

Android based Smart Mirror using Raspberry Pi

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I. Introduction

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And these are providing secure, comfortable, convenient and superior lifestyle and personal services to people. This is not just limited to industries or workplaces but also at home. People interact with the mirror on daily basis, and one cannot lie that everyone expects a lot from it. Whether it is about how one's looks or attire. But people also use mirror for even different things that may take time such as shaving for men or makeup for women. This is an effort for making that time taking process much more interesting and a lot more fun and informative. This mirror will bring the mobile phone in front of everyone. It will allow people to play the news or even entertainment videos in the background while they are busy with their regular mirror activities. It will be loaded with the Google AI which will allow them to interact with it vocally. The rest of the paper is as follows. Paper will briefly present the theory and also on some related works that are done. It is followed by the description of the mirror which includes the design and architecture of the Smart Mirror followed by conclusion.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

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Toshiba in 2014 showcased a smart mirror which had gesture as input method. The mirror was able to customize itself according to different surroundings[9].

Microsoft in 2016 released some details on the smart mirror they are working on. They did not sell any product but released an idea of how a smart mirror should be and how owner should be able to assemble their own smart mirror[10].

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III. Methodology

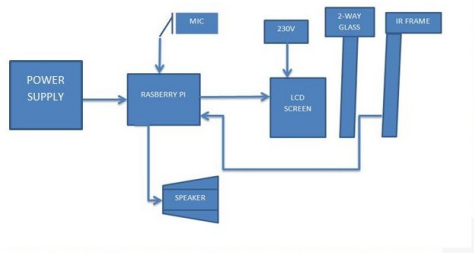


Figure 1 : Block diagram for smart mirror

The block diagram shown in Fig.1. represents the physical structure of the smart mirror. The LCD screen is placed behind the two-way glass so that it acts like a mirror whenever the screen is off. The IR frame is placed in front of the mirror and is exactly same in size of the two-way glass. The LCD screen is connect with the Raspberry pi and is also given 230V power supply. Microphone and speaker are connected with the Raspberry pi and also are given another power supply in case it is needed. a power supply is also given to the raspberry pi. The IR frame is also connected with the Raspberry pi using a USB cable.

4.1 I. Following are the hardware components used:

a. Raspberry pi 4:

Raspberry pi 4 is the latest version and has a edge above all the earlier variants. It is loaded with USB 3 and is also compatible with installation of android even if it is not stable on android but still it can be used[1].

b. IR frame:

IR frame is basically used for touch screen purpose. It works with identification of interruption in the beam of light. It basically has some senders and receivers which helps it to find out the place of contact. It can also be collaborated with any screen size if the screen is smaller than the frame[2].

c. Speaker and mic:

Any compatible speaker that already has a microphone is used cutting down in the cost. As raspberry pi has audio jack of two types that is HDMI and normal headphone jack any kind of speaker can be used.

d. 2- way mirror:

A 2-Way mirror is a complementary mirror and is moderately transitive and a little reflective.

e. LCD screen:

Any LCD screen with compatible size works fine.

4.2II. Software Design:

Software design for the smart mirror is fairly easy.

Step I: Installation of android on Raspberry pi 4:

Installation is pretty easy just download image trial or buy android image and then burn it into the raspberry pi using software like etcher[3].

Step II: Google play store activation:

If the image you are using a trial version you can always activate the developer option and then Google allows you top install Google play store.

IV. CONCLUSION

At the end one can build a smart mirror which has android installed in it. This means there is a mirror that can play news or YouTube while anyone can do their regular activities. As it has android installed it can always have Google AI which is very good option for voice control. It is loaded with touch screen using the IR frame which means it is completely water-resistant (on screen i.e mirror). It is better than having a separate AI or just having a mirror which displays time and weather. Or having a smart mirror which has gestures as input method which is confusing and not at all user-friendly.

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