



# Technology Used for Blind Indoor Navigation System using Li-Fi

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**Abstract:** Navigation in indoor environments is highly challenging for the severely visually impaired, particularly in spaces visited for the first time. Several solutions have been proposed to deal with this challenge. So the Technology used to overcome this problem is Li-Fi (Light-Fidelity). The term Li-Fi refers to visible light communication (VLC) technology that uses light as a medium to deliver high-speed communication. Since visible light is present everywhere, the main idea is to create automatic indoor navigation systems for the visually impaired people using Li-Fi Technology.

**Keywords:** Li-Fi; VLC technology; high-speed communication; indoor navigation system.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The light reaches everywhere and if certain information is to be passed using light as a medium, not only will the communication get fast but also the possibilities coming with it. Such a technique of using Light as a medium is named as the Li-Fi.

The Li-Fi technology can transfer the data through LEDs. It is a high speed and low cost wireless communication system, compared to Wi-Fi. It can provide high security, large bandwidth, and low cost. Li-Fi uses common household LED (light emitting diodes) light bulbs to enable data transfer, boasting speeds of up to 224 gigabits per second [1]. The concept of Li-Fi is currently attracting a great deal of interest, not least because it may offer a genuine and very efficient alternative to radio based wireless.

As a growing number of people and their many devices access wireless internet, the airwaves are becoming increasingly clogged, making it more and more difficult to get a reliable, high-speed signal. This may solve issues such as the shortage of radio-frequency bandwidth and allow internet where traditional radio based wireless isn't allowed such as aircraft or hospitals. Best part of visible light communication is that we can get advantage of high speed data communication at the same time we can use it for lighting purpose. In LI-FI light is used as a carrier as advancement to electromagnetic radio waves used in WI-FI. However it cannot penetrate walls, which the radio waves are able to. Li-Fi can be the technology for the future where data for laptops, smart phones, and tablets will be transmitted through the light in a room.

for their special condition. Examples of these are bus and train terminals, hospitals and shopping malls. Several "everyday" objects that are present in most built environments become real obstacles for blind people, even putting at risk their physical integrity. Simple objects such as chairs, tables and stairs, hinder their movements and can often cause serious accidents. This Li-Fi technology helps the visually impaired to move within indoor environments. The main objective of the system is to provide, in real – time, useful navigation information that enables a user to make appropriate and timely decisions on which route to follow in an indoor space.

Indoor navigation is convenient to everyone and it is especially indispensable for the visually impaired. Li-Fi makes use of a free, unlicensed spectrum and is not affected by RF noise. Moreover, most indoor locations would have a sufficient amount of light sources and provide additional security since Li-Fi cannot penetrate through walls. The issues of the shortage of radio frequency bandwidth may be sorted out by Li-Fi and high data transmission rates of up to 10Gbps can be achieved.

With the increasing use of Wi-Fi, the existing radio frequency is getting blocked slowly and simultaneously, there are an increasing number of people who want to connect to the internet. LI-FI uses the Visible Light Communication (VLC). Visible light communication is a data communications medium which uses visible light and which will assist the visually impaired people for the navigation and helps them to travel independently at indoor places.

## II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

People with visual disabilities, either partially or totally blind, are often challenged by places that are not designed

## III. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the work is to create internal navigation systems for the bigger areas and also enables one to



identify the position of a person and calculates direction of his movements and it uses LED instead of bulbs and hence is indirectly helping environment to create automatic navigation for the visitors who are visually impaired.

#### IV. SYSTEM DESIGN

##### A. Requirement Analysis

The requirement analysis process involves deriving the system requirements through the observation of the existing system. A user interacts with the software through the user interface. The implementation of the software is of least importance to the end user [2]. Thus, any software designed should have a good user-interface maintaining the Integrity of the Specifications.

##### B. System Configuration

The wheelchair is intended to provide immense help to the person who is demonstrating as well as to the users of it. It therefore requires two configurations which are given below

##### Software Configuration:

- Windows /Linux Operating System
- Arduino IDE 1.5.7

##### Hardware Configuration:

- Arduino UNO ATMEGA 328P - It is a type of microcontroller that helps to build digital devices and interactive objects that can sense and control objects in the physical world.
- Voice play back circuit- Voice Module 60 Sec project will playback and record up to 60 seconds of voice message. This circuit is an excellent choice to add voice to your project. Up to 60 Seconds of non-volatile voice storage.
- Ultrasonic Sensors- Ultrasonic ranging module HC-SR04 provides 2cm - 400cm non-contact measurement function, the ranging accuracy can reach to 3mm. The modules includes ultrasonic transmitter, receiver and control circuit.
- Transistors- A transistor is a semiconductor device used to amplify or switch electronic signals and electrical power. It is composed of semiconductor material usually with at least three terminals for connection to an external circuit.
- LED Lamp- An LED lamp is a light-emitting diode (LED) product which is assembled into a lamp for use in lighting fixtures. A good LED driver can guarantee a long life for an LED system and provide additional features such as dimming and control.

**L14F1 Photodiode-** A photodiode is a semiconductor device that converts light into current. Photodiodes may contain optical filters, built-in lenses, and may have large or small surface

#### V. METHODOLOGY

Li-Fi Technology works by sending the data over light. For this purpose a LED (Light Emitting Diode) light bulb, anyone at all, can be flicked on and off in order to be able to generate signals. A proper Light Receiver is made for receiving the LED signals. The LED bulb will hold a micro-chip that will do the job of processing the data. The light intensity can be manipulated to send data by tiny changes in amplitude. The technology is focusing on making sure that the light bulb is flickered up to billions of times a second. At that time human eye cannot notice the light being flickered on and off. If the LED is ON, user can transmit a digital string of 1, if it's OFF then user can transmit a string of 0. It can be switched ON and OFF very quickly, which gives instant opportunity for transmitting data.

As shown in Fig.1, data is fed into LED light bulbs, it then sends data at rapid speeds to photodiode. The tiny changes in rapid dimming of LED bulbs are then converted by the receiver into electrical signal. The signal is then converted back into a binary stream that we could recognize as audio and video applications. High brightness LED which act as a communication source. The transmitter unit is fitted to the wall/ceiling. In the transmitter the modulated information is transmitted through LED.

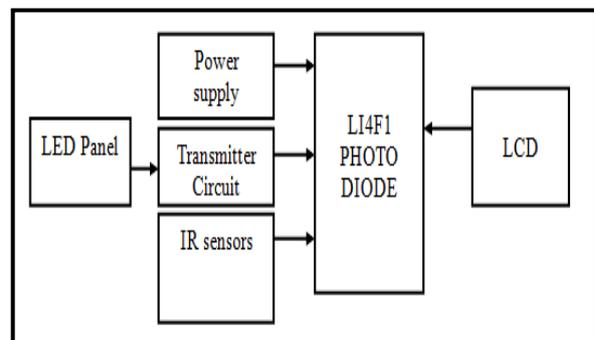


Fig.1 Block diagram for Li-Fi data transmitter

As shown in the Fig. 2, the receiver unit demodulates the encoded binary data and gives the response in the form of voice to the person [3]. The receiver unit consists of a photo transistor which receives the information from the LED connected to the transmitter. The information consists of location, and whenever the receiver module comes in the range of that transmitter area then corresponding location message is sent to the receiver is stored in the IC ATMEGA328P and processed further to initiate voice to guide the person and vibrator motor to navigate the person which can assist visually impaired people at indoor places [4]. Transmitter Module – generates the corresponding on-off pattern for the LEDs. Receiver Module – has a photodiode to detect the on and off states of the LEDs. It captures this sequence and generates the binary sequence of the received signal.

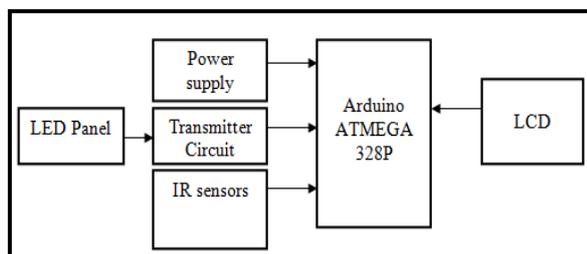


Fig.1 Block diagram for Li-Fi data receiver

## VI. FUNCTIONAL DESIGN DOCUMENT

TABLE I HARDWARE MODULE

<b>COMPONENTS</b>	Arduino ATMEGA 328P, Voice playback, uv sensor, led lamp
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Sense the person and helps in indoor navigation
<b>ACKNOWLEDMENT</b>	Message to blind using lifi (LED LAMP)

The Table-I will let us know about the initiation of the device, when the blind person enters into the room; transmitter device status is that the LED should be "ON". If it is not, then LED should be "OFF". Sensing the environment Ultrasonic sensor detects the obstacles inside the room and Voice playback circuit speaks out the current location of the person. Action of the device is that If the LED is "ON" then transmitter circuit will send the data to the photodiode. The tiny changes in rapid dimming of LED bulbs is then converted by the receiver into electrical signal [5]. The signal is then converted back into a binary stream that we could recognize as audio.

TABLE II SOFTWARE MODULE TRANSMITTER CIRCUIT

<b>PARAMETERS</b>	Add1,t,i
<b>RETURN VALUES</b>	Current location value and obstacle detection
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To send the information to blind person

TABLE III SOFTWARE MODULE RECEIVER CIRCUIT

<b>PARAMETERS</b>	BB, x, y
<b>RETURN VALUES</b>	Captures on and off state of led
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To send signal to transmitter circuit for the entry of the person

The Table-III will tell us the working of the software module and gives the brief description about it like what are the parameters used in program and also gives details about what are the return values and the main purpose of it

## VII. RESULT AND CONCLUSION

In addition to the uses of Li-Fi, it also satisfies the requirements of providing indoor navigation and also helps the visually impaired people to avoid obstacles and will also let them know about their current location. This technology will not only allow a user with visual disabilities to ambulate into an indoor environment while avoiding obstacles, but it could also help them interact with the environment. In the future we will not only have 14 billion light bulbs, we may have 14 billion Li-Fi's deployed worldwide for a cleaner, greener and even a brighter future.

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