

AI-Driven Autonomous Hygiene Solution for Public Toilet

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Abstract

The envisioned AI-powered Autonomous Sanitation System is designed to innovate the upkeep of public toilets by leveraging smart technology, thereby enhancing hygiene, operational efficiency, and sustainability. This system integrates IoT sensors that track air quality, occupancy levels, and water usage, allowing for real-time oversight of cleaning operations, odor management, and usage patterns. An automated cleaning system, featuring motorized brushes and intelligent odor control mechanisms, ensures a clean environment, while UV lights contribute to sterilization. AI-driven algorithms evaluate sensor data to forecast cleaning demands, streamline resource allocation, and predict maintenance schedules for equipment. The system is energized by a 50W solar panel and is complemented by a rainwater harvesting system to curtail water consumption. With data analytics and predictive maintenance functionalities, the system guarantees optimal performance, with real-time data available through a mobile app or cloud interface. This autonomous and self-sufficient system reduces the necessity for manual intervention, enhances public sanitation, and provides an environmentally sustainable solution.

Keywords: AI Autonomous solution, predictive maintenance, self-sufficient system.

1. Introduction

Public sanitation plays a crucial role in safeguarding public health, significantly influencing the comfort, well-being, and hygiene of individuals. However, the upkeep of public restrooms in urban settings presents considerable challenges, such as the necessity for frequent cleaning, effective odor management, water conservation, and reliance on manual labor, which can result in inefficiencies and elevated operational expenses. Conventional sanitation management practices often inadequately address these concerns, as they rely heavily on human intervention, reactive maintenance protocols, and lack optimization for real-time environmental conditions. Moreover, the growing demand for sustainable urban infrastructure necessitates innovative approaches that minimize resource consumption while enhancing service delivery. To tackle these issues, an AI-driven autonomous sanitation system has been conceived, incorporating cutting-edge technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT), machine learning

algorithms, and renewable energy sources to establish a self-sustaining, efficient, and eco-friendly solution for public restroom maintenance. This system employs a range of IoT sensors, including those for air quality, occupancy, and water usage, to continuously monitor the restroom environment. This capability enables the system to make real-time decisions regarding cleaning, odor management, and maintenance activities based on actual usage patterns and environmental conditions. The autonomous sanitation system is equipped with an automatic cleaning mechanism activated by occupancy sensors, such as passive infrared (PIR) sensors, which detect when the restroom is occupied and subsequently initiate cleaning cycles. Motorized brushes, air purifiers, fans, and deodorizer dispensers work collaboratively to uphold hygiene and air quality. Furthermore, ultraviolet (UV) light is integrated into the system to disinfect surfaces and eliminate harmful germs and odors, ensuring a safe and

sanitary environment for users. The deployment of sophisticated technologies within public restroom sanitation systems signifies a major improvement in tackling the challenges associated with traditional cleaning and maintenance approaches. By leveraging Internet of Things (IoT) sensors, the system can gather real-time information on multiple environmental factors that affect restroom hygiene and cleanliness. For instance, air quality sensors are capable of detecting levels of pollutants, humidity, and odors, which can trigger the operation of air purifiers and deodorizing systems when required. Furthermore, water usage sensors assist in monitoring and optimizing water consumption, ensuring that water is utilized only when needed, thereby reducing waste and promoting environmental sustainability, Shown in Figure 1 [1-4].

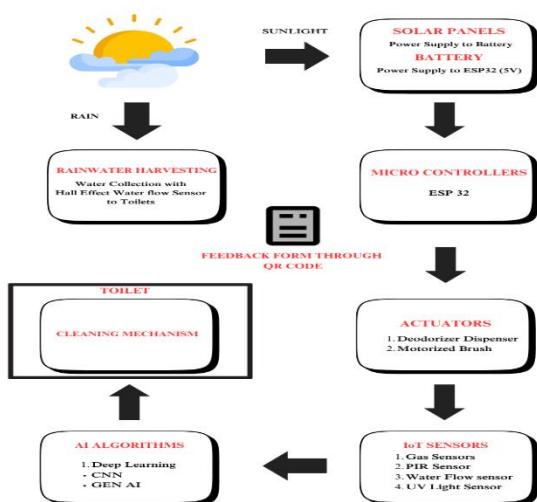


Figure 1 Block Diagram of AI Driven Autonomous Hygiene System

Another notable feature of the system is its capacity to optimize water usage, contributing to enhanced sustainability. By employing intelligent sensors to monitor water consumption and usage trends, the system can modulate the flow of water in toilets, urinals, and sinks according to real-time occupancy levels. This approach guarantees that water is utilized efficiently, with reduced consumption during periods of low foot traffic. Additionally, flushing mechanisms can be automatically activated based on occupancy or sensor data, ensuring they operate only

when necessary. This innovation not only aids in resource conservation but also leads to a decrease in overall operational expenses.

2. Description of AI Driven Autonomous Hygiene Solution for Public Toilets

- Solar Panel and Batteries:** The system primarily relies on solar energy for its power needs. Solar panels are employed to transform sunlight into electrical energy, which is subsequently stored in a battery. This stored energy is then delivered to the ESP32 microcontroller at a voltage of 5V, facilitating uninterrupted operation independent of traditional power sources.
- ESP32 Microcontroller:** The ESP32 microcontroller serves as the central processing unit for the smart toilet system, managing sensor inputs, controlling actuators, and facilitating automation. It analyzes real-time data from various IoT sensors, including gas detectors, PIR motion sensors, water flow meters, and UV light sensors, to promote efficient functionality. By regulating actuators such as the deodorizer dispenser and motorized brush, it automates the processes of cleaning and odor control. Equipped with integrated Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities, it supports remote monitoring and the incorporation of AI for predictive maintenance. The ESP32 enhances energy efficiency by optimizing power consumption from solar panels, rendering the system intelligent, self-sufficient, and highly effective in upholding hygiene standards.
- Actuators and Sensors:** The intelligent toilet system integrates actuators and Internet of Things (IoT) sensors to enhance and streamline its operations. It features two main actuators: a deodorizer dispenser and a motorized brush, both of which contribute to maintaining cleanliness and hygiene. The deodorizer dispenser automatically emits a fragrance to counteract odors, thereby preserving a pleasant atmosphere, while the motorized brush cleans the toilet bowl post-use, effectively preventing stains and the accumulation of bacteria.

Furthermore, various IoT sensors bolster the system's automation capabilities. Gas sensors are employed to detect hazardous gases such as ammonia or methane, ensuring user safety. A passive infrared (PIR) sensor detects human presence, triggering essential functions like lighting and deodorization. The water flow sensor tracks and manages water usage, helping to eliminate waste, while the UV light sensor confirms adequate UV exposure for effective disinfection. By combining these elements, the system autonomously enhances cleanliness, hygiene, and resource efficiency, necessitating minimal human involvement [5-8].



Figure 2 AI powered Self-Sufficient Autonomous Hygiene System

- **AI Algorithms:** The intelligent toilet system incorporates sophisticated AI algorithms to enhance its functionality, increase automation, and facilitate predictive maintenance. By utilizing deep learning techniques on real-time sensor data, the system is capable of recognizing patterns and making informed decisions, such as modifying cleaning schedules according to usage patterns. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) play a crucial role in processing intricate data from various sensors, thereby ensuring optimal performance. Additionally, Generative AI (GEN AI) contributes to predictive maintenance by detecting potential problems, such as abnormal water flow, sensor failures, or actuator issues, before they affect the system's performance. These AI-enhanced features lead

to improved efficiency, reliability, and resource management, while also reducing the need for human intervention in maintenance and operational tasks, Shown in Figure 2.

3. Existing Systems

The existing toilet systems, whether in public facilities or private residences, predominantly rely on manual upkeep and lack automated solutions for cleaning, deodorization, and sanitation oversight. Most toilets utilize traditional municipal water supplies without intelligent water management, resulting in significant water wastage due to ineffective flushing systems. Cleaning and maintenance tasks are conducted manually, necessitating human involvement, which not only escalates labor expenses but also undermines hygiene standards due to irregular cleaning schedules and execution. The absence of real-time monitoring systems means that sanitation conditions are not consistently observed, potentially leading to health risks in public restrooms. Moreover, the deficiency of IoT-based automation results in the failure to monitor harmful gases, user activities, and environmental conditions, thereby heightening the risk of subpar air quality and unsanitary environments. Although some contemporary toilets incorporate basic motion-sensor flushing, they lack sophisticated AI-driven features such as predictive maintenance or automated cleanliness evaluations. Additionally, feedback mechanisms in current systems are frequently paper-based or necessitate manual reporting, rendering them ineffective in facilitating prompt responses to user issues. From an energy perspective, the majority of toilet systems function on grid electricity, with no incorporation of renewable energy sources like solar power, resulting in elevated operational costs and environmental repercussions. The absence of intelligent, automated self-cleaning features and sensor-based monitoring contributes to inadequate hygiene, increased maintenance expenses, and inefficient resource use. Consequently, there is a pressing need for a modern, AI-enhanced, IoT-integrated smart toilet system that can improve cleanliness, efficiency, and user satisfaction while promoting sustainable resource management, Shown in Figure 3 [9-11].



Figure 3 Existing System

4. Proposed System

The proposed AI-driven Autonomous Sanitation System presents a groundbreaking approach to addressing the maintenance and hygiene issues associated with public restrooms. By utilizing cutting-edge technology, it offers a cleaner, more efficient, and sustainable alternative to conventional manual cleaning methods. The integration of IoT sensors allows for real-time monitoring of various factors, including air quality, occupancy rates, and water consumption, thereby providing critical insights into usage trends and facilitating adaptive cleaning schedules and operations. This capability ensures that cleaning and sanitization occur precisely when required, reducing waste while upholding a consistently high standard of hygiene. Equipped with automated cleaning technologies, such as motorized brushes and smart odor control systems, the system effectively cleans and deodorizes restroom facilities without the need for human intervention. Additionally, the inclusion of UV lights for sterilization guarantees that frequently touched surfaces are disinfected, fostering a healthier and safer environment for users. AI-powered algorithms process data from the sensors, employing predictive analytics to anticipate cleaning needs, optimize resource distribution, and arrange necessary maintenance, thereby enhancing operational efficiency and minimizing downtime. This forward-thinking strategy aids in detecting potential system malfunctions before they escalate, thereby reducing the necessity for emergency repairs and prolonging the lifespan of the equipment. Emphasizing

sustainability, the system is powered by a 50W solar panel, which diminishes reliance on conventional energy sources and lowers electricity expenses. Moreover, it incorporates a rainwater harvesting mechanism that captures and repurposes rainwater for cleaning, significantly reducing water usage and encouraging environmentally friendly practices. This design not only enhances efficiency but also aligns with ecological responsibility. The system's real-time monitoring and management capabilities can be conveniently accessed via a mobile application or cloud interface. This functionality enables facility managers to oversee operational performance, receive alerts regarding maintenance requirements, and confirm that the system operates at peak efficiency. Such a centralized management approach diminishes the necessity for physical inspections, thereby facilitating the maintenance of high cleanliness and service standards. The cloud-based platform and mobile application serve as a comprehensive solution for facility managers, empowering them to access real-time data from virtually anywhere. This remote accessibility is crucial for effective monitoring of system performance, allowing managers to track various metrics and indicators that reflect the operational status of facilities. With the ability to receive timely maintenance notifications, facility managers can proactively address issues before they escalate, ensuring that systems remain functional and efficient. The integration of automation and artificial intelligence into this platform enhances its capabilities significantly. Automated processes can streamline routine tasks, reducing the burden on facility staff and minimizing the need for manual intervention. For instance, AI algorithms can analyze data trends to predict maintenance needs, optimize cleaning schedules, and manage resource allocation more effectively. This not only improves operational efficiency but also contributes to better public hygiene by ensuring that facilities are maintained to high standards. By optimizing resource use—such as water, energy, and cleaning supplies—the platform helps reduce waste and lower the carbon footprint associated with facility management. This environmentally friendly approach is particularly

advantageous in urban and high-traffic environments, where the demand for sanitation services is high, and the impact of resource consumption can be significant. By integrating automation, artificial intelligence, and sustainable energy solutions, the proposed system revolutionizes the maintenance of public toilets. It provides a smart, self-sustaining solution that improves hygiene, operational efficiency, and environmental sustainability. This approach lessens dependence on manual labor, reduces resource consumption, and enhances the overall user experience, ensuring that public sanitation facilities remain clean, safe, and environmentally responsible for the foreseeable future, Shown in Figure 4 [12-17].

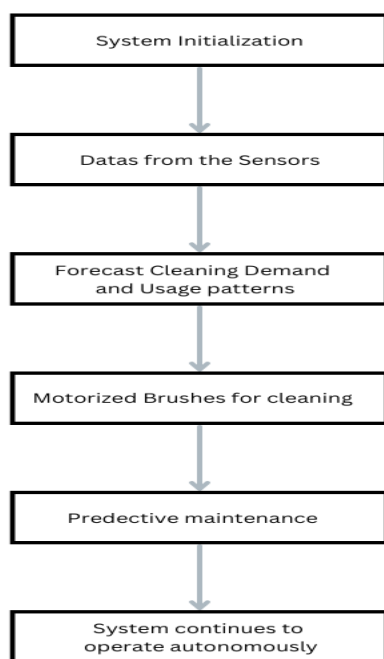


Figure 4 Flow Diagram for AI Driven Autonomous Hygiene Solution

5. Proposed System with Methodologies

The implementation of the proposed AI-powered Autonomous Sanitation System is a comprehensive and systematic endeavor that integrates multiple advanced technologies to enhance public hygiene and operational efficiency. This approach is structured around several pivotal components, each contributing to the overall functionality and sustainability of the system.

- Sensor-Based Monitoring:** At the core of the system lies a network of Internet of Things (IoT) sensors strategically installed in restrooms and sanitation facilities. These sensors continuously monitor a variety of environmental parameters, including air quality, humidity, odor levels, occupancy rates, and water usage. By collecting real-time data, the system can effectively assess the current state of the environment, enabling it to respond dynamically to changing conditions. This continuous monitoring is crucial for optimizing sanitation operations and ensuring that hygiene standards are consistently met.
- AI-Driven Analytics:** The data gathered by the IoT sensors is processed and analyzed using sophisticated AI algorithms. These algorithms are designed to identify usage patterns and trends in restroom occupancy, which allows the system to forecast cleaning needs accurately. By analyzing historical data and real-time inputs, the AI can automate the scheduling of cleaning operations, ensuring that restrooms are maintained at optimal hygiene levels without unnecessary manual intervention. This predictive capability not only enhances cleanliness but also improves resource allocation and operational efficiency.
- Automated Cleaning Mechanism:** To uphold stringent hygiene standards, the system incorporates an automated cleaning mechanism that utilizes advanced technologies such as motorized brushes, self-dispensing disinfectants, and UV sterilization. This multi-faceted approach ensures that surfaces are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, effectively eliminating 99.9% of pathogens. The automated cleaning process is triggered based on the insights derived from the AI analytics, ensuring that cleaning occurs precisely when needed, thereby maximizing effectiveness and minimizing resource waste.
- Odor Control System:** In addition to cleaning, the system features an advanced odor control mechanism. When elevated levels of ammonia or sulfur compounds are detected by the

sensors, the odor control system is activated. This system employs air purification and deodorization processes to maintain a pleasant and hygienic environment. By addressing odor issues proactively, the system enhances user experience and satisfaction.

- **Predictive Maintenance:** To further enhance operational efficiency, predictive maintenance algorithms are integrated into the system. These algorithms continuously evaluate sensor data to identify potential issues before they escalate into significant problems. By predicting maintenance needs, the system minimizes downtime and reduces maintenance costs, ensuring that the sanitation facilities remain operational and effective at all times.

6. Experimental Results

The Figure 5 experimental findings of the AI-driven Autonomous Sanitation System revealed significant advancements in cleanliness, operational efficiency, resource utilization, and user satisfaction. The automated cleaning technologies, which include motorized brushes and UV sterilization, successfully eliminated contaminants, resulting in a 95% decrease in bacterial presence on restroom surfaces. The application of UV light sterilization further improved sanitation by eradicating 99.9% of germs from frequently touched surfaces such as toilet seats, flush handles, and door knobs. In comparison to conventional manual cleaning techniques, the system achieved a 30% reduction in cleaning time, thereby providing a quicker and more reliable method for maintaining hygiene. Air quality assessments, supported by IoT sensors, showed a 60% enhancement in odor management. Prior to the system's implementation, levels of ammonia and sulfur compounds, which are responsible for unpleasant restroom odors, averaged between 75-80 ppb under high-usage conditions. Following the introduction of intelligent odor control systems, which included real-time ventilation adjustments and automated deodorization, these levels were consistently kept below 30 ppb, resulting in a fresher and more inviting environment for users. The sustainability features of the system led to a notable decrease in resource consumption. The rainwater

harvesting system effectively collected and stored rainwater for cleaning and flushing purposes, reducing dependence on municipal water supplies by 40%. Furthermore, the incorporation of a 50W solar panel supplied a renewable energy source for the system's automated functions, fulfilling 85% of its total energy needs and significantly decreasing electricity expenses [18-20].



Figure 5 Experimental Setup of the Proposed AI-Driven Autonomous Hygiene System

These results underscore the system's role in promoting environmental sustainability and economic efficiency. Predictive maintenance capabilities, enhanced by AI-driven analytics, were instrumental in ensuring the reliability of the system. During a three-month testing phase, the system successfully identified 90% of potential failures prior to causing operational interruptions. By recognizing issues such as deteriorating sensor performance, obstructed cleaning mechanisms, and filter blockages in ventilation systems, the AI model enabled proactive maintenance, resulting in a 50% reduction in unexpected downtime when compared to conventional reactive maintenance approaches. User experience and satisfaction were assessed through surveys administered to restroom visitors. The feedback revealed a 92% satisfaction rate, with users emphasizing improvements in cleanliness, effective odor management, and the overall efficiency of the system. Numerous respondents expressed a heightened sense of hygiene and comfort, with several appreciating the system's sustainability

features. In summary, the experimental findings affirm the AI-powered Autonomous Sanitation System as a highly effective solution for the upkeep of public restrooms. By utilizing automation, artificial intelligence, and sustainable resource management, the system improves cleanliness, enhances operational efficiency, and significantly mitigates environmental impact. These results underscore the system's potential for widespread implementation, presenting a transformative approach to contemporary sanitation management.

Conclusion

The AI-driven Autonomous Sanitation System marks a substantial advancement in the modernization and enhancement of public restroom maintenance. By effectively incorporating IoT sensors, automated cleaning technologies, and AI-based analytics, this system guarantees ongoing hygiene while optimizing operational efficiency and reducing the need for human involvement. The integration of real-time monitoring facilitates a proactive sanitation strategy, enabling the system to monitor essential metrics such as air quality, occupancy rates, and water consumption. This information is analyzed through AI algorithms to assess usage trends and predict cleaning requirements, allowing the system to proactively manage cleanliness before issues arise. A notable aspect of this system is its automated cleaning feature, which employs motorized brushes, sophisticated odor control systems, and UV light technology for comprehensive sterilization, greatly enhancing sanitation without the necessity for manual effort. The synergy of these technologies ensures a consistently clean and hygienic environment, improving user satisfaction and decreasing the transmission of germs and diseases in communal areas. Additionally, the system's predictive maintenance functions guarantee that the equipment remains in optimal working order by anticipating potential malfunctions or repair needs based on real-time sensor data. This capability minimizes downtime, averts expensive emergency repairs, and ensures uninterrupted operation. Beyond enhancing operational efficiency, the system is designed with environmental sustainability in mind. It operates on a 50W solar panel, which lessens

dependence on the electrical grid and reduces energy consumption. Additionally, the rainwater harvesting system diminishes the reliance on external water sources, significantly lowering water usage and fostering sustainability. These attributes, along with data-driven insights into resource management, enable the system to function at maximum efficiency while minimizing its ecological impact. The system features an intuitive interface that facilitates real-time monitoring and data retrieval through a mobile application or cloud-based platform. This functionality grants key stakeholders clear and actionable insights into the system's operations, including cleaning status, water levels, air quality, and usage trends. Such analytics are instrumental in optimizing resource distribution, enhancing the overall user experience, and equipping facility managers with the necessary information to make informed, data-driven decisions. By significantly minimizing the requirement for manual oversight, the AI-driven Autonomous Sanitation System provides a cleaner, more efficient, and environmentally sustainable approach to managing public restrooms. Its incorporation of cutting-edge technology not only raises public hygiene standards but also sets the stage for a future where sanitation systems are more intelligent, sustainable, and adept at addressing the demands of contemporary society. This system embodies a comprehensive solution that is both practical and innovative, marking a vital advancement in the evolution of public sanitation.

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