

Personal Assistance for Senior Citizens Who Are Self-Reliant

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Abstract:

Tracking the health of a person and proper medication improves their life time. Studies suggest the most of the deaths of the elderly people have occurred during the night when the person is asleep. A caretaker cannot assist a person all the time. This work proposes a personal assistant for an elderly person or a patient. The personal assistants can provide in-home respite care, allowing family members or other caretakers to take a temporary break. The main objective of this work is to help seniors maintain their quality of life at home and to keep them living their lives their way, as well as to lighten the load of full-time or family caretaker. This project proposes an affordable personal assistance device for health monitoring of elderly people using different sensors which can measure pulse rate, position of elderly. Therefore, the doctor can identify the abnormal values easily and can attend the patient if the device is used in the hospital. Proper intake of medicine at correct time is indicated by the display on OLED screen and an alert is produced by buzzer.

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I. Introduction:

Giving consideration to others can be distressing and can probably lead to dependency and proper disorder. Studies have exhibited that around 16% of parental figures record their well-being has intensified due to the fact they became guardians. Providing care might also result in more budgetary weights; roughly 40% of guardians collect new financial costs diagnosed with administrations, items, and sporting activities. One gauge expresses that 26% of parental figures spend around 10% of their month to month pay on supplying care costs. Fig.1. Shows the block diagram of the Personal Assistance device. Personal assistance device is a handy device which provides a way for improving the health care services. This device tracks the pulse rate using pulse sensor and the motion of the person is tracked by accelerometer and their respective readings are displayed in the mobile application. IOT pulse sensor and accelerometer can be connected to communicate and transfer information between patient and doctor. This system can assist the elderly with health check-ups. So, doctors or caretakers can follow the health condition of the elderly. Moreover, due to the functional and physical limitations the elderly may not be able to inform anything to anyone when they feel sick, so just by pressing a push button the information can be passed to the doctor or caretaker. Personal assistants can be used to supplement the care of a family member or other caretaker by fulfilling required tasks. Personal assistants deliver care and companionship when you can't be there, or when you simply need a hand.

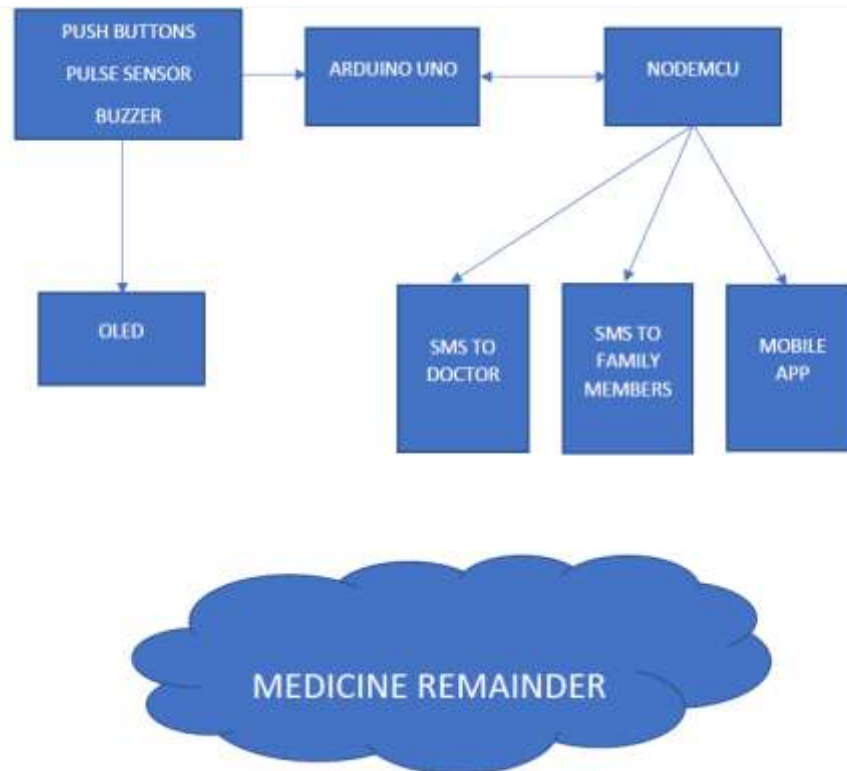


Fig.1. BLOCK DIAGRAM PERSONAL ASSISTANCE DEVICE

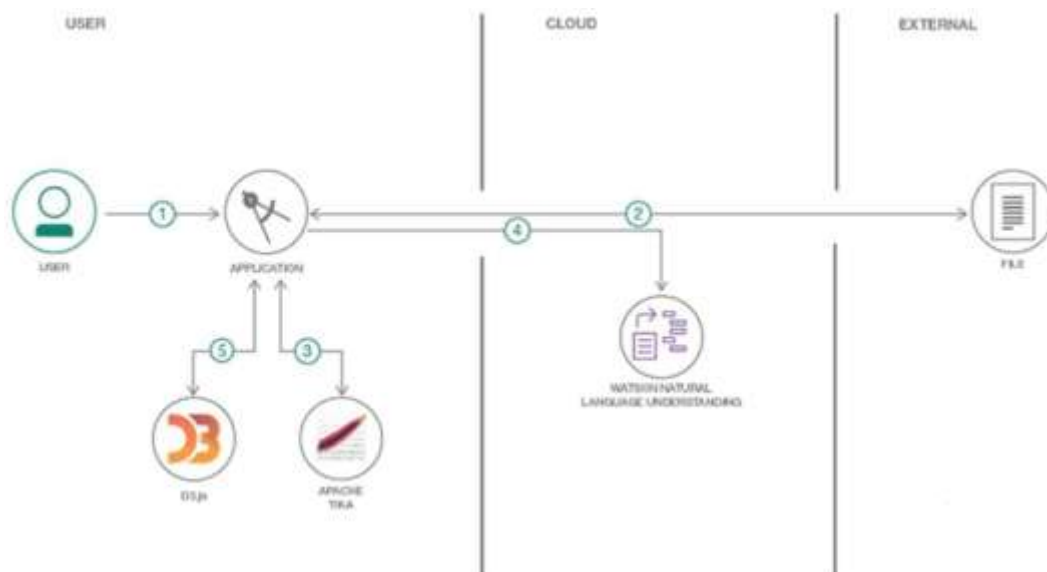
II. EXISTING PROBLEM:

S.NO	PROJECT	METHODOLOGY	LIMITATIONS
1	The Autonomous pill dispenser	Android app send signals to device via Bluetooth. Patient needs to flip the unit so that one pill get strapped in top of the cone and using vibrator it gets dispensed	Elderly people find this difficult to flip the device and less likely to use android phone
2	Automatic Pill Dispenser	Makes use of the concept of rotating compartments in circular step wise motion using stepper motor which is used to store the pills. Notification on smartphone is provided	Smartphones are less likely used by elderly people.
3	Pill Dispenser with alarm Via Smartphone notification	They have used the available technology to send notification on the smartphone using in-stapush application. After receiving the notification user needs to press the dispenser button which is located at pill dispenser unit.	Smartphones are rarely used by elderly patients. Cannot be used by blind people, as it needs to press the button on dispensing unit.
4	Timed Medicine Dispenser (Product)	Gives notification about medication. It has built in alarm system.	In dispenser unit, the pills need to be pre-separated first in order to get correct dosage. Cannot be used by deaf person.
5	Medication Reminder with Medicine Dispenser	Prescription is scanned using image processing. Raspberry pi B+ module is used. No manual setting of dosage of medicine is needed. As system is set automatically can be used by anyone including disabled people as well.	Pi camera gives error sometimes and need to reboot the processor.

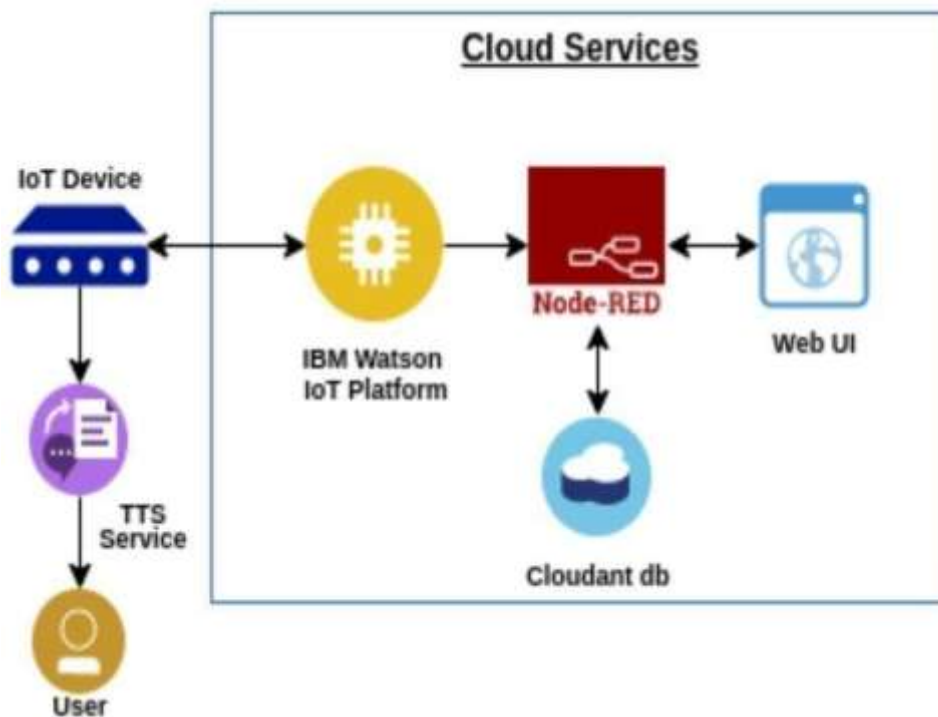
III. PROPOSED SOLUTION:

S.No.	Parameter	Description
1.	Problem Statement (Problem to be solved)	Elderly people sometimes tend to forget to take their medicine at the correct time, or might forget which medicine they are supposed to take at that particular time. This makes it difficult for the doctors/caretakers to monitor the patients properly around the clock, which leads to inadequate treatments being provided to the elderly patients, and could result in casualties.
2.	Idea/Solution description	To design a medicine reminder system, which is an application built for the user/caretaker, which enables them to set the desired time and medicine. When it is time to take the medicine, the web application will send the name of the IoT Device through the IBM IoT Platform and notify them using voice commands using Text-to-Speech conversion.
3.	Novelty/Uniqueness	The proposed model continuously monitors the elderly patients and produces reports on their medicine intake data, while also using this available data to alert the user using Voice Commands, ensuring an efficient reminder method.
4.	Social Impact/Customer Satisfaction	Encourages proper medicine intake for the elderly users, thus ensuring them a good and a healthy life.
5.	Business Model (Revenue Model)	The low-cost requirement for designing this proposed model makes it more reliable and user-friendly. This makes the model more practical for widespread use in hospitals and homes for efficient medicine intake.
6.	Scalability of the Solution	With efficient usage of IBM Cloud, this proposed model will be able to handle a large number of user data. This makes a huge number of users to easily access and efficiently use it.

IV. DATA FLOW DIAGRAM:



V. Technical Architecture:



VI. Conclusion:

The literature that was selected for this review highlights the extent of the work that has been undertaken in this field. Much of the work has focused on understanding the problems that older people experience in accessing and using care services, which has culminated in diverse efforts to overcome the problems. There has been significant development in health and social care policy, however, that is supportive and facilitative of the integration of services that older people use. The majority of attempts to integrate health and social care services take the form of modifications to what already exists and the development of ways to enable older people to negotiate what already exists, rather than radical change to the whole system. This may be in the form of making linkages across the boundaries that are inherent in the system, making linkages between the hierarchies that best health and social care organizations, and facilitating improved and effective communication between organizations and the staff that work in them. These approaches enhance the connectivity between the different parts of health and social care and are in the main small and incremental changes.

There has, however, been little work concerned with integration across the whole continuum of care. In addition, less attention has been given to all the services that older people require to live fulfilled and independent lives. For example, integration across health, social care, housing and transport equally affect the way that older people live, yet these services tend to operate in parallel rather than in partnership with each other. Presumably the lack of attention to whole system change is due to need for long term commitment that this requires. The experience from Denmark indicates that given commitment, investment and national leadership, system-wide integration is possible. In countries, such as Britain, where these policies are largely short term and consequently subject to change, it is difficult to evaluate the impact that they are having. This highlights the need for longitudinal studies in this area that both inform and are informed by developing policy.

It is clear that care organizations are changing in response to national and local policy, and, at the same time to the needs of service users. Consequently, there are multiple changes taking place in any care organization at the same time. At one level of analysis this may appear to be in response to clear objectives set by government departments and to be well coordinated. At another level of analysis, however, the changes that are taking place are chaotic and unplanned. One outcome of this situation has been the development of a raft of mezzo and micro strategies that aim to integrate the systems, services and the operational processes within care organizations. There has been much effort

put into describing the impact that these developments have had on changing practice yet there has been little effort given to systematically investigating the impact that these changes are having on the whole system of care on patient and career outcomes. This points to the need for large, system-wide studies that link all three levels of strategy together in a way, which can usefully and constructively inform people working towards change across the whole system of care.

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