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WIRELESS WEATHER STATION

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ABSTRACT

A wireless weather station using Arduino provides a practical and cost-effective way togather and monitor weather data remotely. Using Arduino as the core microcontroller, the system integrates sensors and wireless communication modules to capture real-timeinformation on temperature, humidity, and other environmental factors. This compact design is accessible for both enthusiasts and professionals, making it an adaptable tool for various applications.

This project identifies and tracks critical weather parameters such as temperature, humidity, and atmospheric pressure. Wireless communication options, like Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, enable flexible data access, whether through internet connectivity or short- range transmission. The collected data can then be accessed on remote devices, offeringan immediate overview of current weather conditions.

The weather station aims to address the need for real-time, accurate weather information across different fields. It supports personal weather monitoring, educational purposes, and agricultural applications, enabling users to make informed decisions based on precise data. Additionally, it provides essential information that can aid in environmentalresearch and improve disaster preparedness by monitoring local climate conditions.

Introduction

Weather monitoring plays a vital role across multiple sectors, impacting agriculture, environmental science, disaster management, and even personal daily planning. Real- time access to weather data provides crucial insights that guide decision-making, optimize resources, and enhance safety. However, conventional weather stations, which often involve wired setups, present several limitations in terms of cost, flexibility, and accessibility. This project addresses these limitations by developing a wireless weather station using Arduino, creating an accessible, affordable, and scalable solution for remoteweather monitoring.

This **Wireless Weather Station** project leverages Arduino, a versatile microcontroller, alongside an array of sensors and wireless communication modules to monitor environmental parameters like temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, and rainfall.The system transmits this data wirelessly, making it accessible from a remote location and providing real-time monitoring capabilities. This design is well-suited for applications that require accessible, portable, and affordable weather monitoring, makingit ideal for use in agriculture, home automation, educational environments, and more.

Literature Survey

The evolution of weather monitoring systems has significantly transformed how data about atmospheric conditions is collected, analyzed, and utilized. Traditional weatherstations have typically involved complex and expensive equipment, limiting their accessibility to professional meteorologists and

organizations. However, recent advancements in microcontroller technology, particularly with platforms like Arduino,have opened new avenues for developing low-cost, user-friendly weather monitoring systems. This literature survey aims to explore existing research and applications of Arduino-based weather stations, emphasizing wireless communication technologies, sensor integration, and practical applications in various fields.

Overview of Weather Monitoring Systems

Weather monitoring systems are essential for collecting data on various atmospheric parameters, including temperature, humidity, pressure, and precipitation. Conventional systems, often used by meteorological organizations, rely on expensive instruments that require substantial infrastructure and technical expertise to operate. As a result, many individuals and small-scale organizations find it challenging to access accurate and real-time weather data.

A review of the literature highlights the following key attributes of traditional weather stations:

- **Cost and Complexity**: Many traditional weather stations come with high initialcosts and require expertise for installation and maintenance.
- **Limited Accessibility**: Wired systems can be cumbersome, restricting their use in remote or rural areas.
- **Inflexibility**: Traditional systems often lack the ability to integrate additionalsensors or adapt to changing user needs.

Existing and Proposed System

Weather monitoring systems have evolved significantly over the years, ranging fromsimple manual observations to sophisticated automated networks. These systems cangenerally be divided into two categories: traditional weather stations and modern weather monitoring solutions.

Traditional Weather Station

Traditional weather stations are typically established by governmental agencies or large research institutions. They are equipped with various meteorological instruments to collect data on multiple weather parameters, including temperature, humidity, wind speed, atmospheric pressure, and precipitation. Some key characteristics include:

- **Fixed Locations**: Traditional stations are usually set up in fixed locations, whichmay limit their ability to monitor localized weather phenomena effectively. Thisfixed placement can also lead to issues with data relevance for users who are interested in specific areas, such as agricultural fields or urban environments.
- **High Cost and Complexity**: The installation and maintenance of traditional weather stations involve considerable investment. These systems often require professional expertise for setup and operation, leading to higher costs that can beprohibitive for individual users or smaller organizations.
- **Manual Data Retrieval**: Many traditional weather stations rely on manual dataretrieval, requiring personnel to visit the site to collect and record measurements.This practice can lead to delays in data availability and may result in the loss of valuable information during extreme

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weather events.

Objectives

The primary aim of the wireless weather station project is to develop a reliable and efficient system for monitoring and collecting real-time weather data using Arduino technology. This section outlines the specific objectives that guide the development andimplementation of the weather station, each of which contributes to the overall functionality and applicability of the system.

Technologies and Components Used

The development of the wireless weather station relies on a variety of technologies and components, each selected for its functionality, cost-effectiveness, and compatibility withthe Arduino platform. This section outlines the key technologies and components utilizedin the project, with a specific focus on the coding technologies that facilitate system functionality and data management.

Microcontroller: Arduino

At the core of the wireless weather station is the Arduino microcontroller, typically the Arduino Uno or Arduino Mega board. Arduino is a widely used open-source electronicsplatform recognized for its simplicity and versatility. The Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is employed for coding, providing a user-friendly interface for writing and uploading sketches (programs) to the microcontroller. The IDEsupports C and C++ programming languages, enabling developers to utilize existing libraries for sensor and module integration.

Coding Libraries

To streamline development and simplify interactions with various components, several coding libraries are utilized:

- **DHT Sensor Library**: This library is essential for interfacing with DHT11/DHT22 temperature and humidity sensors, allowing for easy dataretrieval and configuration.
- **Adafruit BMP Library**: Used for communicating with the BMP180 or BMP280barometric pressure sensors, this library simplifies the process of reading pressureand temperature values.
- **Wi-Fi Libraries (ESP8266WiFi or WiFi)**: For projects utilizing Wi-Fi modules like the ESP8266 or ESP32, these libraries provide functions for establishing a Wi-Fi connection, handling network communication, and managing data transmission.
- **Bluetooth Libraries (SoftwareSerial)**: For Bluetooth communication, the SoftwareSerial library enables the Arduino to communicate with Bluetoothmodules like the HC-05 or HM-10, facilitating data exchange between theweather station and mobile devices.

System Design and Architecture

The system design and architecture of the wireless weather station play a crucial role in its functionality, efficiency, and scalability. This section outlines the overall structure of the system, detailing its components, their interactions, and the flow of data. The design is modular and adaptable, enabling future enhancements while maintaining simplicity forusers.

1. Overview of the System Architecture

The wireless weather station operates on a distributed architecture comprising multiple components that work in concert to gather, process, and transmit weatherdata. The system can be divided into three main layers: the sensor layer, the processing layer, and the communication layer.

- **Sensor Layer**: This layer consists of various sensors that monitor environmental parameters such as temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind speed, and precipitation. Each sensor is interfaced with the Arduino microcontroller, which collects data at regular intervals.
- **Processing Layer**: The Arduino serves as the central processing unit in thislayer, responsible for executing the code that reads sensor data, processes it,and prepares it for transmission. The processing layer also handles data logging, error checking, and any necessary calculations, such as converting raw sensor data into human-readable formats.
- **Communication Layer**: This layer includes the wireless communication modules, such as Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, that transmit the processed data touser interfaces or cloud servers. This layer is essential for enabling remoteaccess to real-time and historical weather data.

2. Component Interaction

The interaction between components is facilitated through a well-defined dataflow. The sequence of operations can be outlined as follows:

- **Data Acquisition**: The Arduino periodically queries the connected sensors to collect data. For instance, the temperature and humidity sensor providesreadings every few seconds.
- **Data Processing**: Once the data is collected, the Arduino processes the readings to convert them into a format suitable for transmission. This may involve averaging multiple readings, calculating trends, or formatting the data in JSON for web transmission.
- **Data Transmission**: The processed data is then sent through the communication layer. If using Wi-Fi, the Arduino establishes a connectionto the internet and sends the data to a designated web server or cloud database. In Bluetooth mode, the data is transmitted directly to a paired mobile device.

- **User Access**: Users can access the data through a web application or mobileapp. The web application dynamically fetches the latest data using AJAX requests, updating the user interface in real-time. Mobile apps may use similar methods to retrieve and display data locally.

3. System Flowchart

Implementation

The implementation of the wireless weather station involves several key steps, including hardware assembly, software development, and system integration. This section details the process of bringing the project to fruition, highlighting the techniques and methodologies used to ensure a functional and reliable system.

Results and Observations

The results and observations section presents the outcomes of the wireless weather station implementation, focusing on the performance of the system in real-world conditions. This part details the data collected during the testing phase, assesses the accuracy of the readings, and discusses any anomalies encountered during operation.

1. Data Collection

The weather station successfully collected various environmental parameters, including temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind speed, and rainfall.The data was logged over a specified period, and the following observations weremade:

- **Temperature Readings**: The DHT22 sensor provided consistent temperature readings. The temperatures were recorded at regular intervals,demonstrating a range of typical environmental values. The readings generally aligned with local meteorological reports, confirming the accuracy of the sensor.
- **Humidity Levels**: Similar to temperature, humidity levels measured by the DHT22 sensor showed reliability. Fluctuations in humidity were consistent with changes in weather patterns, such as increased humidity before rainfall.
- **Pressure Variations**: The BMP280 sensor recorded atmospheric pressureeffectively. The pressure readings showed a noticeable drop prior to stormevents, which is typical behavior for atmospheric conditions.
- **Wind Speed and Rainfall**: The anemometer and rain gauge provided datathat was essential for understanding local weather patterns. Wind speed data reflected gusts associated with passing weather fronts, and rainfall measurements indicated the amount of precipitation during specific events.

2. Data Visualization

The collected data was visualized through a web application. This interface allowed users to observe real-time data and historical trends. Key features of the visualizationincluded:

- **Real-Time Graphs**: Live graphs showed current temperature, humidity,and pressure readings, updating every few seconds. Users could see fluctuations in these

- parameters as weather conditions changed.
- **Historical Data**: Users could access historical data through dropdown menus, allowing them to analyze trends over longer periods. This feature is particularly useful for agricultural and research purposes.
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- **Alerts and Notifications**: The application was designed to send notifications for significant changes in weather conditions, such as highhumidity or sudden drops in temperature.

2. Accuracy and Reliability

The accuracy of the weather station was evaluated by comparing its readings tothose from nearby professional weather stations. The results showed:

- **Temperature**: The readings from the DHT22 sensor were within ±1°C of the professional station's values, demonstrating reliable performance.
- **Humidity**: Humidity readings matched closely, with a difference of lessthan 5% in most cases.
- **Pressure**: The BMP280 sensor's pressure measurements were also validated against local readings, showing consistency with only minor discrepancies.

3. Challenges and Solutions

During the implementation and testing phases, several challenges wereencountered, along with the solutions applied:

- **Signal Interference**: Initial tests showed instances of data loss due to interference in the Wi-Fi signal. This issue was mitigated by relocating theweather station to a more open area and optimizing the placement of the Wi-Fi antenna.
- **Power Supply Management**: Battery life was shorter than expected duringcontinuous operation. The solution involved optimizing the code to reduce power consumption, including implementing sleep modes for the sensors when not actively taking readings.
- **Data Logging Issues**: There were instances where data transmission faileddue to network instability. To resolve this, a retry mechanism was implemented in the code, ensuring that data would be resent if an initial transmission failed.

4. Overall Performance

The wireless weather station performed admirably, meeting the initial project objectives of providing accurate and timely weather data. It successfully gatheredand transmitted weather parameters, providing users with accessible information through a user-friendly interface. The integration of wireless communication allowed for flexibility in data access, whether through a web browser or mobile application.

5. User Feedback

Feedback from users highlighted the usefulness of the weather station for personaland educational purposes. Users appreciated the intuitive interface and the real- time data access, which allowed them to make informed decisions based on accurate weather conditions. Suggestions for future improvements included adding additional sensors, such as UV and soil moisture sensors, to

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Display Console Operation

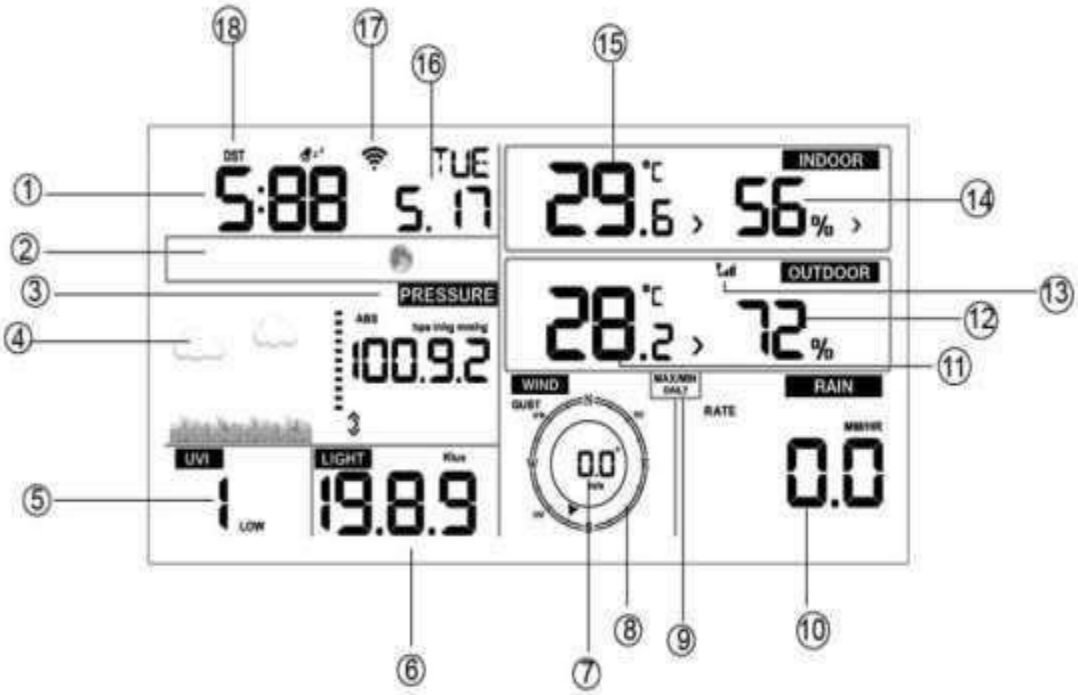

Figure 13

5.1 Screen Display

1. Time
2. Moon phase
3. Barometric Pressure
4. Weather forecast
5. UV index
6. Light
7. Wind speed
8. Wind direction
9. MAX/MIN Daily Rainfall
10. Outdoor temperature
11. Outdoor humidity
12. RF icon
13. Indoor humidity
14. Indoor temperature
15. Date
16. WIFI icon
17. DS

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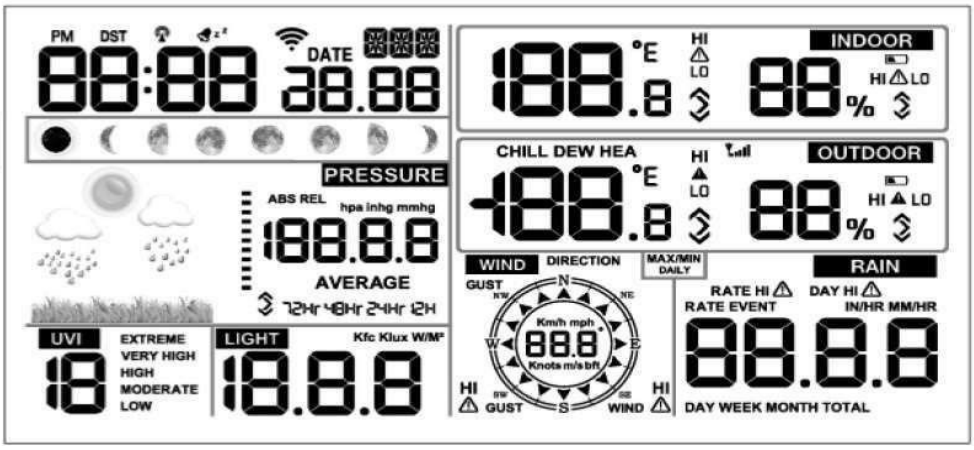

Key function

The console has eight keys for easy operation:

Key Description

SET	Hold this key to enter setting mode
TEMP.	Press this key to view wind Chill, Heat Index, Dew PointTemperature
	Press the TEMP key 5s to register new transmitter.
RAIN	Press this key to view Rain Rate, event, RainDay, RainWeek, Rain Month, and Rain total.
WIND + PRESSURE	Press the RAIN key for 2s to reset current display rain
	Press this key to view wind/gust and wind direction
	Press this key to view Absolute Pressure average of 12hr,24hr, 48hr and 72hr Press and hold 2s this key to view the absolute andrelative pressur
ALARM	Press this key to view the alarm value of Temperature, Humidity, rain rate, rain day, or wind
MAX/MIN	Press this key to view the MAX/MIN value of Temperature, Humidity, rain rate, rain day, wind, UVI,LIGHT, or Absolute Pressure
LIGHT /SNOOZE	Press this key to adjust LCD backlight brightness:HI/MID/OFF

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Setting mode

Pressing the **SET** key for 2 seconds to enter setting model, the basic settings can now beperformed in the following order:

BEEP

- Press the **SET** key for 2 seconds to select the beep section; the ON/OFF section digits willstart flashing. Press the **WIND/+** or **PRESSURE/-** key toselect ON or OFF.

"BEEP ON" will make the Beep sound on every key press. If you do not want the beepsound to be heard, select "BEEP OFF".

MAX/MIN Daily

- Press the **SET** key twice to select the **MAX/MIN Daily** section; the ON/OFF section digitswill start flashing. Press the **WIND/+** or **PRESSURE/-**key to select ON or OFF. (Default is ON. ON: clear at 0:00 every day).

DST (daylight saving time)

- Press the **SET** key a third time to select the **Daylight saving time** section; ON/OFF sectiondigits will start flashing. Press the **WIND/+** or **PRESSURE/-**key to select ON or OFF. (default is ON)

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Time zone

- Press the **SET** key a fourth time to select the **Time zone** section; time zonesection digitswill start flashing. Press the **WIND/+** or **PRESSURE/-** key toselect the value. (Level: -12 to
+12. Default: -5)

Time / Date

- Press the **SET** key a fifth time to select the 12- or 24-hour format section (default:24hr).
- Press the **SET** key a sixth time to select the hour section.
- Press the **SET** key a seventh time to select the minutes section.
- Press the **SET** key an eighth time to select DD-MM or MM-DD format.(Default DD-MMformat)
- Press the **SET** key a ninth time to select year.
- Press the **SET** key a tenth time to select month.
- Press the **SET** key an eleventh time to select day.

Note: Press the **WIND/+** or **PRESSURE/-**key to set the value.

Note: If user to change minute value, second willauto clear
to 0.

Pressure

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Light

- Press the **SET** key a fourteenth time to select light unit (lux, fc, w/m^2; default: w/m^2).

Temperature

- Press the **SET** key a fifteenth time to select in/outdoor temperature unit (°C or °F. defaultunit: °C).
- In normal mode, press the **TEMP.** key to view wind Chill, Heat Index, DewPoint Temperature. Press and hold the **TEMP.** key for 5 seconds to register anew transmitter. Note: every 60 seconds the unit will measure indoor temperature, indoor humidity and pressure. If temperature is If temperature isbelow minimum or above maximum range,display will show --.-.

Wind speed

- Press the **SET** key a sixteenth time to select wind speed unit (km/h, mph, knots, m/s, bft.Default: km/h).
- In normal mode, press and release the **WIND/+** key to view the wind,gust and winddirection.

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Rain

- Press the **SET** key a seventeenth time to select rainfall unit (in or mm units; default: mm).
- In normal mode, press and release the RAIN key to view rain of rate, event, day, week,month and total.
- Press the **RAIN** key for 2 seconds to reset current display rain.

Note:

Reset week rain measurement will also reset day rain

Reset month rain measurement will also reset week and day rain.

Reset total rain measurement will auto reset month, week, and day rain.

Note:

Rain rate:	rainfall measured in previous 10 minutes X 6 = mm/hr
Rain event:	indicates when rainfall recorded is above 10mm within a 24-hourperiod.
Day :	defined by calendar day i.e. 0:00 - 24:00 with current date.
Week:	defined by calendar week i.e. Sunday – Saturday. defined by calendar Month i.e. January 1 - January 31.running total since station was powered u
Month:	
Total:	

Note: The station transmits the wind speed, wind direction and rainfalldata every 16seconds to the console.

5.1.1 Moon phase

- Press the **SET** key 18th to select Northern or Southern Hemisphere

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Alarm mode

Display of Alarm value

1 Press and release **ALARM** key to display high alarm

2 Press**ALARM** key again to display low alarm

Note:

- Press **RAIN** key to select display rate or day rain alarm data.
- Press **WIND/+**key to select display wind or gust alarm data.
- Press **ALARM** key third time or press **LIGHT /SNOOZE** key back to normal mode

Alarm mode setting

1) Press and hold for 2 seconds **ALARM** key enter alarm setting mode:
2) Press the **WIND/+** or **PRESSURE/-** to arm/disarm alerts and adjust alert values.
3) Press the **SET** key to confirm & move to the next item.
4) Press the **ALARM** key to on/off the alarm

Note: when alert is triggered, the current triggering source icon fortime, icon forhigh value and icon for low value will be flashing, indicating alert is triggered.

Triggering Source Icon: High Value Ico

Low Value Icon

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Alarm Setting Order

1) Time alarm setting
2) Indoor high temperature setting
3) Indoor low temperature setting
4) Indoor high humidity setting
5) Indoor low humidity setting
6) Outdoor high temperature setting
7) Outdoor low temperature setting
8) Outdoor high humidity setting
9) Outdoor low humidity setting
10) High wind setting
11) High gust setting
12) Rain rate high setting
13) Rain day high setting

Max/min mode

Press and release **MAX/MIN** key to display MAX data

- Press **TEMP.** key to view wind chill, heat index and dew point max.
- Press **RAIN** key to view rain rate, rain day, rain week and rain month max.
- Press **WIND/+** to view wind and gust max.
- Press and hold **PRESSURE/-** for 2 seconds to view pressure absolute andrelative max.values.

Press again to display min data

- Press **TEMP.** key to view wind chill and dew point min.

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Calibration mode

Hold the **TEMP.** and **MAX/MIN** key together for 5 seconds to enter calibration mode.

- Press the **WIND/+**and **PRESSURE/-** key to adjust values.
- Press the **SET** key to confirm & move to the next item.
- Press the **ALARM** key to reset any adjusted value.
- Press the **LIGHT /SNOOZE** key at any time to exit.

Calibration Order

1) Indoor temperature offset calibrated (range ±9°F (±5°C), default: 0 degrees)
2) Indoor humidity offset calibrated (range ±9%) (±5°C)
3) Outdoor temperature offset calibrated (range ±9°F, (±5°C), default: 0 degrees)
4) Outdoor humidity offset calibrated (range ±9%)
5) Absolute pressure offset calibrated (range ±10hPa)
6) Wind direction offset calibrated (adjust by degree)
7) Wind speed factor adjust, default 100% (range 50% to 150%)
8) Rain factor adjust, default 100% (range 50% to 150%)

Other Features

Factory Reset/Clear Memory

1) When power on, press **TEMP.** key to stop console receiving signal from station.
2) When power on, press **WIND/+** and **PRESSURE/-** key simultaneously, which will reset theweather station, erase all data stored, and revert all usersettings to default.
3) Press the **LIGHT /SNOOZE** key for 5 seconds to register a new transmitter.

Backlight (constant backlight requires operation with DC adapter).

1) with AC adaptor.

Press **LIGHT /SNOOZE** key to change the LCD backlight brightness: HI/MID/OFF

2) without DC adaptor

After 15 seconds without touching any keys on console, the screen will entersleep mode;the backlight stops illuminating and the touch keys will be disabled.

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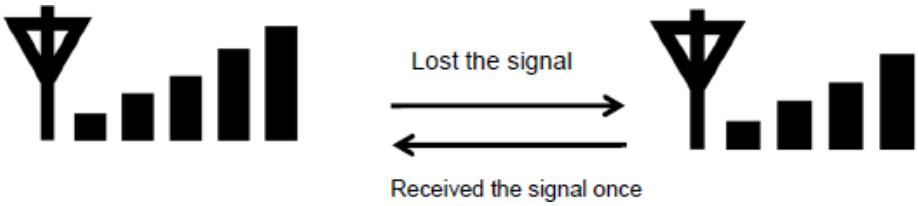
Wireless Signal Strength Indicator

During the synchronization, it will reduce one signal segment if it has notreceived the signal once from the transmitter. It will increase one signal segment if it has received thesignal once.



Weather forecast:

Sunny, Partly Sunny, Cloudy, Rainy, Stormy and Snowy.

When Outdoor temperature is below 32°F (0°C) and the forecast is RAINY or STORMY, theLCD will display SNOWY.

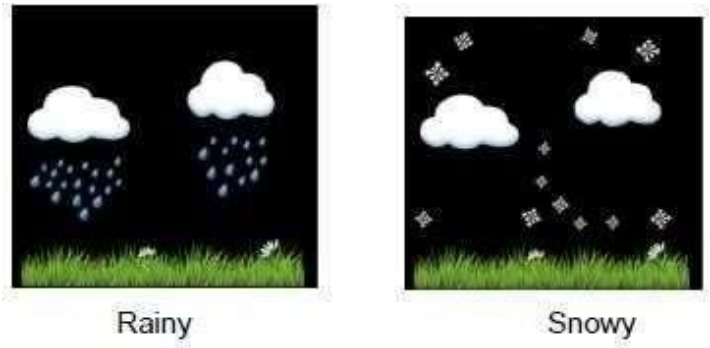
Snooze

When alarm sounds, press the **LIGHT /SNOOZE** key to silence the alarm in"snooze" mode.Press any other key to exit snooze mode.

The alarm will sound again 10 minutes after the **LIGHT/SNOOZE** key has been pressed.

WIFI connection setting on mobile

The console must be connected to mains power via DC adapter to connect to Wi-Fi andupload data online. Console cannot upload data when poweredby batteries alone. The console will sync its time zone to the Wi-Fi/internetsignal it connects to.



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Weather server

The weather station sends data to three free hosting services:

Hosting Service	Website	Description
Weather Undergound	WeatherUndeground.com	Weather Underground is a free weather hosting service that allows you to send and view your weather station data real-time, view graphs and gauges, import text data for more detailed analysis and use iPhone, iPad and Android applications available at Wunderground.com. Weather Underground is a subsidiary of The Weather Channel and IBM.
WeatherBug Community	backyard.weatherbug.com	WeatherBug Community is an extension of the WeatherBug community of weather stations. WeatherBug is a brand owned by Earth Networks that provides live weather data and maintains a mesoscale network of over 8,000 weather stations.
Weather Cloud	WeatherCloud.net	Weathercloud is a real-time weather social network formed by observers from around the world.

Connecting the Weather Station Console to Wi-Fi

Search forthe "**WS View Plus**" application, Download this application toyour mobile device from playstore.

1. Run the WS View Plus application and select the image for the **IC0370 console** (apple phoneused for images below).

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egistering with WeatherUnderground.com,WeatherBug.com,and WeatherCloud.net

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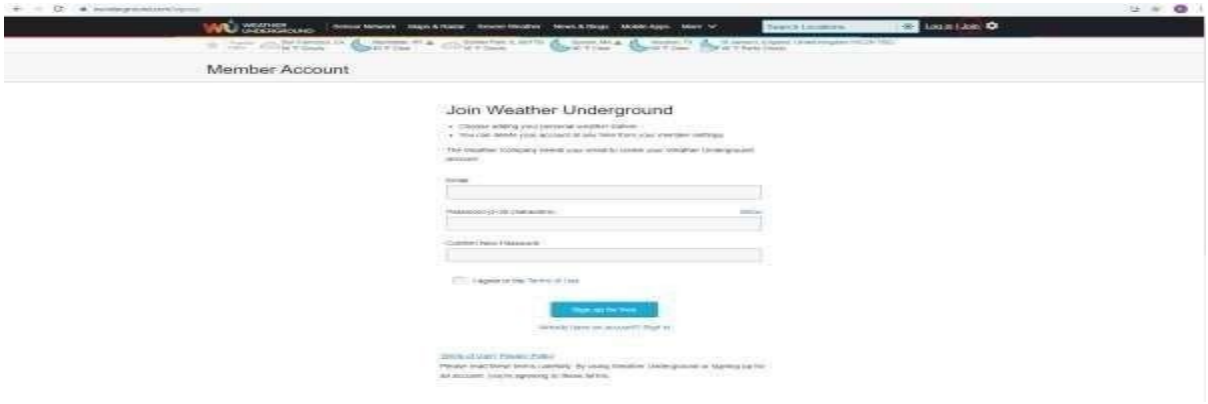
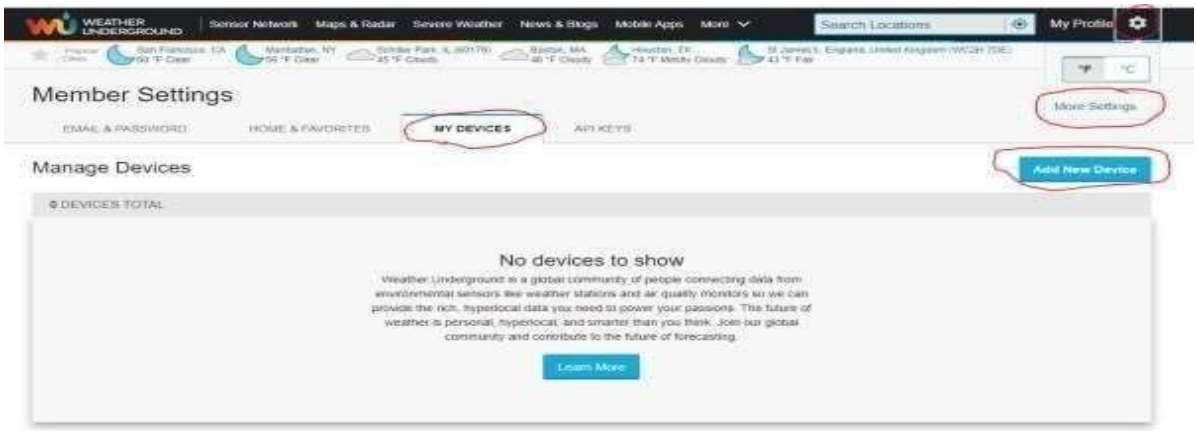
Visit Wunderground.com and select the **Join** link at the top of the page.



1. After creating your new account, select the “settings” symbol, then “moresettings”. Selectthe “my devices” tab, and then press the “add new device” button, to register your Personal Weather Station with Weather Underground.



2. select “other” in the “Personal Weather Station” and then press next.

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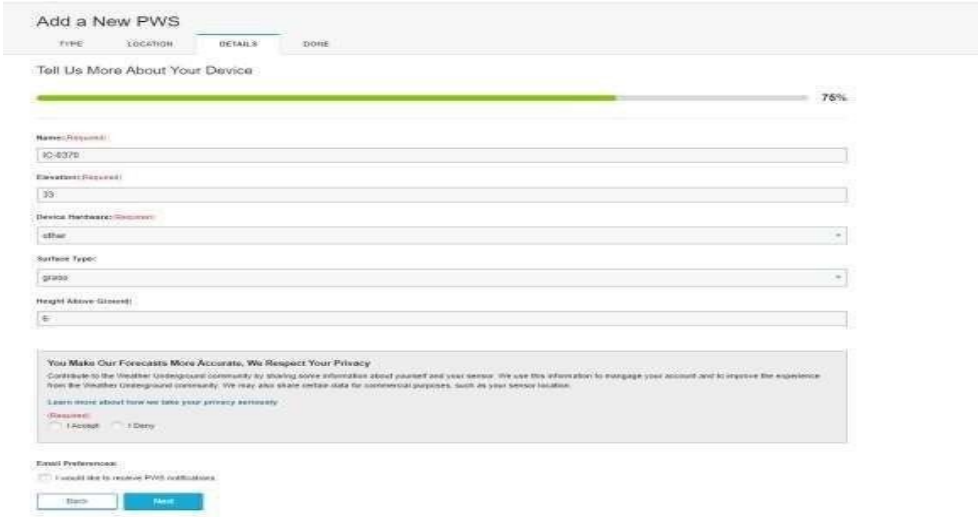
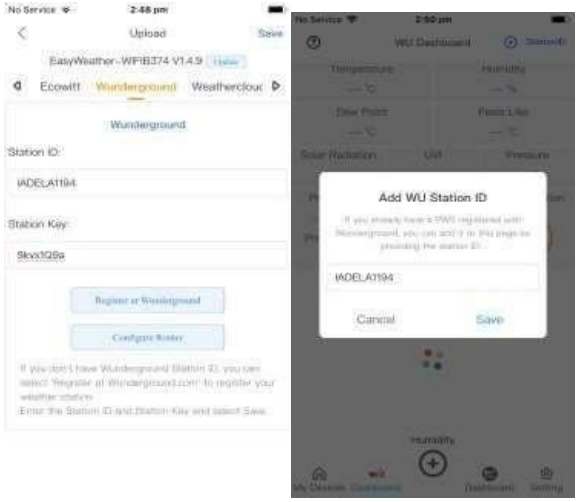


Enter the location of your device using the address it is located at using the “address”tab or enter the latitude and longitude co-ordinatesvia the “manual” tab. After completing registration of the Weather Underground account, Your

Station ID and StationKey are created.

Return to the WS View Plus app to register the personal weather station with the Weather Underground Station ID and Station Key. It should take approximately 10 minutes for the stationto connect to that service and uploaddata to your account.



Conclusion

The wireless weather station project accomplished its primary goal of providing anaccessible, real-time weather monitoring solution. By integrating an Arduino microcontroller with various environmental sensors and wireless communication modules, the system effectively captured and transmitted weather data, such as temperature, humidity, and atmospheric pressure

Through this project, several important outcomes were achieved:

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