



# FIREFIGHTER DRONE

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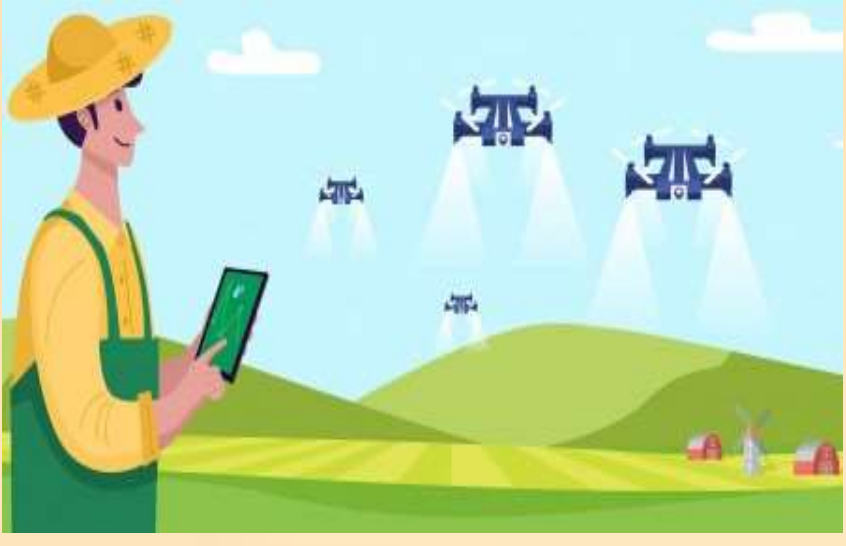
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## Introduction

The aim of the project is to design a firefighter drone that can detect fires and respond to them early. The designed drone which can fly autonomously reacts quickly to fires that start in open areas. In this way, damages that may occur as a result of the fire spreading over large areas are prevented. For this purpose, firstly, a sensor network has been created for the system to detect fire. The sensors placed to the zones in which they are desired to be protected from fire. The drone flies to position of the fire and releases fireball into the fire.

## Application Areas



Agriculture



Delivery



Observer

## Results and Discussion

The drone was prepared for the flight test with the components selected in the design. The electronic components that passed the test phase were connected to system. After the assembly phase of the mechanical and electronic parts was completed, the connection of the flight control board with the ground station was established. Calibration of the drone over the ground station has been completed and the rotation direction of the motors has been tested. Against the problems that may occur during flight, the drone should switch to pilot control with remote control.

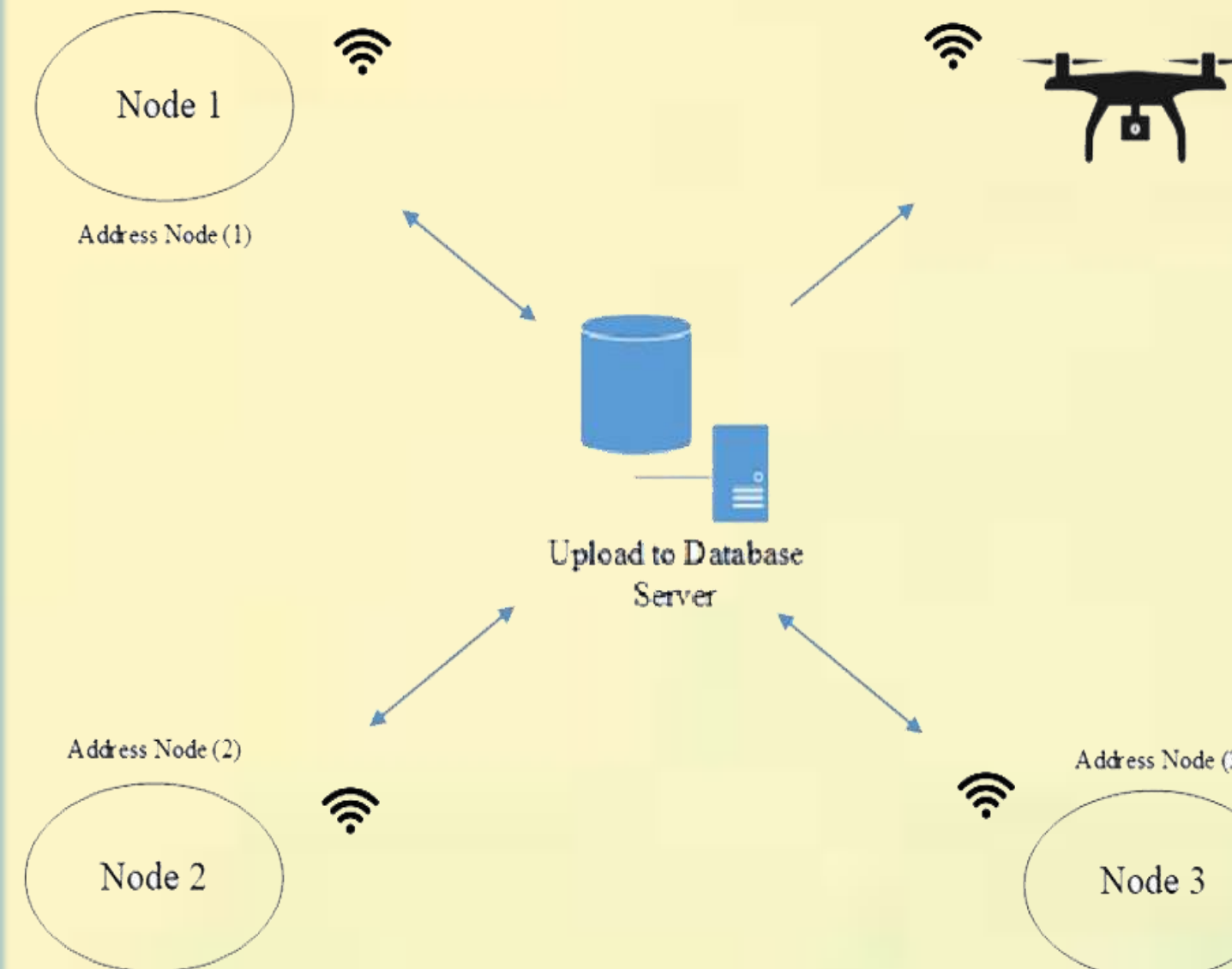
The designed flight and sensor system algorithms worked correctly. No problems were encountered in the flight of the drone and the communication of the sensor nodes. The image processing algorithm worked in the created fire simulation environment. False alarms originate from the sunlight because of the IR sensor used in the sensor node. The system can be operated all day by combining IR/UV optical sensors. In addition, if it is desired to use a heavier fire extinguisher, the value of thrust is should be increased. This is only possible by changing the propeller size or motors. During fire detection, the camera may detect objects emitting infrared waves as fire. In order to prevent errors in fire detection, a filter can be designed to operate in a certain wavelength range for the camera lens. In this way, the margin of error of the image processing algorithm in fire detection is reduced.

## Project Description

The quadcopter type drone is selected to fulfill the mission requirements. The dimensions and design of the mechanical parts of the quadcopter are determined by evaluating the dimensions of all electronic parts to be used. A payload is designed by considering the dimensions of the fireball that the quadcopter has to carry to extinguish the fire.



Python 3.8 is used as programing language. Dronekit-Python is used for controlling autopilot and communication with the drone. Dronekit-SITL and Mission Planner are used for simulations. OpenCV library and Haar-Cascade Method are used for image processing applications. There are lots of sensor nodes depending on the size of area that are used to detect fire. A sensor node has an IR flame sensor, fire warning buttons, warning LEDs and a microcontroller with a Wi-Fi module. The sensor nodes communicate with drone through the created sensor network.



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