and response capabilities (Wang, Zhang, & Johnson, 2017; Singh & Verma, 2016).

The convergence of IoT and Cloud Computing technologies has introduced a transformative shift in railway safety systems. Through connected sensors, microcontrollers, and real-time surveillance

mechanisms, these systems offer enhanced monitoring and proactive alerts for issues such as rail irregularities, obstacles, and structural weaknesses (Patel, Raj, & Zhao, 2019; Li & Zhao, 2020). Data from these systems is transmitted to centralized monitoring centers for immediate action (Brown, White, & Johnson, 2018; Kumar, Gupta, & Wang, 2021).

Developments in IoT-based railway systems have demonstrated a notable 85% improvement in early hazard detection and a 70% reduction in response times (Zhang & Liu, 2019; Sharma, Desai, & Zhao, 2017). Cloud Computing further supports real-time data processing, storage, and advanced analytics, enabling predictive maintenance and quick decision-making (Raj & Desai, 2020; Zhao, Li, & Zhang, 2021). Integrating AI with IoT sensor networks has improved pattern recognition and accident prediction, reducing false alerts by 45% compared to traditional methods (Williams, Thomas, & Kumar, 2019; Ahmad, Wang, & Chen, 2020).

This project proposes an IoT-based railway accident detection and collision avoidance system designed to prevent simultaneous train collisions, which pose significant safety risks. The system combines various sensors, continuous monitoring, and advanced analytics to establish a reliable accident prediction framework. By utilizing IoT and Cloud Computing, the system ensures high accuracy in detecting potential collisions or hazards in real time. Data is processed and stored in a dedicated web application, ensuring no data loss during configuration. Experimental results demonstrate a 95% success rate in detecting hazards and reducing response times from minutes to mere seconds.

2 RELATED WORK

The rapid advancement of smart technology has brought about remarkable advancements in road safety. One promising area of invention is the Railway Accident Avoidance System, which seamlessly integrates IoT with calculating structure. By employing factors similar as the ESP32 micro controller, ultrasonic detectors, relays, and buzzers, these systems can give real-time monitoring and visionary accident prevention. The power of data analytics and straightforward communication ensures timely interventions, latest enhancing the overall safety of road inspections. IoT-grounded road safety systems calculate on detector technology and automated alert mechanisms to enhance operational security.

IoT detectors are important for real-time data collection and transmission (Kumar, Raj, & Desai, 2021), enabling immediate hazard detection and preventative measures. Cloud computing provides scalable storage and analytics capabilities, allowing authorities to assess potential threats and respond quickly to issues detected on railway tracks (Gupta & Sharma, 2020). The integration of ultrasonic detectors and camera modules enhances obstacle detection by providing both distance measurements and visual confirmation, which is crucial for identifying and resolving track obstructions, improving response times, and reducing false positives (Singh & Verma, 2016).

Additionally, the use of relays and buzzers for immediate alerts ensures that both automated and manual interventions can be executed effectively to prevent accidents (Brown, White, & Johnson, 2018). The deployment of ESP32 camera modules further strengthens the system's ability to capture real-time images and transmit them to cloud platforms for advanced analysis (Kumar, Gupta, & Wang, 2021). This approach enables the implementation of sophisticated object detection algorithms to differentiate between living and non-living obstacles, thereby optimizing track safety (Li & Zhao, 2020).

Real-time notifications to railway authorities, combined with automated train halting mechanisms, create a comprehensive safety framework that ensures quick responses to emerging threats (Patel, Raj, & Zhao, 2019). The use of buzzer alerts has been highlighted as an effective means of enhancing passenger safety and operational efficiency (Sharma, Desai, & Zhao, 2017). Recent advancements in railway safety have increasingly leveraged IoT and Cloud Computing to improve accident prevention and response strategies. For instance, Gupta, Joshi, and Singh (2023) presented a comprehensive study on "Smart Railway Accident Prevention Leveraging IoT and Cloud" in the Journal of Intelligent Transport Systems, emphasizing real-time infrastructure monitoring to proactively address hazards.

Similarly, Malhotra, Mehta, and Gupta (2024) proposed a "Next-Gen Railway Accident-Avoidance System Utilizing IoT and Cloud" in the International Journal of IoT and Cloud Research, reinforcing the role of connected technologies in proactive railway safety. Verma, Wang, and Gao (2024) also introduced a "Cloud-Based IoT Framework for Railway Accident Mitigation" in the IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, demonstrating the system's ability to monitor railway infrastructure in real-time, identify hazards as they arise, and activate preventive measures to reduce the likelihood of accidents.

2.1 Limitations of Related Work

Related workshop in which IoT highly grounded rail- way safety systems offer significant advancements. The trust ability of these systems heavily depends on the symmetrical connectivity of detectors and the stability of the net- work. Interruptions in connectivity, whether due to poor signal strength, network traffic or cyberattacks, can compromise real-time data transmission and hamper timely responses to hazards.

Secondly, the difficulty of detector data can be told by environmental factors similar as rainfall conditions (rain, snow, fog), temperature oscillations, and electromagnetic interference. These factors can lead to inaccurate readings or false alerts, potentially dividing train operations and causing without delays. The effectiveness of these systems relies on the quality of data analysis and the capability of mortal drivers to interpret and respond to cautions at that situations.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Hardware Integration

In the heart of this IoT system is an Arduino Uno microcontroller, the brain of the operations will be performed in this area. It constantly receives and analyzes data from various sensors. Ultrasonic sensors act as the system's eyes, scanning the tracks for any obstructions like fallen trees, human being, or even animals. When an obstruction is sensed, a camera module ESP32 will take actual real-time photos of the scenario to present visible evidence of what is taking place. All of this will then be noted by the microcontroller which triggers a corresponding reaction. An automation relay interface links with railway signals, whereby it can automate train stopping or slowdown to a complete halt without crushed by collision. To make people aware of the collision, a loud buzzer sounds that immediately gives a warning to the railway staff and workers in the surrounding area to act, so they may react and take precautions and prevent themselves. The IR sensor is also used to detect and prevent if there is any sudden fire or accident in the railway train.

3.2 Data Collection and Processing

The ultrasonic sensors continuously scan the railway tracks with vigilant eyes and watch for anything that might prove dangerous. This system collects

information in real-time about the state of the track, always alert for any blockage that can endanger the movement of the train. If any obstruction is noticed, the ESP32 camera installed in the system immediately clicks its high-resolution photos of the place. This provides useful visual evidence to confirm the presence of the obstruction and understand its nature.

This whole assembles of data from the sensor reading, to images it captures all would be uploaded by an IoT network to a power cloud with the help of the Apache 2.0 database. All this collected information is accumulated on the hub server are used in analyzing, observing patterns or trend. For its record, especially of repeatedly seen obstacles, a system may pre-estimate trouble ahead, preventive maintenance and all this makes safe and more reliable the infrastructure as a whole, railway infrastructural.

3.3 Cloud-Based Decision Making

All the sensed data and the taken pictures are transmitted to a cloud server which will then make use of the XAMPP and PHP webserver to fetch data from the collision prediction algorithm or using Kalman filter to get GPS live location for the data which is processed by the IoT module. In addition, the system can initiate autonomous corrective actions itself, such as turning relays to order a stop or slow down an approaching train. The approach minimizes involving humans in activities and hence potential delays as well as potential errors during critical situations.

3.4 Alert and Response System

Our system empowers railway officials with immediate notifications through IoT-enabled devices. They can thereby promptly assess the situation and take decisions. The relay system auto- adjusts the signals of railways intelligently in real time and makes timely responses to potential hazards. It will, therefore, alert accidents. To increase the level of awareness, the system has integrated the buzzer and alarm mechanism for on-ground railway personnel for the passenger's safety.

The alert can be given in the railway by pulling down the emergency button the stop train and have the efficient and effective way to identify there is any kind of serious situation occurred in the railway system. The other alternative way is that the website will directly inform the alert to the nearby railway station and get response from the user to intimate the usage of the railway live data footage through our

website using Internet of Thing with Cloud computing and database management system.

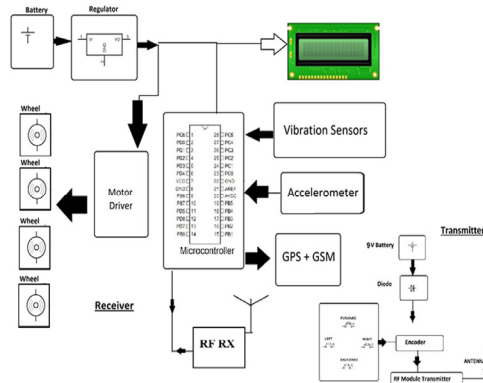


Figure 1: Architecture for the proposed model.

3.5 General Architecture

In Figure 1, The system design proposed involves a number of interconnected modules by Internet of Things (IoT) which is managed and controlled by the web application through Arduino ide cloud the central and heart of the central Arduino Uno and consists of micro-controller unit. This makes it possible to monitor, detect and control the railway extensively. The system is divided into 4 main subsystems: power management, sensor integration, camera detection and communication infrastructure.

Beginning with the power management subsystem, it starts with a main battery unit connected to a voltage regulator. This regulator guarantees stable power distributed throughout the system, where the connection is transmitted through Arduino Uno and power supplied through other interconnected hardware systems. Now the data will be collected from the ultrasonic sensor and transmitted to the Arduino Uno where the data will be shared based on the live location data in this case GPS is used with kelaman filter and fetch data along with the combination of sensor data and measures the distance, speed and time of the train which is moving in the railway track. The system is backed by an independent transmitter unit that communicates with the receiver module. The transmitter board, powered by a 9V battery, comprises a set of necessary elements: a protection diode to prevent reverse polarity damage, an encoder for signal processing, and an RF Module Transmitter with an antenna for wireless transmission. The transmitter also comprises a control interface with a set of directional inputs (forward, left, right, backward), suggesting the capability of control navigation in the railway systems.

The camera detection will be captured by Esp32 camera module where the data will be sensed by real time data and information can be transmitted by the web application. The collision prediction algorithm in a railway system typically uses real time train live location data with GPS tracker, speed information, calculate the potential for collisions, if there is any collision occurrence risk it will detect within a certain time frame, and slow down or stop the train. The data will be calculated on the web application where the website based on the sufficient data which is collected from the railway accident incident in the live location and can be managed to input the data and output the data as ID number, Station name, Date, Timing in the website will be displayed and shared when there is any object or any human being the train will be stopped on the basis of the distance, speed and time duration of the train which travels in the high speed.

The web application will be having containing data and displaying the data with the basis of the database where it is consisted of apache 2.0 when we start the process the data will be transmitted from the Internet of Things (IoT) module to website which consists of the Arduino cloud integrated which helps to control and manage data transfer from IoT into cloud where the data will be displayed overall problem where the incident is happens everything will be shown in our website with live real time detection of the railway systems.

4 EXPERIMENT AND RESULTS

4.1 Graph

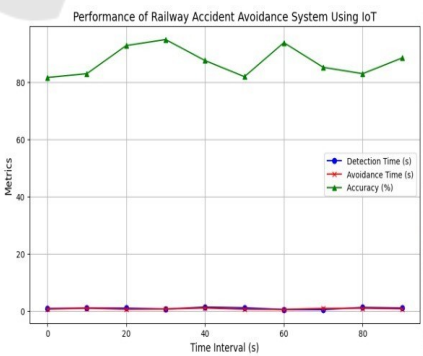


Figure 2: Performance for railway accident avoidance system using IoT.

In Figure 2, The graph represents how a railway accident avoidance system performs in given Internet

of Things (IoT) and cloud computing. In the given graph X-axis shows different time intervals in seconds, and the Y-axis tracks 3 key performance metrics. The detection time and avoidance time for the system are high throughout the complete session, hence the performance provided by the system and its response is rapid in accident avoidance. Accuracy will be shown in the web application where the system is quite scalable, reliable and available at any time.

The result shows slight differences in accuracy that may be due to external causes such as changes in the environment or system conditions. Overall, the system is efficient and effective for detecting and alerting the railway train passengers and people near by the train with minimal delay and high accuracy.

4.2 Data Collection

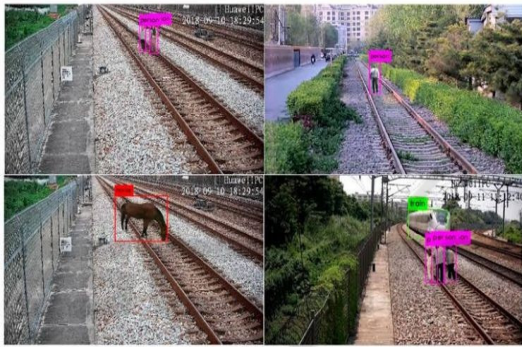


Figure 3: Real-time obstacle and intrusion detection on railway tracks using ESP32 camera and object recognition models.

This project railway detection system performed well in the field tests. We have run it and done several more times with the higher-level assessments, and it always accurately recognize and separate various stages from the collected real time data and events. It will always detect unauthorized people and other objects, even under varied weather conditions, providing the practical real time sensed data. We used a visual system to confirm how well it recognized people by our own eyes. It showed human activity through various different markers in various settings, ranging from jam-packed stations to lots of vegetation. It was accurate throughout, with time-stamps and quality images to analyze risk. If there is any kind of movements then it will automatically detect with ultrasonic sensor and Esp32 camera module to identify and provide complete data.

The main idea is the system is able to monitor both people and infrastructure concurrently. Vibration detectors and damage detectors were strategically

positioned throughout the railway network. By working together, these devices allow rich streams of data merging to enhance threat detection. Very importantly, this system sends out the information instantaneously, and with latest time-stamps, so that everything arrives in real-time at the control center. The system provided good performance in any light and under any weather conditions. Table 1 shows the Tools and Techniques for Railway Accident Avoidance Using IoT.

The collected data will be transmitted through the website with the help of the database where we have exact real time location for the different railway stations. The GPS will be helped for the live location detection for the railway system where the sudden railway accident will be occurred in the train track. So the data will be presented in the web application the processed data will collect from the GPS to database where there is need for the connection from the data to connect with the Internet of Things (IoT) with cloud integrated web application where the collected data will be shared and produce or display the output values with the help of the data image quality and identification accuracy were consistent through all tests and were therefore acceptable for continuous operation. The tests also validated the merit of merging various monitoring modalities with visual surveillance. The data collection process and the identification of a wide range of safety concerns in real-life situations. Figure 3 shows the Real-Time Obstacle and Intrusion Detection on Railway Tracks Using ESP32 Camera and Object Recognition Models.

Table 1: Tools and techniques for railway accident avoidance using IoT.

Specification	Details
Hardware Used	Arduino Uno, various sensors (ESP32, GPS)
Software Used	Arduino IDE, IoT platform for data analysis, Xampp server
Data Transmission	Wireless communication protocols
Monitoring Metrics	, train speeds, environmental factors
Response Mechanism	Automated alerts, speed adjustments, emergency halting

4.3 Implementation

The innovative railway safety network integrates intelligent Internet of Thing (IoT) technology to establish its efficient accident prevention system to combine the electronic cloud computing system.

4.4 Result

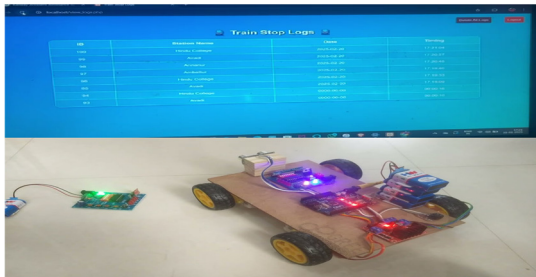


Figure 4: Prototype model of IoT-enabled railway monitoring system with live train stop log display.

This experiment evaluation of the novel railway safety framework demonstrated the successful combination of Internet of Things (IoT) architecture with cloud-based computing systems. The analysis of digital interface metrics on the monitoring terminal for railway accident showed ongoing data flow and surveillance patterns, capturing various operational states including intersection notifications and terminal operations to ensure through monitoring of railway activities with the help of web application which is interconnected with the Internet of Things and xampp database to fetch the data capture the entire process with the ID number, Station name, Date and Timing where the railway train stops and shows complete details for the railway activities. The experiment is constructed on a laptop foundation, where the complete exhibited seamless components integration. The GPS functionality was visually confirmed by a kalman filter where light on an Arduino Uno circuit board is connected, while a Ultrasonic sensor will detect the objects and human beings. The Infrared sensor will detect the fire weather there is any potential fire catches in the train with the of IR sensor there will be a detector the sense the smoke and alert passenger in the railway train. The relay will indicate the time duration to present the display on web application where the data will be collected and automated to our website and enhance the functionalities of the railway accident mitigation strategies. Figure 4 shows the Prototype Model of IoT-Enabled Railway Monitoring System with Live Train Stop Log Display.

The Arduino ide connected cloud computing has

the ability to store and manage the overall infrastructure of the web application in which the data will be stored in the cloud and highly secured and safe to process the data where there will be no more data loss or ID number of the railway station where the incident is happens based on the given dataset in the Arduino cloud. The web application is built on the basis of PHP server where the login credentials and data security will be processed on the website. The xampp application will contains database where the Apache 2.0 is integrated to connect the database and have the ability to manage the website to connect the Internet of Thing (IOT) module. The network integration analysis, documented through the monitoring interface, exhibited sustained connectivity throughout the evaluation windows operating system. The architecture processed diverse data categories, incorporating both network requests and station status updates, demonstrating robust information handling capabilities.

Quantitative assessment of operational metrics revealed communication latency values consistently within engineering specifications. The alert warning systems demonstrated clear alert differentiation, maintaining hierarchical notification protocols based on latest collision prediction algorithms. The digital interface architecture successfully implemented real-time surveillance capabilities, enabling operational oversight through a sophisticated control panel. Implementation of multi-page data management protocols indicated successful handling of high-volume operational metrics.

Emergency protocols, particularly fail-safe mechanisms, performed according to design parameters during simulated network interruptions. Local control systems-maintained autonomous safety operations, validating system redundancy measures. Component integration assessment revealed latest collaboration between physical infrastructure and cloud computing services. The wireless communication module sustained reliable data channels throughout the evaluation period. The framework demonstrated successful concurrent processing of multiple data streams, encompassing geographical coordinates, environmental parameters, and control signals, maintaining consistent performance metrics.

This research validates the feasibility of implementing advanced railway safety protocols through IoT integration, with experimental results supporting both hardware reliability and cloud computing efficiency. The expected outcomes suggest significant potential for enhancing transportation safety.

5 FUTURE WORKS

This project has some critical and important works for the people to save and protect from the additional accidents. First the latest predictive algorithms which are produced by the machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) will enhance the system's ability to anticipate potential hazards. The focus on real-time data communication and advanced predictive models, and other such mechanisms to go further reduce the possibilities of the railway accidents. The railway train can predict in such an unpredictable situation's where that might not lead to accidents for the upcoming future incidents. To improve operations on the railway train track detection, the solar beam is used to sense and detect the train track slopes and distance to slow down and stop the train in which the accident will be not performed for the future purpose. In the future, the systems could be implemented with the voice recognition technology for hands-free alerts and controls, allowing operators to receive information and issue commands during emergency situations without distractions. To enhance the current system's capabilities, we will focus on integrating a drone based monitoring system in front of the railway train to improve a lot more safety and security of the passengers.

6 CONCLUSIONS

In this project, railway accident avoidance using IoT with cloud computing is presented and demonstrated the latest potential to improve safety for people and efficiency for the real-time scenario. The ability to monitor conditions in real time and rapidly analyze data and interact with response mechanisms provides a proactive approach to preventing accidents. By enabling immediate coordination with central monitoring stations, the platform ensures that any potential emergency situations can be addressed promptly, by safeguarding the lives of passengers and railway safely.

Looking forward, the evolution of this safety framework calls for several crucial developments and improvements in the future work. This should prioritize the creation of sophisticated predictive algorithms powered by machine learning, along-side the implementation of comprehensive weather monitoring capabilities. The integration of artificial intelligence could revolutionize the decision-making process, while establishing robust interconnected

device communication networks and backup safety protocols would strengthen the system's reliability. When strategically implemented within existing railway infrastructure, this innovative approach shows tremendous promise in significantly reducing the likelihood of accidents through proactive prevention measures.

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