Disaster Detection and Rescue System

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***Abstract*— Floods, earthquakes, fires—they can turn everything upside down in a moment. Fast detection and quick action save lives and property. In this paper, I introduce an IoT Disaster Detection and Rescue System that spots these disasters as they happen. It uses sensors to pick up floods and earthquakes, plus a camera powered by YOLO to catch fires. The ESP32 microcontroller pulls all this data together and shoots out alerts right away using a GSM module. The whole setup is straightforward, affordable, and actually makes emergency response faster and more reliable.**

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I. Introduction

Floods, earthquakes, fires—they're not just headlines. They hit hard, wrecking homes, tearing up roads, and putting lives at risk. Lately, thanks to climate change and cities growing faster than ever, these disasters show up more often. The real kicker? Sometimes, the damage gets worse just because we spot the danger too late or can't get help there fast enough. Old-school monitoring systems haven't kept up. They're usually slow, rely on people to notice things, and often only focus on one type of disaster at a time. That's not enough when every second counts.

Now, with IoT and AI, we've got the tools to do better. IoT lets us stick sensors everywhere—collecting real-time data as things happen. AI steps in to make sense of all that info, picking out signs of trouble like fire or smoke from images and spotting patterns we'd miss on our own. By teaming these up, we can build a disaster detection system that doesn't just sit there; it actually works in the moment. My project zeroes in on that—creating a smart, affordable system that catches all kinds of disasters and pings the right people right away. The goal? Quicker responses, less chaos, and fewer losses when disaster strikes.

II. Ease of Use

A. Selecting a System Framework

Choosing the right system framework really sets the tone for how well the disaster detection app will work. Here, the goal is to pick something that fits the project's needs—nothing bloated, nothing underpowered. This system runs smoothly on affordable hardware, which means you don't need a fancy setup to get started. It's built for the real world, so you can rely on it whether you're monitoring a single site or rolling it out across an entire region. The framework handles continuous monitoring and processes incoming data in real time, so there's no waiting around. Plus, it's flexible enough that you can tweak it for a tiny local project or scale up for a much bigger operation. It's all about making sure deployment feels straightforward, not overwhelming.

In addition to selecting the system framework, maintaining consistency in system configuration and implementation is equally important. All hardware components such as sensors, microcontroller, camera module, and GSM unit must be connected according to the predefined design to ensure stable operation. Any unnecessary modification in wiring, power supply, or software parameters can affect system performance and reliability. Therefore, following the standard system architecture and configuration guidelines is essential to achieve accurate detection, smooth data processing, and dependable alert transmission throughout the project lifecycle.

III. PREPARE YOUR SYSTEM BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION

Getting your disaster detection system off the ground takes more than just plugging in cables and hitting "start." You'll want to nail down your project requirements and make sure every piece—hardware, software, sensors, microcontroller, and communication modules—fits together the way you expect. Take the time to finish your system design, pick the right tools, and double-check that everything plays nice. Good planning upfront saves you a lot of headaches later. Testing the system in small steps before rolling it out fully helps you catch problems with connectivity, power, or data early. This way, you spend less time hunting for bugs later and your system is a lot more dependable.

A. Abbreviations and Acronyms

Whenever you introduce a new term or abbreviation, spell it out the first time. If you mention IoT, say Internet of Things first. Same for AI (Artificial Intelligence) and GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication). After that, you can just use the short forms. Don't cram abbreviations into section titles or headings unless they're already widely recognized.

B. Units

In this project, the ultrasonic sensor measures water level in **centimeters (cm)**, which is used for flood detection. Time taken for the ultrasonic pulse to return is measured in **microseconds (µs)**. The vibration sensor output for earthquake detection is measured as **digital values or acceleration levels** depending on the sensor type. The ESP32 and GSM module operate using electrical values measured in **volts (V)** and **amperes (A)**. All measurements follow the International System of Units (SI) to maintain consistency and accuracy. Using these standard units ensures reliable data processing and easy interpretation of system results.

C. Equations

The main equation used in this project is for calculating distance in flood detection using the ultrasonic sensor. The distance is calculated using the time-of-flight formula: Distance = (Time × Speed of Sound) / 2
Where time is the echo return time in microseconds and the speed of sound is approximately **343 m/s**. This equation helps determine the water level by measuring how far the water surface is from the sensor. For earthquake detection, threshold comparison equations are used where vibration sensor values are continuously compared with a predefined limit to identify abnormal ground movement. These equations convert raw sensor readings into meaningful values for real-time disaster detection and alert generation.

D. Some Common Mistakes

- Skipping sensor calibration is a big one. If you don't set them up right, you get bad readings and fake disaster alerts.
- Setting the wrong threshold values messes things up. The system might miss real disasters or keep sending out pointless warnings.
- Not managing the power supply can leave the whole system unstable or even shut it down at the worst moment.
- If the GSM module fails to communicate, authorities might not get alerts when they need them.
- Noise or interference, if you don't filter it out, can throw off vibration and ultrasonic sensors.
- When it comes to fire detection, poor lighting can make the YOLO model less accurate.
- Placing sensors in the wrong spots limits how much they detect and makes the system less reliable.
- Bugs in the code or sloppy programming slow down responses or crash the system.
- If you skip regular testing and maintenance, you won't catch problems before they get serious.
- No proper documentation? Troubleshooting and making improvements later will be way harder.

IV. Using the Template

Once we wrapped up designing and building the Disaster Detection and Rescue System, it was time to see how everything actually worked together. We hooked up all the parts—sensors, microcontroller, camera, and GSM unit— into one complete setup. First, we ran tests in a safe, controlled space, just to make sure every piece worked the way it should. After that, we moved on to real-time monitoring. We kept testing and tweaking as we went, which helped us spot any weak points and make the whole thing run smoother. The system's pretty flexible, too. If something needs to be added or changed down the road, it's easy to adjust for different disaster situations.

A. Authors and Affiliations

A small team of students built this project with guidance from a faculty advisor. Everyone took on different roles— some handled the hardware, others coded, tested, or wrote up the documentation. Listing the authors and their affiliations isn't just a formality. It gives credit where it's due and keeps things transparent. We followed the usual academic order for listing names, along with everyone's department and school. That way, anyone looking at the project later knows exactly who did what, which helps with future references or evaluations.

1. When a project has a bigger team, we split up the jobs based on what each person's good at. Working together makes everything run smoother.

2. If there's just a handful of people, everyone pitches in on different tasks—coding, designing circuits, going over results, and so on.

a) Selection: We pick team members based on their interests and skills.

b) Role assignment: Everyone gets specific tasks to keep things fair and balanced.

c) Evaluation: We regularly check in on what each person's done, just to make sure things are on track.

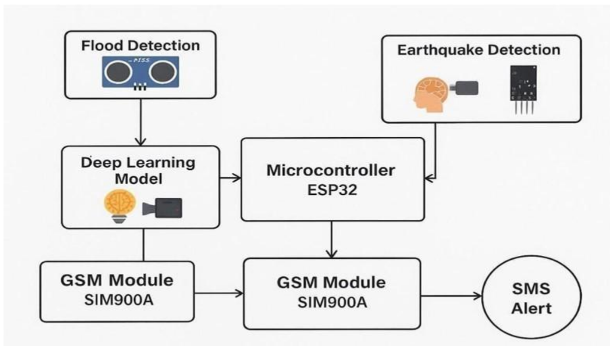
B. Identify the Headings

Headings do a lot of heavy lifting in a project report. They break up the content and guide readers through each part. Big headings mark out the main sections—like Introduction, Methodology, Results, and Conclusion—while subheadings split those sections into smaller, more focused topics. The way headings are used helps set up a clear order and makes everything easier to read. The main title covers the whole project, and subheadings highlight the details— like which sensors we used, the algorithms behind detection, or how the system communicates. Keeping heading styles consistent makes the whole document look better and helps readers jump straight to the info they need.

C. Figures and Tables

Figures and tables do a lot of heavy lifting in this project. They lay out the system architecture, show how the sensors connect, walk you through the flowcharts, and display the results from our experiments. You'll find them at the top or bottom of each page—keeps things tidy and easier on the eyes. Always drop them in after you've talked about them in the text. Big diagrams, like the block diagram or the full hardware layout, should stretch across both columns so you don't have to squint. When it comes to captions, keep it simple: figure captions go right underneath, and table titles sit up top. Each one needs a clear heading, and columns should line up neatly so the data's easy to follow.

Take Fig. 1, for example: Block Diagram of Disaster Detection and Rescue System



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