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PROJECT TITLE

**HOW TO CREATE A NOISE DETECTOR TO MEASURE
AND SOUND MONITOR LEVELS IN GIVEN
ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE PROTECTS HUMAN
HEALTH AND ENHANCE COMFORT**

Title of the project:

How to create a noise detector to measure and sound monitor levels in given environment compliance protects human health and enhance comfort

INTRODUCTION:

Engineering Problem and Goal

The learning environment in educational spaces is highly influenced by the quality of acoustics. Excessive noise in classrooms and lecture halls can disrupt communication, reduce student concentration, and negatively affect academic performance. Acoustic level monitoring is a modern approach used to measure, analyze, and control sound levels in these environments. By employing sound sensors, processors, and feedback systems, it ensures that noise levels remain within an acceptable range, creating a supportive atmosphere for effective teaching and learning. Moreover, the data collected through monitoring helps in improving classroom design, management strategies, and inclusivity for students with special hearing needs

Purpose of a Noise Detector

Environmental Monitoring: To monitor and manage noise pollution in cities and other public areas

Health Protection: To protect workers and the public from the negative impacts of noise pollution such as hearing damage and increased stress

Regulatory Compliance: To ensure that noise levels in workplaces and public spaces meet established regulations and standards

Industrial and Traffic Management: To monitor noise from machinery and traffic, providing data for management and improvements in safety and efficiency

METHODS

1. Sound Transduction:

The core component is a microphone, typically a condenser type, which functions as a transducer.

2. Diaphragm Vibration:

Sound waves cause the microphone's thin metal diaphragm to vibrate.

3. Capacitance Change:

The vibrating diaphragm changes the distance between it and a fixed backplate, altering the capacitance between them.

4. Electrical Signal Generation:

This change in capacitance creates a proportional electrical signal (voltage) that corresponds to the sound pressure variations.

5. Signal Processing:

The weak electrical signal is then amplified, converted to a digital format by an analog-to-digital (A/D) converter, and processed to calculate the sound pressure level.

6. Data Output:

The final processed data, usually in decibels (dB), is displayed on the device or transmitted to a data collection system.

Why the Problem Has to be Solved

High Accuracy:

Noise detectors provide precise data on sound levels, which is crucial for accurate monitoring and analysis.

Wide Range of Applications:

They are used in diverse fields, including urban noise monitoring, industrial safety, security systems for detecting anomalies, and enabling speech recognition technologies.

Integration with Modern Systems:

Noise sensors can be readily integrated into IoT and AI systems, enhancing their functionality and creating more intelligent applications.

Real-time Monitoring:

They allow for real-time tracking and analysis of sound, which is beneficial for dynamic environments and immediate response systems.

Versatility in Detection:

Different types of noise detectors (like piezoresistive, electret, and condenser microphones) can be chosen based on specific needs for accuracy, fidelity, and power consumption.

Step-by-Step Procedure

Collect Materials

Microphone sensor module

Arduino board (or other microcontroller)

LED / Buzzer

Resistors, jumper wires, breadboard, power supply

Set Up the Circuit

Connect VCC of the microphone sensor to 5V on Arduino.

Connect GND of the sensor to GND on Arduino.

Connect the Digital Output (DO) pin of the sensor to any digital input pin on Arduino (e.g., D7).

Connect the LED (with resistor) or buzzer to Arduino output pin (e.g., D13).

Upload the Code

Write/upload Arduino code to read the sensor's output.

If sound is detected (above threshold), turn on the LED or buzzer.

Power the Circuit

Connect Arduino to your computer using a USB cable or provide a 5V power supply.

Test the Setup

Clap, speak, or make noise near the sensor.

Observe the LED light up or buzzer sound when noise is detected.

Adjust Sensitivity

Use the potentiometer knob on the sensor module to increase or decrease sensitivity depending on your needs.

Type of Variable	Variable	Description
Independent Variable	Sound input (clap, voice, noise)	The sound level near the microphone that you change during the experiment.
Dependent Variable	Sensor output (LED/Buzzer ON/OFF)	What happens in response to the sound — the LED lights up or the buzzer sounds.
Controlled Variables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Microphone sensor placement- Distance from sound source- Power supply- Arduino pin configuration- Sensor sensitivity setting (if not being adjusted)	

Risk and Safety

Electrical Hazards – Wrong wiring may cause short circuits or damage the Arduino/sensor.

Overheating – If resistors or power supply are not chosen properly, components may heat up.

Loud Noise Exposure – Prolonged loud sounds during testing may harm hearing.

Component Damage – High input voltage or loose connections can damage the microphone sensor or buzzer.

Data Misinterpretation – Wrong calibration of sensitivity may lead to inaccurate readings.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

The **noise detector** project focuses on detecting sound levels using a microphone sensor and responding with a visual or audio alert (e.g., LED or buzzer). Its scope includes practical applications, limitations, and areas for improvement.

1. Applications / Use Cases

- **Security Systems:** Detects unusual sounds like breaking glass or forced entry.
- **Smart Home Automation:** Triggers lights or alarms based on sound (e.g., clapping to turn on lights).
- **Classroom/Library Monitoring:** Detects when noise exceeds a set level.
- **Noise Pollution Monitoring:** Can be used as a basic prototype for sound level awareness.
- **Industrial Safety:** Alerts in noisy environments when specific sounds occur (e.g., alarms, explosions).

2. Educational Scope

- Teaches basic electronics and circuit design.
- Introduces sensor-based input and actuator-based output.

- Demonstrates how microcontrollers (like Arduino) process real-world signals.
- Encourages experimentation with sensitivity, thresholds, and outputs.

3. Technical Scope

- Can detect presence of sound, not exact volume (unless using analog output).
- Uses digital output from the microphone module to trigger an alert.
- Can be extended to include:
 - Analog sound level detection
 - LCD display for sound levels
 - Data logging or Wi-Fi-based monitoring with ESP32

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