



# Lineman Safety

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**Abstract:** An electric shock from a current as low as 35mA is sufficient to cause fibrillation of the heart in the vulnerable individuals. Even a healthy individual is at risk of falling from a high structure due to loss of muscle control. Higher currents can cause respiratory failure and result in extensive and life-threatening burns. The lack of any visible sign that a conductor is energized even at high voltages, makes electricity a particular hazard. An electric field surrounds all the charged devices. Bringing a conducting object such as a human into that field can intensify the field enough for electrical breakdown of the air and an arc to jump from the equipment to earth via that person. The proposed system not only focuses on the safety of electrical linemen but also to provide the feasible system to control power lines. The main components of our project is the fingerprint scanner and RFID. In this proposed system if there is any fault in line the line man keeps his finger in fingerprint scanner, so that the main line is switched off after the completion of fault work the line man again has to keep his finger in scanner and switch on the electrical line. RFID uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to objects. RFID consists of microchip and coil. To recognize the identity of RFID tag, RFID tag sends the signal to reader, the signal is received by the coil and unique ID is identified by chip. The RFID is present on the shoes, gloves and helmets. If the lineman wears all these things then it will allow for further process. Thus it saves the life of linemen working on the electric line. The proposed system is fully operated on Arduino.

**Keywords:** RFID, Chip, Coil, Fingerprint Scanner.

## I. INTRODUCTION

A world without electricity is hard to imagine. Electricity is now become a part of our daily life. Electricity plays major role in both homes & industries. Almost all devices at homes and industries are running because of electricity. As how, the electricity is important part in our life the electricians' life is also predominant one. They play the many roles in their field. A circuit breaker is an automatically operated electrical switch designed to protect an electrical circuit from damage caused by overload or short circuit. The main objective of this project is to save line man by making such a protective system controlled through fingerprint scanner. In this proposed system if there is any fault in line the line man scans his finger due to which main line is switched off after that he works on line solving the problem and after that again scans his finger and switch on the electrical line.

Nowadays, electrical accidents to the line man are increasing, while repairing electrical lines due to lack of communication between maintenance staff and electrical line man. This project gives a solution to this problem to ensure electric line man safety. It is very simple to maintain so it is very useful for the line man. The parts which are required for our model are easily available in the market. The main goal of our project is to save the life of line man. The main component of our project is the fingerprint scanner which is required to sense the finger. At the time of repair, the electrocution to the lineman may happen. If the lineman wants to repair the power system then the maintenance staff turns off the respective power line in the main station. The main station and the fault detected power lines may be in different areas. Due to these the communication between the lineman and the maintenance staff may lack. Any other personnel in the main station or substation may mistakenly switch ON the power line without the knowledge of lineman while working on the power lines. This would tend to fatal electrical accident. This proposed system provides a solution that ensures safety of linemen. The control to turn ON/OFF the transmission lines will be maintained by the lineman only. The proposed system not only focuses on the safety of electrical linemen but also to provide the feasible system to control power lines. Now days, electrical accidents to the line man are increasing, while repairing the electrical lines due to the lack of communication between the electrical substation and maintenance staff. This project gives a solution to this problem to ensure line man safety. In this proposed system the control (ON/OFF) of the electrical lines lies with line man. Security is more important in our day to day life. Everyone needs more security as

much as possible. The based electric line man safety system is designed to control a circuit breaker by using a RFID and Fingerprint sensor for the safety of electric man, the line man can enter the Fingerprint through using Fingerprint sensor as well as keypad. There are many critical electrical accidents are rises during the electric line repair. These accidents happen due to lack of communication and co-ordination between the maintenance staff and electric substation staff. In this proposed system the security of the line man is in his own hand. The control to turn on or off the line will be maintained by the line man only because this system has an arrangement such that a fingerprint sensor is required to operate the circuit breaker (on/off). The system is fully controlled by a microcontroller from ATMEGA328

## **II. LITERATURE SURVEY**

In this paper, Microcontroller are used which controls all the operations of the password system. For this process we require the components like microcontroller control circuitry, power supply and key pad. These keypads are used for entering password for operating different load which are connected to the controller. If suppose password is wrong, then load will not be switched to the controller and then the controller checks for the precaution instruction which is provided by the developer. This includes the operations such as the number of loads to be opened, the number of threshold levels that are crossed. In this process the controller checks the number of threshold levels that are crossed and according to that the gates are being controlled[1].

A circuit breaker is an automatically operated electrical switch designed to protect an electrical circuit from damage caused by overload or short circuit. Its basic function is to detect a fault condition and interrupt current flow. Unlike a fuse, which operates once and then must be replaced, a circuit breaker can be reset (either manually or automatically) to resume normal operation. When operated manually we see fatal electrical accidents to the line man are increasing during the electric line repair due to the lack of communication and coordination between the maintenance staff and the electric substation staff. In order to avoid such accidents, the breaker can be so designed such that only authorized person can operate it with a password. Here, there is also a provision of changing the password. The system is fully controlled by the 8 bit microcontroller of 8051 family. The password is stored in an EEPROM, interfaced to the microcontroller and the password can be changed any time unlike a fixed one burnt permanently on to the microcontroller. A keypad is used to enter the password and a relay to open or close circuit breaker, which is indicated by a lamp. Any wrong attempt to open the breaker (by entering the wrong password) an alert will be actuated, indicated by another lamp[2].

The paper provides a password based circuit breaker system using an android application. Here we connect the circuit with android application through which we enter the password. There is a substantial increase in the number of fatal accidents involving line men due to electric shocks resulting from the lack of coordination between maintenance staff and the electric substation staff. This system provides a solution to this problem, to ensure there are no such incidents that endanger the life of line men. Here the control of the circuit is provided at the substation. The line man can enter the password to switch OFF the circuit. He may now safely work out the repairs and may return to the substation to switch ON the circuit. He again needs to enter the password in order to switch ON the circuit. Since the control to switch ON/OFF the circuit lies with the lineman himself there is no chance of accidents. The system also provides password storage using EEPROM. This system also makes it possible to change the password as and when needed for security purposes.[3]

The steadily increasing population has more demand and consumption of electric energy in the market as raised and that of equipment's used like electrical and electronics are also costlier. So to protect the electrical system from overload or short circuit here is one possibility, which is by ultrafast acting electronic circuit breaker. A circuit breaker is automatic operated switch designed to shut down the power supply when overloaded. The tripping depends on the current passing through the CT's which is connected in series with load. It uses the PIC- microcontroller into which program is dumped for the operation.[4]

The need for strict security measures has been necessary since the beginning of time. Access to certain places and items need strict restrictions to only the privileged few. This restricted zone can vary from strong holds and safes in financial institutions to doors leading to restricted areas. The various innovations in security access system include; code based lock, keycard lock, thumb print scan, retina scan. They come in handy in security systems. Code based locking system is best suited in most applications because of its simplicity and reliability. Since the code based locking system is always resident in the area to be protected, there are fewer chances of security breaches unlike the keycard lock system in which the access card can fall into unauthorized hands.[5]

## **III. METHODOLOGY**

The block diagram consists of finger print scanner and it is enrolled by a lineman. This module is connected to the MCU. If the finger print stored in the scanner is with the authenticated finger print, MCU is turned on. This makes on or off the relay which helps to control the electric line. After the completion of the work, above process is repeated in

the same manner by the lineman. When a person's fingerprint is changed, finger print scanner does not take this into consideration. In such cases, person can have the difficulty to identify themselves and gaining access. In such cases, RFID tag is used.

RFID uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to objects. The tags contain electronically stored information. These tags collect energy from a nearby RFID reader's interrogating waves. Active tags contain battery and it operate hundreds of meters from the RFID reader. The tag need not be within light of sight of the reader. RFID is used for security purpose. It consists of microchip and coil. To recognize the identity of RFID tag, RFID tag sends the signal to reader, the signal is received by coil and unique ID is identified by chip. The RFID is present on the shoes, gloves and hands. If the lineman wears all these things then it will allow for the further process. It is widely used in identification badges.

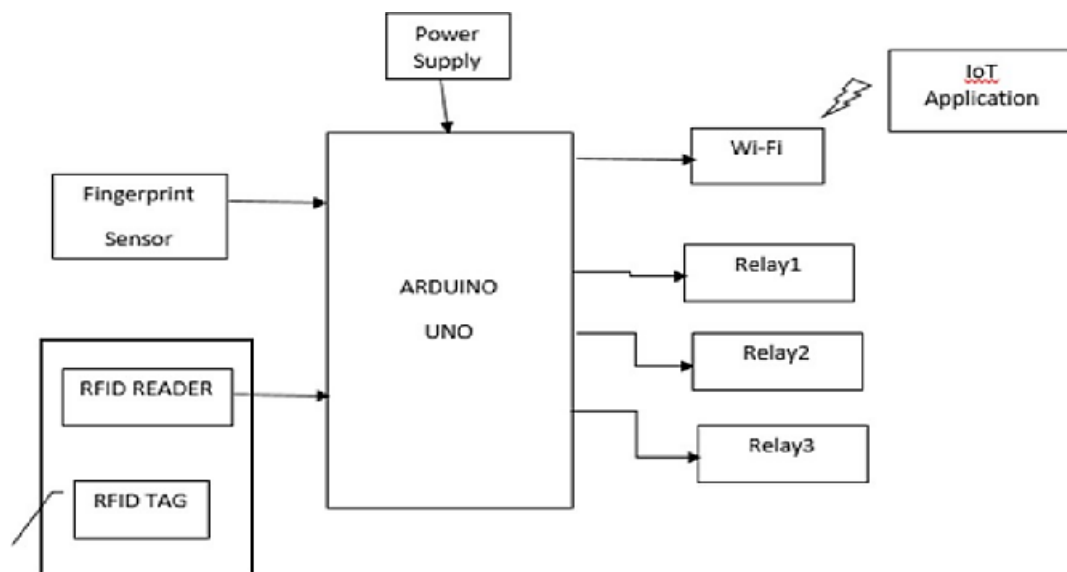


Figure : Block Diagram

## IV. CONCLUSION

The proposed safety system is successfully designed. It provides a new approach to the security of the lineman and completely eliminates the fatal electrical accidents to the lineman due to electric shock during the power line repair. It has been developed by integrated features of all the hardware components used. It provides a new approach to the security of the lineman and it completely eliminates the electrical accidents to the lineman during the electric line repair. In order to note the power usage in a particular area in a timely manner, this power usage is uploaded in the internet.

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