# runlinc Intermediate Project 10: Temperature and humidity display (E32W Version)

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## Introduction

#### **Problem**

Temperature and humidity are two important parameters affecting the growth of crops. We want to keep track on the current temperature and humidity of environment around the crops. And We want to monitor the effect of temperature and humidity on the growth of crops.

#### **Background**

High temperatures affect plant growth in numerous ways. The most obvious are the effects of heat on photosynthesis, in which plants use carbon dioxide to produce oxygen, and respiration, an opposite process in which plants use oxygen to produce carbon dioxide. Experts at Colorado State University Extension explain that both processes increase when temperatures rise. However, when temperatures reach uncomfortably high limits (which depends on the plant), the two processes become unbalanced. Tomatoes, for example, get into trouble when temperatures exceed about 96 degrees F. (36 C.). The effect of temperature on plants varies widely and is influenced by factors such as exposure to sunlight, moisture drainage, elevation, difference between day and night temperatures, and proximity to surrounding rock structure (thermal heat mass).

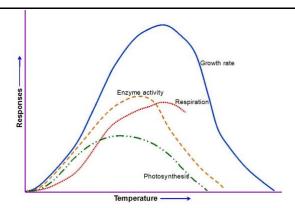


Figure 1 Temperature effects on plant growth

Humidity is the amount of water vapor in the air. Relative humidity is given as a percentage and tells you how close the air is to being saturated.

However, relative humidity is dependent on air temperature, too. If the water vapor content stays the same and the temperature drops, the relative humidity increases. If the water vapor content stays the same and the temperature rises, the relative humidity decreases. This is because colder air doesn't require as much moisture to become saturated as warmer air.

If the humidity is high, this moisture doesn't evaporate from your body very fast. In areas that are very dry, such as Arizona, the humidity is so low that when you sweat, the water evaporates so quickly that you may not even feel it. In this case, you must be careful to stay hydrated because the water loss goes unnoticed.

Humidity can also affect plant turgor pressure, which is an indicator of the amount of water in plant cells. When humidity is low, and dew points are in the 50s and low 60s, moisture evaporates from plants very quickly. When this happens, plants can wilt rapidly if too much water is pulled out of plant cells through transpiration. Conversely, when humidity and temperature are both high, plants can get overheated because transpiration is reduced, thus restricting evaporative cooling.

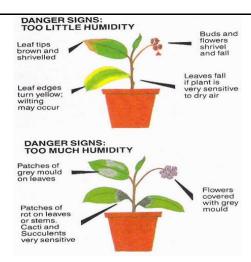


Figure 2 Humidity effects on plants (Image from Cool Garden)

#### Ideas

How can we measure the temperature and humidity? How can the sensor measure the real-time temperature and humidity and display the data on runlinc webpage?

#### Plan

We have DHT11-temperature and humidity sensor in our kits which we can use to check the temperature and humidity around the sensor. We want to use the DHT11 sensor to monitor the temperature and humidity around the crops.



Figure 3: Block diagram of Microchip outputs

#### runlinc Background

runlinc is a web page inside a Wi-Fi chip. The programming is done inside the browsers compare to programming inside a chip. The runlinc web page inside the Wi-Fi chip will command the microchips to do sensing, control, data logging Internet of Things (IoT). It can predict and command.

# Part A: Design the Circuit on runlinc

Note: Refer to runlinc Wi-Fi Setup Guide document to connect to runlinc

Upgrade your runlinc V1.2 to V2.0 with reference to the file 'runlinc V2.0 Upgrade'.

Use the left side of the runlinc web page to construct an input/output (I/O).

For port D23 name it TempHumidData and set it as DHT11 IN.

In our circuit design, we will be using the DHT11-temperature and humidity sensor. We happen to have this in our kits, so these can be used on our circuit design, as per the plan.



Figure 4: I/O configurations connections

# Part B: Build the Circuit

Use the STEMSEL E32W board to connect the hardware. For this project we are using both the left and right I/O ports, with **negative port (-ve)** on the outer side, **positive port (+ve)** on the middle and **signal port (s)** on the inner side (as shown below).

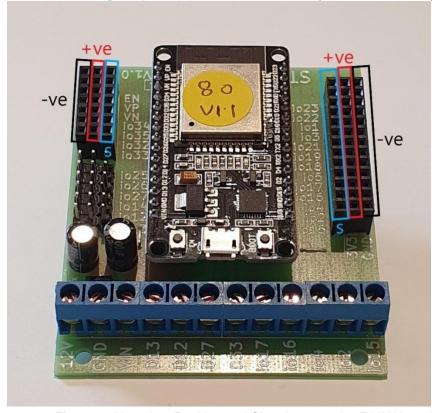


Figure 5: Negative, Positive and Signal port on the E32W board

There is one I/O part we are using for this project, a DHT11–temperature and humidity sensor, their respective pins are shown in the figure below.

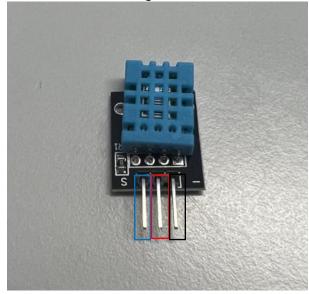


Figure 6: I/O part with negative, positive and signal pins indicated

# Wiring instructions

- a) Plug in the DHT11-temperature and humidity sensor to io23 on the E32W board.
- b) Make sure the (-ve) pin are on the GND (outer) side of the I/O ports.



Figure 7: Circuit board connection with I/O part (side view)



Figure 8: Circuit board connection with I/O part (top view)

# Step 1: Display temperature and humidity directly and jointly

At first, we want to display the real-time temperature and humidity jointly and directly around the DHT11 sensor.

Part C1: Program the Circuit

#### HTML:

Under HTML, we will be displaying the title of the webpage, Temperature and Humidity Display. And then we will display the real time measurement data of temperature and humidity around the DHT11 sensor.

<h2>Temperature and Humidity Display</h2>
Raw Data: <font id="Message" ></font>

#### **JavaScript Loop:**

Firstly, the obtained raw temperature and humidity measurement data will be restored in the variable 'Raw'. Then the data would be displayed directly(the number before comma should be temperature and the number after comma should be humidity).

```
Raw = DHT11_In( TempHumidData );
document.getElementById("Message").innerHTML = Raw;
await mSec( 1000 );
```

### **Final Code:**

The final code for **HTML** block:

<h2>Temperature and Humidity Display</h2>

Raw Data: <font id="Message" ></font>

The final code for **JavaScript Loop** block:

```
Raw = DHT11_In( TempHumidData );
document.getElementById("Message").innerHTML = Raw;
await mSec( 1000 );
```

#### **Expected Result**

Once you filled the codes in their respective section in the runlinc control page and once everything was ready. When we run the code, the webpage will display as shown in Figure 10. However, the program will run continuously.

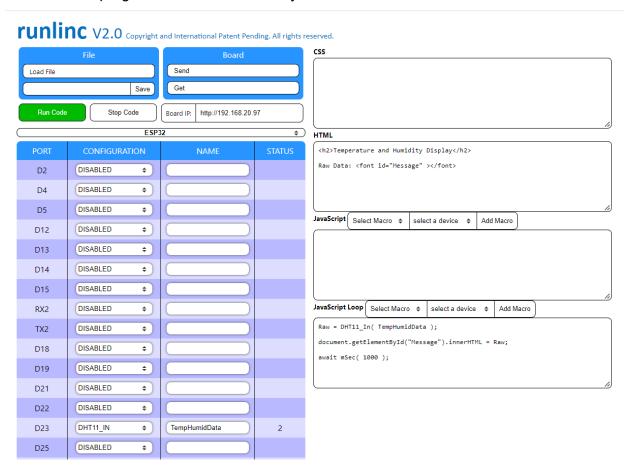


Figure 9: Expect runlinc result screenshot

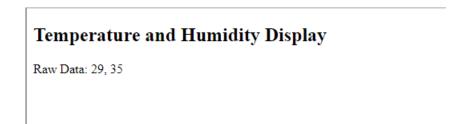


Figure 10: Expect webpage screenshot

# **Step 2: Display temperature and humidity separately.**

And then, we want to display the real-time temperature and humidity separately around the DHT11 sensor.

#### Part C2: Program the Circuit

#### CSS:

Under CSS section, we will be creating a class that changes the font size to 25 pixels

```
div.a{font-size: 25px; font-family: "Arial"; }
```

#### HTML:

Under HTML, we will be displaying the title of the webpage, Temperature and Humidity Display. And then we will display the real time measurement data of temperature and humidity respectively around the DHT11 sensor.

```
<div style = "text-align:center" class = "a">
<h2>Temperature and Humidity </h2>
Temperature: <font id="Temp" color='red';></font>
<br>
    Humidity: <font id="Humi" color='blue'></font>
    </div>
```

#### JavaScript Loop:

Firstly, the obtained raw temperature and humidity measurement data will be restored in the variable 'Raw'. Then the data would be split into two parts. The temperature will be restored in the variable 'temp' and displayed with unit afterwards. The humidity will be restored in the variable 'humi' and displayed with unit afterwards.

```
Raw = DHT11_In( TempHumidData );

const array = Raw.split(",");

temp = array[0] + ' degrees Celsius °C';

humi = array[1] + '%'

document.getElementById("Temp").innerHTML = temp;

document.getElementById("Humi").innerHTML = humi;

await mSec( 1000 );
```

#### **Final Code:**

The final code for **CSS** block:

```
div.a{font-size: 25px; font-family: "Arial"; }
```

The final code for **HTML** block:

The final code for **JavaScript Loop** block:

```
Raw = DHT11_In( TempHumidData );

const array = Raw.split(",");

temp = array[0] + ' degrees Celsius °C';

humi = array[1] + '%'

document.getElementById("Temp").innerHTML = temp;

document.getElementById("Humi").innerHTML = humi;

await mSec( 1000 );
```

#### **Expected Result**

Once you filled the codes in their respective section in the runlinc control page and once everything was ready. When we run the code, the webpage will display as shown in Figure 10. However, the program will run continuously.

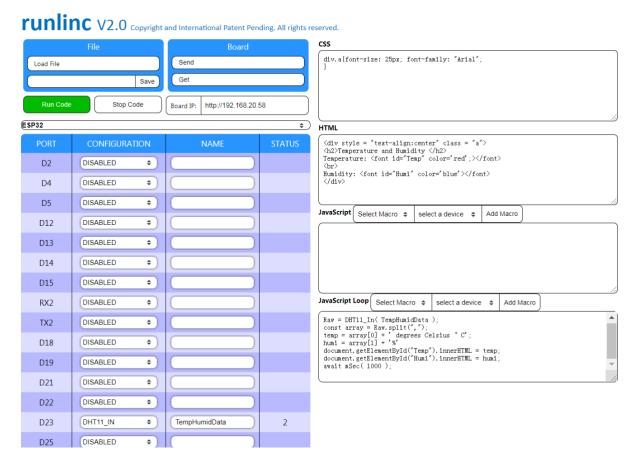


Figure 11: Expect runlinc result screenshot

# **Temperature and Humidity**

Temperature: 24 degrees Celsius °C Humidity: 26%

Figure 12 Expect webpage screenshot

# **Summary**

Temperature and humidity are always playing crucial roles in the growth of green plants.

Detecting the temperature and humidity of the crop growth environment in real time,
farmers can better cultivate crops.