

Disruptive Technology in Digital Notice Board using Flutter

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ABSTRACT

In early days, notice boards were used to place notices which is a very hard process. First a teacher has to make a notice on his computer and edit to make it attractive then he must get it approved by the HOD. Then when it gets approved, he must print it then the teacher must go to every notice board and physically pin the notice on the notice board Which is a very hard and time-consuming process. In order to make this experience easy we are proposing a digital notice board Which will make the process very easy and very efficient. Our main aim is to make information easy to access to students and at the same time make it easy for teachers to build a notice using their phones and the templates provided on the app.

Keyword – Digital Notice board, Raspberry Pi, Flutter, Dart, Application.

INTRODUCTION

Globally till this date most of the schools and colleges still use the traditional notice board which is a very hard to maintain and takes a lot of time to maintain and put a notice on the notice board [1]. In this paper we are proposing to make a digital notice board which will be very easy to maintain, and a notice can be up and running in matter of seconds Which will help both teachers and students to consume the information on the notice very effectively. So how this works is there will be an LCD screen which will be used as a notice board, and it will be connected to a raspberry pi which will act as a brain of the notice board. The Raspberry pi Would be connected to the internet [2,3]. That will enable us to upload notices or edit the notice board from anywhere from the world. So, for the software side we will be using flutter which is a cross platform application building software. We will be building the mobile apps on mobile using flutter. And connect it with raspberry pi using flutter on Raspbian OS [4]. So, when all is connected then teachers can post and edit the notices board from their app itself. This will help teachers to consume less time and use their time very effectively [5,6]. Block diagram of digital notice board is depicted in figure 1.

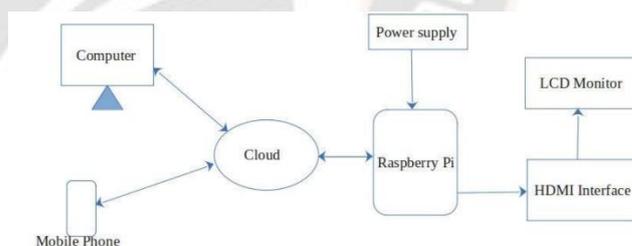


Fig 1: Block Diagram for Digital Notice Board.

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Flutter

Flutter is cross-platform UI Development framework to develop application natively for mobile, web, desktop and embedded device with a single codebase [7,8]. There is no need of external markup language like html or xml, all UI and logic part is done in single programming language called Dart. Figure 2 shows the logo of flutter.



Fig 2: Flutter Logo

Dart

Dart is general purpose programming language which is compiled natively on all mobile and desktop platform and on web it is compiled into JavaScript [9, 10]. It can be also used in embedded system. In flutter dart is responsible for drawing every pixel on screen rather than utilizing native component. Hence it doesn't rely on any type of platform bridge to draw UI. Figure 3 shows the wireframe app.



Fig 3: App Wireframe

HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Raspberry pi

Raspberry pi 4 model B is microcontroller board, and it has Broadcom BCM2711 in it which is a quad core with Gigabit Ethernet, 2 USB 3.0 ports; 2 USB 2.0 ports, 2 × micro-HDMI ports, 2-lane MIPI DSI display port, 2-lane MIPI CSI camera port, 4-pole stereo audio [11, 12]. Figure 4 shows the Raspberry pi 4 model B.

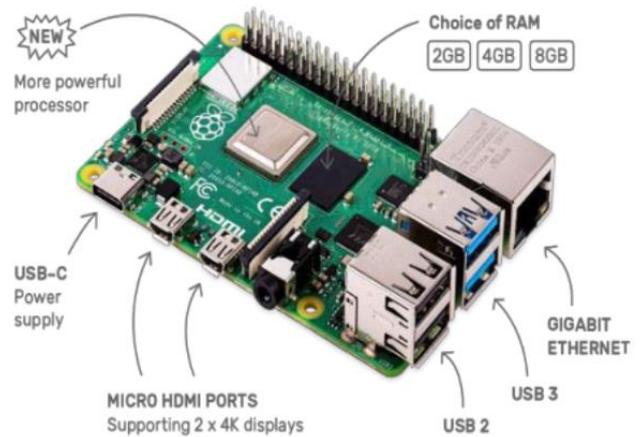


Fig 4: Raspberry pi 4 model B

LCD Monitor

LCD is a full HD screen which will be 1080p with efficient brightness which will be easy to read and pleasing to the eyes with good viewing angles so that the notice is visible at every angle. This LCD will be used as the notice board, and it can be connected with the raspberry pi using HDMI cable to display on it [13]. Figure 5 shows the LCD screen for the notice board.



Fig 5: LCD screen for Notice board

Advantage

Most significant advantage of the digital board is that these can be used in any scenarios like in office to display notices and in many more places like any store etc. Setting up a digital notice board is not expensive. With few thousand rupees we can make a digital notice board where we can share unlimited notices building and displaying [14]. Digital notice board helps in saving the environment by not using paper at all and also saves time which was consumed in putting up the physical notices. The app in which we make notices has many templates which makes it easy for

making the notices and updating in the notice board [15]. Figure 6 shows the activity diagram which is being followed.

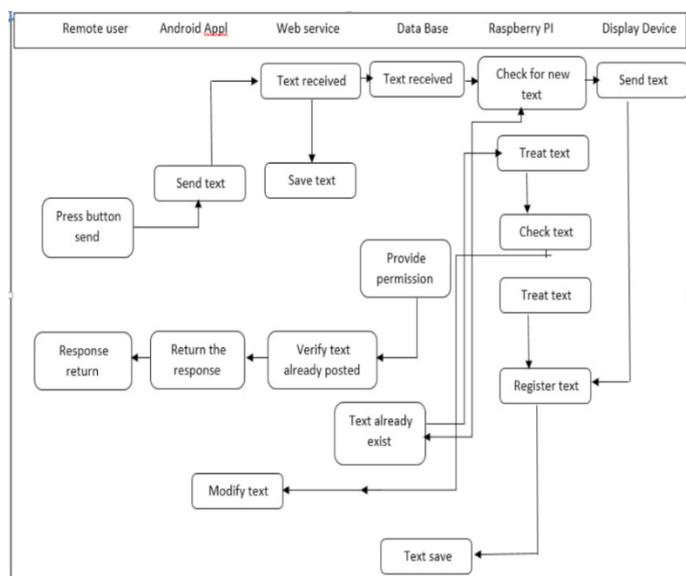


Fig 6: Activity Diagram

Conclusion

Now as we know world is moving towards digital transformation so we should use new techniques to bring digitalization in every field and this was the part notice board which no one was bringing any innovation to it so we have proposed this idea to make it easy for teachers to make notes and upload it to the notice board and make it easy for students to consume the notice in fast and efficient way. Wireless transmission of the information enables teachers to upload notices from anywhere from the world. It saves time, cost of cables, time which was consumed during physical notice board. In this digital notice board multimedia can also be used like images or video on the notice board which was not possible on the physical notice board.

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