



DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF AUTOMATIC DRUG DISPENSER MACHINE

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Abstract :-The automatic drug dispenser features a self-contained pill dispensing mechanism and ample storage. It includes a user input scanner, servo motors, motion sensors, and an inventory monitoring system. It consists of a scanner for user input, servo motors for dispensing medication, large storage space sensors for pill motion detection, an inventory monitoring system for expiration date tracking, and an inbuilt system for receiving user payment for dispensed drugs. The central microprocessor monitors these systems, receiving input via voice recognition or answering questions from the user interface screen. All of these systems are monitored by a central microprocessor, which is programmed to receive input from the user via voice recognition or manually answering questions from the user interface screen and to actuate and control all the necessary components required to dispense the medication requested by the user. The machine can be viewed as an automated pharmacy placed on a commercial scale, so an infinite number of users will be able to access it anytime.

Index Terms - Automatic drug dispenser, Ample storage, User input scanner, Servo motors, Central microprocessor, Voice recognition, Accessibility, Automated pharmacy.

I. INTRODUCTION

In rural villages where access to basic healthcare services is often limited, ensuring timely access to essential medicines can be a significant challenge. Recognizing this pressing need, we present an innovative solution: the Automatic Drug Dispensing Machine. This groundbreaking device aims to bridge the gap in healthcare accessibility by providing convenient access to a range of basic medicines right in the heart of rural communities. The Automatic Drug Dispensing Machine is designed to be user-friendly and efficient, catering to the diverse needs of village residents. Utilizing cutting-edge technology, including Arduino Uno microcontrollers, L298 2A dual motor driver modules, Bluetooth connectivity, and servo motors, this machine offers a seamless and automated experience for users seeking essential medications. At its core, the machine operates through a dual-app system, comprising a service app installed directly on the machine and a customer app accessible via smartphones. Users initiate the interaction process by articulating their symptoms through the service app, which then provides relevant information and guides them through the

medication selection process. Once the user confirms their symptoms and completes the payment process via the customer app, the machine springs into action, dispensing the prescribed medication with precision and accuracy. With four racks containing a total of four essential medicines, the machine ensures a comprehensive range of healthcare options tailored to common ailments prevalent in rural communities. Each medicine box is controlled by servo motors, meticulously managed by the Arduino Uno microcontroller, ensuring smooth and reliable dispensation. Moreover, the Automatic Drug Dispensing Machine is not only a beacon of healthcare accessibility but also a symbol of sustainability. Powered by a 12V battery, it operates independently of external power sources, making it suitable for deployment in remote areas with limited infrastructure. In conclusion, the Automatic Drug Dispensing Machine represents a pioneering step towards democratizing healthcare access in rural regions. By leveraging technology to streamline the medication procurement process, this innovative solution holds the potential to improve health outcomes and enhance the quality of life for countless individuals in underserved communities.

1.1 Field of Invention

The current invention pertains to an automatic drug dispenser machine focusing on a system with the ability to dynamically receive user input particularly in the form of voice commands and subsequently dispense the necessary type of medication accordingly.

1.2 Background of invention

The growing modern age has also brought with it the dawn of numerous types of diseases. The use of medicine to maintain and regain physical and mental health has been growing at a rapid pace. The doctors prescribe different types of medicine for one particular type of illness. Today, it has become common for a person to take at least one type of pill at a regular interval each day. This dispenser is preloaded with the medicine to be taken and is programmed to dispense the medication at a particular time of the day and give a signal to the user to take the pills. Older people sometimes forget to take the pills while going to functions or outside. At that time, they try to 'catch up' some medical stores. It becomes difficult if medical stores are not available. Not only elderly people but also people who go to work have this problem due to external factors like work pressure. It is not possible for them to carry medicines at all times. At that time, we used this machine to get pills at the right time.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Title: Automated Medications systems

Publication year: 2020

Authors : Smith & Johnson, A

Findings : The author provides a detailed information of challenges and advancements in automated medication dispensing systems, including automatic drug dispenser machines. It covers topics such as the technological evolution of the system, user acceptance and satisfaction, accuracy and safety considerations, impact on medication adherence, cost-effectiveness analysis, integration with healthcare systems, regulatory and legal considerations, and challenges faced during implementation. Through case studies and expert insights, the book tells the importance of automated medication dispensing systems in

improving management processes, enhancing patient safety, and optimizing healthcare delivery.

2.Title: "Innovations in Medication Management: Automated Dispensing Systems"

Publication year: 2018

Authors: Chang, L., & Patel, R.

Findings: In the research, Author explores the latest innovations in medication management, focusing on automated dispensing systems. It discusses advancements in technology, user interfaces, and integration with healthcare networks, emphasizing their potential to reduce medication errors and improve patient adherence.

3.Title: "Next-Generation Drug Dispensing: The Role of Robotics and AI"

Publication year: 2019

Authors: Garcia, M., & Kim, S.

Findings: In the research, Author delves into the integration of robotics and artificial intelligence in next-generation drug dispensing systems. It examines their impact on medication accuracy, efficiency, and adaptability to different healthcare environments, presenting case studies and future prospects.

4.Title: "Patient-centered Medication Management: Enhancing Adherence through Technology"

Publication year: 2021

Authors: Wong, T., & Davis, E.

Findings: In this comprehensive study the Author Focused on patient-centered care, this book investigates how automatic drug dispenser machines contribute to enhancing medication adherence. It discusses personalized medication regimens, reminder features, and user-friendly interfaces, emphasizing the importance of patient engagement in the medication management process.

5.Title: "Smart Medication Dispensing: IoT Solutions for Healthcare"

Publication year: 2022

Authors: Park, H., & Lee, Y.

Findings: In this paper, Author explores the intersection of Internet of Things (IoT) technology and medication dispensing systems. It examines remote monitoring capabilities, real-time data analytics, and predictive maintenance, illustrating their potential to optimize medication distribution and minimize operational disruptions.

6.Title: "Automated Pharmacy Solutions: Improving Healthcare Delivery"

Publication year: 2017

Authors: Roberts, K., & Nguyen, Q.

Findings: In this insightful exploration the author Focusing on pharmacy automation, this publication discusses the role of automatic drug dispenser machines in streamlining medication fulfillment processes. It highlights their impact on inventory management,

prescription accuracy, and pharmacist workflow efficiency, showcasing examples from various healthcare settings.

7.Title: "Human Factors in Automated Medication Dispensing: Designing for Safety and Usability"

Publication year: 2023

Authors: Chen, W., & Jackson, G.

Findings: The paper addresses human factors considerations in the design and implementation of automated medication dispensing systems. It examines user interface design principles, error prevention strategies, and training protocols, emphasizing the importance of usability testing and continuous improvement efforts.

8.Title: "Global Perspectives on Automated Medication Dispensing Systems"

Publication year: 2018

Authors: Kim, J., & Gupta, N.

Findings: This book offers a comparative analysis of automated medication dispensing systems from a global perspective. It examines cultural differences, regulatory frameworks, and healthcare infrastructure variations across different regions, providing insights into the challenges and opportunities for widespread adoption and implementation.

9. Title: "Pediatric Applications of Automatic Drug Dispenser Machines"

Publication year: 2020

Findings: In this comprehensive study the Author Focusing on pediatric healthcare, this publication explores the unique considerations and challenges associated with automatic drug dispenser machines in pediatric settings. It discusses dose customization, child-friendly interfaces, and caregiver involvement, highlighting strategies to enhance medication safety and adherence for pediatric patients.

III. REQUIREMENTS

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

The automatic drug dispenser relies on two software applications: one for the service side and another for the customer side. Here's how each of these applications works:

Service Application:

- This application is likely used by the service provider or the entity responsible for maintaining the automatic drug dispenser.
- It contains functions necessary for managing the dispenser's inventory, scheduling maintenance, monitoring usage statistics, and handling any technical issues.
- The service application integrates speech recognition technology, which allows users to interact with the dispenser using their voice. The voice recognition system is trained

to recognize a wide range of spoken commands and variations in speech patterns to ensure effective communication with users.

- It ensures that the dispenser is operating smoothly and efficiently.

Customer Application:

- This application is designed for end-users, typically patients or take care persons who need to access the medications from the dispenser.
- It can be installed on the devices for easy access and convenience.
- Payment processing: The app facilitates payment for the medications, ensuring a smooth transaction process.
- Notification and reminders: Users may receive notifications when payment was done.

Overall, these two software applications work together to ensure the efficient operation of the automatic drug dispenser.

Hardware Requirements

1.Arduino Uno: This microcontroller serves as the brain of the medical dispenser machine. It receives input from the user via Bluetooth communication(Bluetooth module HC-05), processes the input, controls the servo motors for dispensing medication, and monitors the inventory levels.



Fig -1:Arduino Uno

2.Battery: The battery provides power to the Arduino Uno and other electronic components. It ensures that the automatic drug dispenser remains operational even in the absence of a direct power source.



Fig -2:Battery

3. Bluetooth HC05 Module: The HC05 module enables wireless communication between the automatic drug dispenser and external devices such as smartphones or tablets. Users can send commands or requests for medication via a mobile application connected to the dispenser through Bluetooth.



Fig -3: Bluetooth Module

4. L298 Motor Driver Module: The L298 module acts as an interface between the Arduino Uno and the servo motors. It provides the necessary power and control signals to drive the motors efficiently. In this machine we use this module for every two servo motors.



Fig -4: L298 Motor Driver Module

5. Servo Motors: These motors are responsible for dispensing the medication. Each servo motor is connected to a compartment containing a specific type of medication. When triggered by the Arduino Uno, the servo motors rotate to release the desired amount of medication into a collection area.

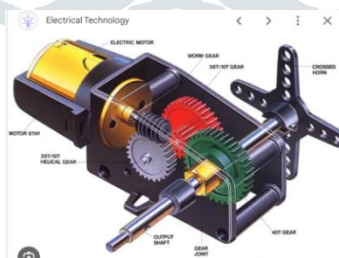


Fig -5: Servo Motor

IV. MECHANISM

- Rack and pinion: A rack and pinion mechanism is a linear motion mechanism that converts rotational motion into linear motion.
- If the pinion rotates clockwise, the rack moves in forward direction for dispensing medications along its length.
- If the pinion rotates counter clockwise, the rack moves in backward direction along its length.

4.1 DISPENSING MECHANISM:

- Medicine is stored in the different compartments and these dispensing compartments will be worked with the help of servo motors and these servo motors makes the rack and pinion to move in the linear motion and these compartments will be unlocked and dispensing of medicine can be done in an efficient way.

V.METHODOLOGY

Algorithm

- User interaction: The user interacts with the service application, which is built into the machine. He has to pair the application with the Bluetooth module HC-05.
- The user has to enter his or her name and mobile number in the service application.
- It asks for the symptoms that we have. By voice command, we have to give the symptom names, and then the machine can understand which medicines to dispense.
- After giving commands, it shows the amount of medicine. If we enter OK, then it asks for the mobile number for payment, and it also shows the QR .
- The user has to download the customer application on his own mobile device. We had to scan the QR with the customer application for payment processing.
- After successful payment, Bluetooth gives signals to the Arduino to activate the mechanism for dispensing the medicines.
- If we want one type of tablet, then Arduino gives signals to the L298 motor driver module, and this module gives power to that specific servo motor that contains that specific type of tablet.
- When the servo motor rotates, it activates the rack and pinion mechanism for dispensing medicines.
- If we want two or three more types of tablets, then Arduino gives signals to L298 motor driver modules, and these modules give power to the specific servo motors that contain that specific type of tablet.
- By this, we can take tablets from this machine.

VI.FUTURE SCOPE

Integration of Advanced Technologies

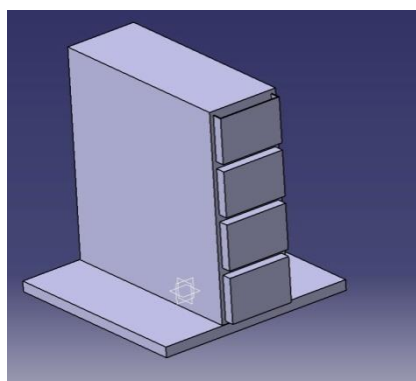
- If anyone misuses the machine then, automatically the main door will close like this we had to assist with AI.
- Assisting with doctor which medicines are to be used while saying symptoms.
- Sorting of Medicines
- Taking input via doctor prescriptions directly for dispensing the medicines.
- By assisting with AI we can increase the security features.

VII.CONCLUSIONS

The design and development of the automatic drug dispensing machine is a significant advancement in healthcare ,particularly for rural communities. By utilising technologies such

as Arduino Uno, L298 2A dual motor driver module, Bluetooth module, and servo motors, the project prototype has a user-friendly interface for dispensing basic medicines based on customer input and payment. The integration of two mobile applications, a service app on the machine and a customer app, streamlines the process of identifying symptoms, making payments, and receiving medications. Additionally, the machine's modular design, with four racks containing a total of four medicines, ensures versatility and scalability in catering to various medical needs.

VIII.RESULT AND ANALYSIS



CATIA DESIGN

This machine will dispense the medicines based on the customer's requirements. After payment, the track opens for 10 seconds. Within 10 seconds, we had to take the medicines, and after that, the track closed automatically. We had to give input via voice instructions, and based on that, it will give output via medicines.



REAL TIME MODEL

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