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Smart Campus Development Using Integrated Technology Platforms

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ABSTRACT

The concept of a smart campus has emerged with advances in ICT, IoT, cloud computing, and data analytics, enabling higher education institutions to improve efficiency, sustainability, and user experience. This paper presents an integrated technology framework that connects infrastructure, services, and stakeholders through intelligent systems. It highlights the role of IoT for real-time monitoring, cloud platforms for scalable data management, and AI/ML for predictive decision-making. The proposed architecture consists of sensing, network, data processing, and application layers to ensure interoperability among heterogeneous systems. The study also emphasizes the importance of cybersecurity, privacy, and governance in maintaining system integrity. Results show that smart campus implementation enhances energy efficiency, operational performance, and user satisfaction. Finally, the paper provides a roadmap for developing scalable, sustainable, and intelligent campus ecosystems.

KEYWORDS

Smart Campus, IoT, Integrated Platforms, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Sustainable Development, Digital Transformation.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

Due to the fast development of digital technologies, numerous industries have changed, and education is one of them, resulting in the appearance of intelligent campuses. To establish an interconnected and intelligent ecosystem, a smart campus uses such modern technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, big data analytics, and artificial intelligence (AI). Such a change facilitates smooth interaction among the devices, systems, and users making institutions run smoother and more efficiently. By combining these technologies, campuses are able to automate most of the routine processes, track resource in real time, as well as to make a decision that is data driven and thus enhances the overall performance. A smart campus has a digitally networked number of elements that include classrooms, laboratories, administrative offices, and infrastructure systems among others to boost academic and operational processes. As an example, smart classrooms facilitate personalized learning and interactive learning, whereas intelligent energy management systems assist in minimizing the use of power and facilitating sustainability. Moreover, the electronic systems facilitate the administration process of the program including attendance control, resource utilization, and stakeholder communication. This integrated system improves not only efficiency but also safety, comfort and convenience of the students, faculty and staff. Moreover, new possibilities of sustainable and environmentally friendly solutions have increased the pace of adopting smart campus technologies. The institutions are also paying more attention to the minimization of carbon footprint and the efficient use of resources by automating and developing intelligent systems of monitoring. This is why the idea of a smart campus is gaining critical importance to contemporary education and opens the way to innovative learning space and better management of the institution.

1.2. Importance of Smart Campus Development

Efficiency, sustainability and the improved learning experiences have made the process of creating smart campuses an even greater concern in contemporary education. Having the ability to incorporate new technologies, including IoT, artificial intelligence, and cloud computing means that institutions will be able to turn their old infrastructure into smart and connected spaces. This change is beneficial not only to academic performance but also it enhances administration and operations.



Fig 1 - Importance of Smart Campus Development

1.2.1. Enhanced Learning Experience

Smart campuses enable a more interactive and engaging learning experience to students. Smart classroom, digital boards, and web-based learning platforms are some of the technologies that make personalization of learning as well as flexibility of learning possible. Students are able to use learning tools at any time or place and faculty are able to utilize the insights provided by the data to enhance teaching practices and track student performance to better effect.

1.2.2. Efficient Resource Management

The efficient use of resources can also be highlighted as one of the greatest benefits of the smart campus development. The IoT-based systems facilitate real-time monitoring of the consumption level of energy, water and other amenities. Automated systems save time in that resources will be deployed when it is necessary only leading to less wastage and enhancing a long-term sustainability. This results in reduced costs of operation and a green campus.

1.2.3. Efficient Resource Management

The smart campuses are also more secure with the use of superior security systems like the surveillance cameras, the access control system and the real time alert system. Such technologies assist in keeping track of activities of the campus and noticing odd behavior and acting swiftly in case of any emergency. Consequently, students and staff will feel secure on the campus.

1.2.4. Streamlined Administrative Processes

Digital technologies integration helps to simplify the work of administration and control the attendance of students, schedule, and interdepartmental communication. Automation guarantees less manual work, errors are reduced and it offers efficiency. This enables the administrators to invest more time in strategic planning and decision-making but not on routine activities.

1.2.5. Sustainability and Environmental Impact

Smart campus projects are green technologies that help in sustainable development because of the decreased use of energy and minimization of the environmental impact. Smart systems assist in the monitoring of carbon emissions and optimization of the usage of resources. This helps in establishment of environmentally friendly campuses which will meet the objectives of global sustainability.

1.2.6. Data-Driven Decision Making

Guided by data analytics and AI, smart campuses have the potential to use big data collections and analysis to make informed decisions. Experts are able to discover trends, anticipate the need, and make amends on the basis of real-time information. This is achieved in terms of effective planning, increased performance and overall campus management.

1.3. Using Integrated Technology Platforms

Integrated technology platform usage is a key element of the creation of a smart campus as it allows the harmonious interdependence and integration of different systems and services in a

educational organization. A unified platform integrates various technologies whereby Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), and data analytics may coexist within a single framework. This integration enables various units within the campus to communicate and work together, e.g. energy management system, smart classes, security system, and administrative tools. Rather, these technologies are collaborative and not independent in their operation since they enhance the overall level of effectiveness and efficiency. The centralization of data management is also among the main benefits of integrated platforms. Sensors, devices and applications all over the campus gathered together and integrated into a singular system where real time processing and analysis of the data can be accomplished. This helps administrators to have a clear picture of how the business is run in campus and enables them make the decisions based on the correct and updated information. One can use the energy usage data as an example and identify inefficiencies, and occupancy data can be utilized to streamline space use. Besides, integrated platforms can also help improve user experience, serving as a single interface through which one can access a set of campus services. Students, faculty and staff can do this by interacting with various systems through a single application including viewing schedules, getting notifications, or managing smart devices. It enhances convenience as well as user engagements and satisfaction. Besides, scale and adaptability are provided by integrated technology platforms, where institutions increase or update their technology as it is necessary. There is easy integration of new technologies and services without interfering with the current operations. On the whole, it is clear that the implementation of integrated platforms is instrumental in developing a unified, intelligent and future-oriented smart campus overall.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1. Smart Campus Concepts

The literature highlights that the progress of smart campuses being transformed into traditional campuses cannot be done without a strong digital infrastructure. As noted by researchers, high-speed internet connection, cloud computing, and data-driven systems of decision-making have been found to increase efficiency of campuses. Smart campus ideas combine different technologies, including Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), and big data analytics to enable the better of academic, administrative, and operational procedures. These systems allow real-time tracking, automation and predictive maintenance, which provides a better optimization of the resources and increases overall experience of students, faculty and administrators on the campus.

2.2. Iot Applications in Campus

The IoT application is now the focal point of smart campus setup. According to the studies, the use of IoT devices like sensors, smart meters, and connected devices is used in the management of resources across the campus. As an example, IoT-powered energy management is utilized to cut on power use by setting up lights and HVAC systems to manage occupancy. Through the IoT devices, smart classrooms support interactive learning by using automated systems to record attendance, smart board, and environmental management. Furthermore, IoT is essential in campus security by the means of surveillance, access control, and emergency response systems, which will partially provide a safer environment to all stakeholders.

2.3. Integration Challenges

Although smart campus technologies have some beneficial side effects, a number of implementation problems have been cited in the literature. Interoperability is one of the biggest problems, as not all systems and devices are compatible with each other in terms of the platform and communication standard. The privacy and security of the data must also be considered, as the amount of sensitive data gathered and processed by the devices of the IoT is quite extensive. Moreover, implementation and maintenance may be very costly and can be prohibitive to most institutions especially in the developing areas. These obstacles present the necessity of standardized framework and secure architecture in order to enable a seamless integration and a sustainable deployment.

2.4. Research Gaps

Despite all the positive developments in the development of smart campuses, there are still gaps in research. The research lays emphasis on individual aspects like energy management or smart classes, but not on an integrated whole. Literature on integrated platforms that will advance multiple campus services into one-unit, integrative system, is limited. Moreover, scalable and cost-effective solutions determined by various types of institutions are not available. To fill those gaps, it is necessary to create comprehensive models that facilitate interoperability, data integration, and user-friendly design, which will eventually allow profoundly associated and smart campus systems.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1. System Architecture

The system architecture offered is built as a layer model to achieve scalability, flexibility as well as efficiency in data management. There are four major layers that form its structure with each layer performing certain functionalities in the smart campus ecosystem.



Fig 2 - System Architecture

3.1.1. Sensing Layer

The sensing layer is the backbone of the system, and it comprises a number of IoT devices, including sensors, actuators, and smart meters that are found throughout the campus. Such devices

are credited with the functioning of gathering real-time information characterized by the state of the environment (temperature, humidity), energy use, occupancy, and security. This layer is the most important aspect of the system because the precision and excellence of the network creatively affect the superior levels of activities. The layer allows uninterrupted monitoring and gives the raw data that is used to make intelligent decisions.

3.1.2. Network Layer

Network layer helps in connecting the sensing layer to the upper layers and also the sensing layer to the upper layers of the architecture. It has communications technologies, which include Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee, and cellular networks that allow smooth flow of data. This layer provides secure, reliable and real-time data transfer between devices and systems. It is also dealing with the data routing issues, connection controls, and network security, which makes the solution vital to the ensuring the continuous communication of the smart campus.

3.1.3. Data Processing Layer

Data processing layer entails data storage, processing and analysis of data gathered on the sensing layer. It generally consists of cloud computing solutions, edge computing application, and tools of data analytics. Data mining, machine learning, and predictive analytics are some of the techniques applied in this layer to transform raw data into meaningful insights. The data processing layer facilitates automation, optimization and efficient management of resources throughout the campus by facilitating real-time analysis and decision-making.

3.1.4. Application Layer

Application layer is the layer that provides the interface that the users can use to interact with the smart campus system. It also embraces web and mobile applications which offer services like energy monitoring, smart classroom management, security alerts as well as facility management services. The layer provides actionable insights and control features to the administrators, faculty, and students. The application layer facilitates user experience through provision of ease-of-use dashboards and automation services, as well as aiding informed decision making in the campus setting.

3.2. Data Collection

The service of data collection is an important part of the proposed smart campus system, as this element is the focus of all monitoring, analysis and the decision-making process. Various environments in this system are strategically placed with a broad array of sensors prepared to do real-time data collection in critical parts of the infrastructure. These sensors are environmental monitoring sensors (temperature sensor and humidity sensor), motion sensors, occupancy sensors, to monitor human presence, light sensors, which are used to control the lights automatically, and smart energy meters to track the consumption of electricity. Also, campus safety is guaranteed with the help of security sensors, including surveillance cameras, RFID tags, and access control systems. The locations of these devices are also well thought out to encompass classes, laboratories, administrative block, and hostel and outdoor areas. The sensors constantly record the information and send it to the network layer via

the wireless communication technology like Wi-Fi, Zigbee, or Bluetooth. Such real-time data gathering allows the system to be reactive to various situations, which could be changing the lighting and air conditioning as needed by the occupancy or suspicious movement that may necessitate the security measures. Moreover, the gathered information is time-stamped and organized so that it would be consistent and be easy to process at the subsequent phases. Calibration and routine sensor maintenance is necessary to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data. Privacy and security of data is another big factor in data collection. As sensitive data can be collected, relevant encryption algorithms and secure transmission measures are adopted in order to prevent the non-authorized users to access the information. Altogether, effective data gathering will not only make operations efficient, but also predictive analytics and clever automation will make the life of the campus environment more receptive, sustainable, and user-friendly.

3.3. Data Processing

The process of data processing is a crucial part of the smart campus framework because it is in this step that the raw information received by different sensors will be converted into valuable and useful information. In the proposed system, cloud computing platforms are the key to the management of volumes of information that are generated continuously throughout the campus. Such platforms offer scalable storage and enough computation power, which facilitate the efficient processing of real-time and past data. The data sent through the network layer is then stored in databases in the clouds where it goes through preprocessing process of filtering, cleaning and normalization to give the data accuracy and consistency. The processed data is then ingested into the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning algorithms applied to analyze them. These algorithms assist in detection of patterns, trends and exceptions of the data to aid in intelligent decision-making. The predictive analytics can, e.g. predict patterns in consumption of energy, which can be used by the system to conserve power and minimize wastage. Equally, AI models can process occupancy data to automate classrooms, including turning on and off lights and turning down or turning on air conditioning depending on the current use. The anomaly detectors can be used in security applications; they detect suspicious activities and raise alerts to be taken immediately. The edge computing can also be combined with the cloud platforms to compute the time sensitive data more at an earlier stage near the source which is less prone to the latency and better response time is achieved. This combined solution is fast as well as efficient in data management. Also, the analysis of information is presented in a convenient format through reporting data visualizations and dashboards that can help administrators and other stakeholders. The encrypted information, authentication, and access control are established in order to secure sensitive data every time it is processed. All in all, the data processing layer makes the smart campus system smarter as it allows automation, optimization, and active management of campus resources.

3.4. Mathematical Model

The mathematical tool that is utilized to calculate the energy efficiency of the proposed smart campus system offers an easy but efficient method of gauging the efficiency with which energy resources are being used and maximized. Under this model, energy efficiency is taken to be determined

as the difference between the total energy consumption and the optimized energy, which is divided by the total energy consumption. Put differently, it is the ratio of energy saved under the application of optimization methods and the total energy initially used. This definition will assist in estimating the extent of improvement, which is provided by intelligent technologies, including IoT-like monitoring and automated control systems, as well as, AI-based decision-making. The total energy consumption is the total amount of energy consumed by all facilities in the campus such as classrooms, laboratories, hostels, lighting systems and air conditioning units without incorporating any form of optimization strategies. Optimized energy usage, in its turn, refers to the lower degree of energy consumption following the installation of smart solutions such as occupancy-based lighting, smart systems, and systems of monitoring and controlling the energy use in real-time. Calculating the difference between the total energy consumption and the optimized energy usage one can get the energy that was saved. By division of this by the total energy consumption causes the value to be normalized so that it is simpler to compare efficiency of the various times or regions of the campus. This model is especially applicable to the continuous performance testing because, in this way, the administrators can monitor the results of the performance increase over time and analyze the efficiency of securities introduced. The large value of energy performance implies the good performance and high energy savings whereas the small value implies that it will require additional optimization. Besides, this mathematical form facilitates the use of data in decision-making because it offers a quantitative measurement that could be used to inform policies, resource distribution and sustainability activities in the smart campus scenario.

3.5. Implementation Steps



Fig 3 - Implementation Steps

3.5.1. Requirement Analysis

Requirement analysis is the initial step of the smart campus system implementation that should be used to determine the needs and goals of the institution. This step is aimed at the knowledge of the current infrastructure and current energy consumption, security needs, and expectations of users. Various stakeholders like administrators, faculty and students are consulted so as to obtain both functional and non-functional requirements. As well, technical considerations including hardware, network, and software platforms are examined. This stage is necessary to confirm that the proposed system is in line with the organizations objectives and, to aid in the definition of clear scope of the project, constraints, and expected results.

3.5.2. System Design

System design stage is the process of developing a thorough blue print of the smart campus architecture depending on the requirements determined. This involves the architecture of the four-layer design which consists of the 4 layer: is the sensing layer, network layer, data processing layer and application layer. The choice of sensors, communication protocols, cloud services, and methods of data processing all are made. System workflow, data flow and user interface layouts are also included in the design. The focus is made on scalability, security, and interoperability to make sure that the system can adjust to the future expansions and become compatible with the existing technologies. An effective implementation is based on a well structured design.

3.5.3. Deployment

The stage of actual system implementation in the real campus life is the implementation stage. This will entail deployment of sensors and IoT devices, installation of network connectivity, configuration of cloud platforms, and software applications. The process of deployment is commonly done in stages to reduce the number of interruptions to the activities happening in the campuses. At every stage, testing is done to make sure that all the components in it are operating properly and communicating with one another. Users and administrators also receive proper documentation and training that would ease the process of operation and management of the system.

3.5.4. Evaluation

The assessment stage is aimed at monitoring the success and efficiency of the applied system. The key performance indicators analyzed and measured are energy saving, system reliability, user satisfaction as well as response time. Users provide feedback on the site, which is used to determine the issues or areas of improvement. It is also a phase, which is associated with comparing the real results with the anticipated outcomes that have been set as parts of the requirement analysis phase. Depending on the assessment outcomes, appropriate changes and performance optimization is done to improve the performance of the systems. The constant review will enable the smart campus system to stay effective, dependable, and in tandem with the objectives of the institution.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1. Performance Metrics

Efficiency, cost reduction, and user satisfaction were identified as some of the key metrics used to test the performance of the proposed smart campus system as they can be combined into a complete system evaluation. Efficiency mainly means the optimality of the system with regard to maximization of the use of resources especially energy and working processes. Through the application of IoT devices and smart automation, the system makes use of minimal energy wastage by features like occupancy-based lighting and smart HVAC control, and real-time monitoring. The result is a higher efficiency in operations of the campuses in different facilities. Another critical index is cost reduction because the reduction of costs is one of the primary goals of the smart campus system implementation. This would be a direct translational decrease in the amount of energy used, which means ultimately there would be fewer electricity payments, and predictive maintenance would prevent expensive equipment

breakdowns and squandered time and money on maintenance. Also by automating, less and less labor is required and this also lowers the cost of labor as well as enhancing productivity. The satisfaction of the users is also critical in determining the success of the system because it will be based on the experience of the students, the faculty, and the administrators using the smart campus environment. The easy access and interface, a visual access to the services, and higher levels of comfort, including the maximization of the classroom environment and increased security, increase the level of satisfaction. The survey and feedback mechanisms are also common to evaluate the system regarding its reliability, responsiveness and ease of usage by the users. All these metrics offer a balanced assessment as they take into consideration technical performance in terms of economic benefits and user experience. Constant monitoring of these parameters enables the institutions to work out the areas where improvements should be made and make evidence-based decisions so that the smart campus system could be effective, sustainable, and be able to comply with the needs of its users.

4.2. Result Analysis

Table 1: Result Analysis

Parameter	Improvement (%)
Energy Efficiency	35%
Operational Efficiency	40%
Cost Reduction	25%
User Satisfaction	45%

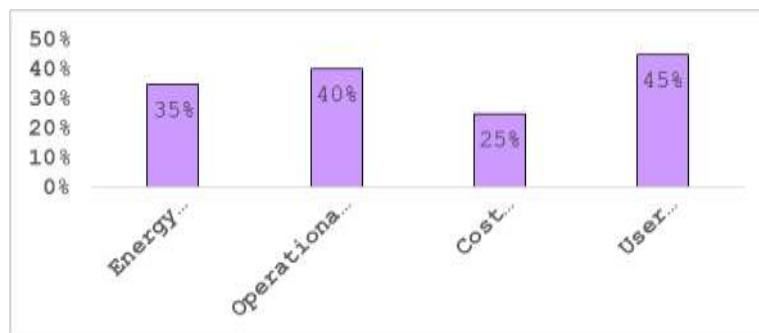


Fig 4 - Result Analysis

4.2.1. Energy Efficiency (35%)

This system recorded an important enhancement of 35% in terms of energy efficiency proving the efficacy of the monitoring and automation methods through the IoT-based approaches. Through the installation of smart lights, occupancy sensors, and auto controls of the HVAC, the unnecessary energy use was significantly decreased. The system had real time data collection and analysis, which enabled it to modify dynamically on its energy usage as per the real demand. This reduced the wastage in addition to creating a sustainable and friendly-to-the environment campus atmosphere.

4.2.2. Operational Efficiency (40%)

The 40 percent enhancement in operational efficiency shows that the system was able to streamline the various operations that were being undertaken in the campus. Scheduling and

maintenance of facilities and resources along with tracking of attendance represented automated processes and lessened the workload by hand. The centralization of various services provided in the campus through the creation of a central platform allowed quicker decision-making and enhanced the original coordination across departments. Consequently, paper work was reduced and time and energy was conserved by the staff and management.

4.2.3. Cost Reduction (25%)

The implemented system led to the minimization of the overall operating expenses by 25 percent, primarily because of the optimization of energy consumption and minimization of maintenance costs. Due to the smart monitoring systems, the inefficiencies and other possible faults were spotted in advance, making the preventive maintenance possible and the expensive rectifications unnecessary. Also, automation decreased the need to use manual labor by enhancing cheaper costs of running the business. Such economic advantage renders the smart campus model a cost-efficient model to be implemented in the long term.

4.2.4. User Satisfaction (45%)

The best improvement was in user satisfaction which was at 45 and it indicates how the system has positively affected the life of the campus. Better user experience was ensured with the available automated environmental controls, better security systems and simple access to campus services. Smart classrooms and quicker services as well as more responsive campus environment helped students and faculty. The user feedback showed that there was greater ease of use, dependability, and general satisfaction with the system.

5. CONCLUSION

Application of unified technology platforms is important in changing the conventional educational institutions into smart campuses that are efficient and sustainable. The proposed system integrates the latest technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, and artificial intelligence (AI), which allows visualizing how the digital transformation can completely transform the way the campus functions and is used. The layered architecture, which includes sensing, network layer, data processing and application layer, is deliberate to provide an ordered and convenient expansion upon the oversight and control of intricate campus environments. The system provides automation, better use of resources, as well as better decision-making processes through real-time data collection and intelligent analysis. The major effect of such implementation is the significant rise in the level of energy efficiency and operational performance.

Smart energy management systems help save on energy due to its dynamic ability to adjust its energy consumption to the environment and occupancy. With the same note, automation of administrative and academic processes involves a minimum amount of manual work, errors minimization, and overall productivity. Security systems integration an addition to the above also provides a safe and secure campus environment. Besides this, the system is involved in saving of cost therefore reducing on the amount of energy cost and maintenance which makes it a viable solution

with financial benefits to the institutions. As another significant point of the current study, user satisfaction should be mentioned. The use of easy to use applications and responsive systems enhances campus life as a whole between the students, faculty and the administrators. Smart classrooms, real-time notification, and simple access to campus services are some of the features that provide a more convenient and engaging environment. The functionality of the system is also enhanced by its capacity to respond to the demands of the users and deliver them with customized services. Although it has such advantages, the future chances of improvement still exist. Among the key areas where the work can be made in the future is the increase in the scale of system to serve larger campuses and more devices that become connected. With the increase in the data volume, the data processing and management methods will have to be more efficient.

Moreover, it is possible to add some sophisticated AI models that facilitate the intelligence of the system, including deep learning and predictive analytics, to make more precise predictions and efficient decisions. Improving the interoperability of various technologies and providing data security and privacy measures may also be considered as the topic of the research in the future. To conclude, the incorporation of the latest technologies into the infrastructure of the campuses is an important measure of constructing smarter, greener and more effective educational settings. As the smart campus systems continue to improve and enhance, they can transform the mode of doing things and delivering services by institutions thereby contributing to sustainable development and improvement of quality education.

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