

Remote Sensor Network for Solar Power Monitoring

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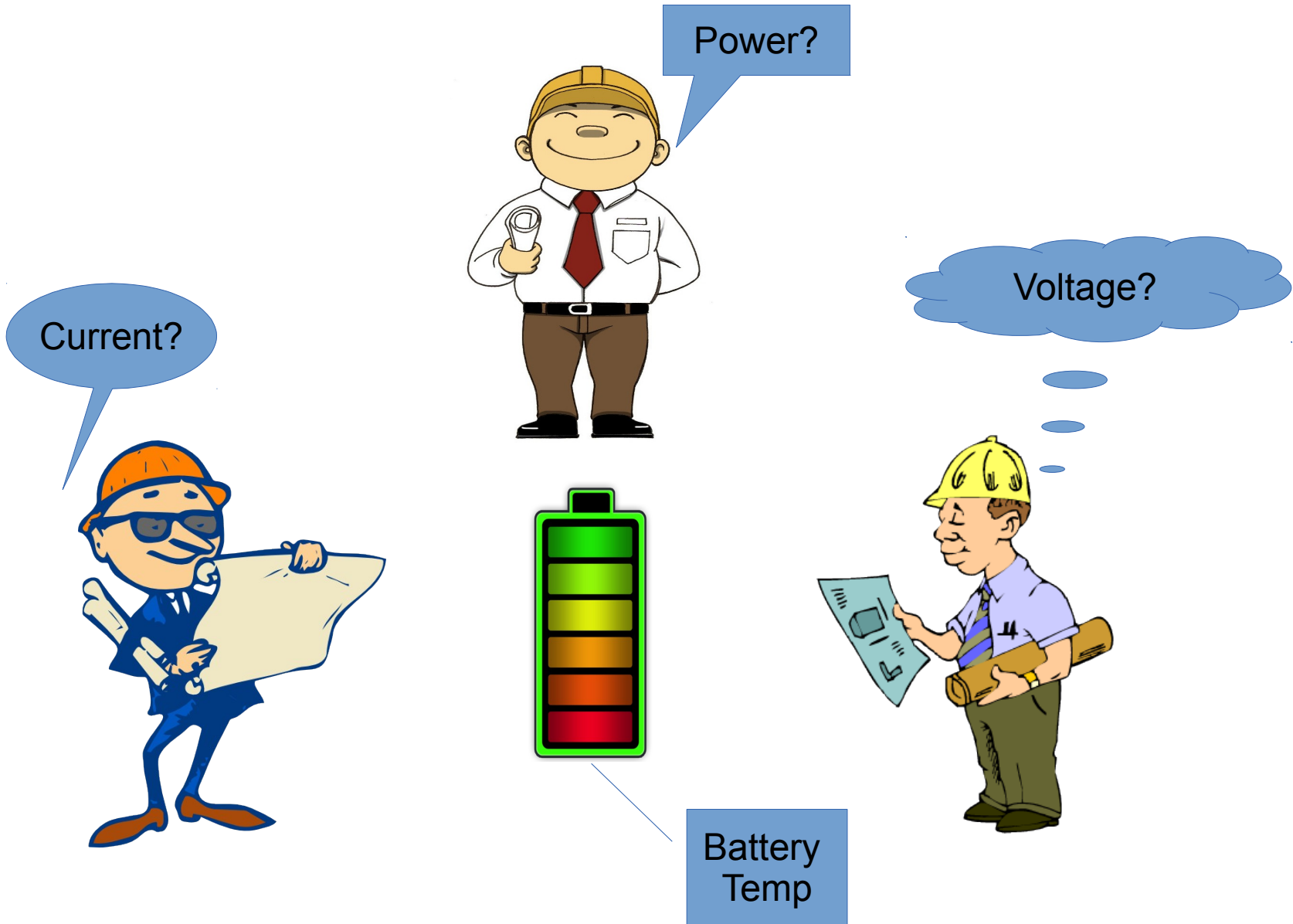
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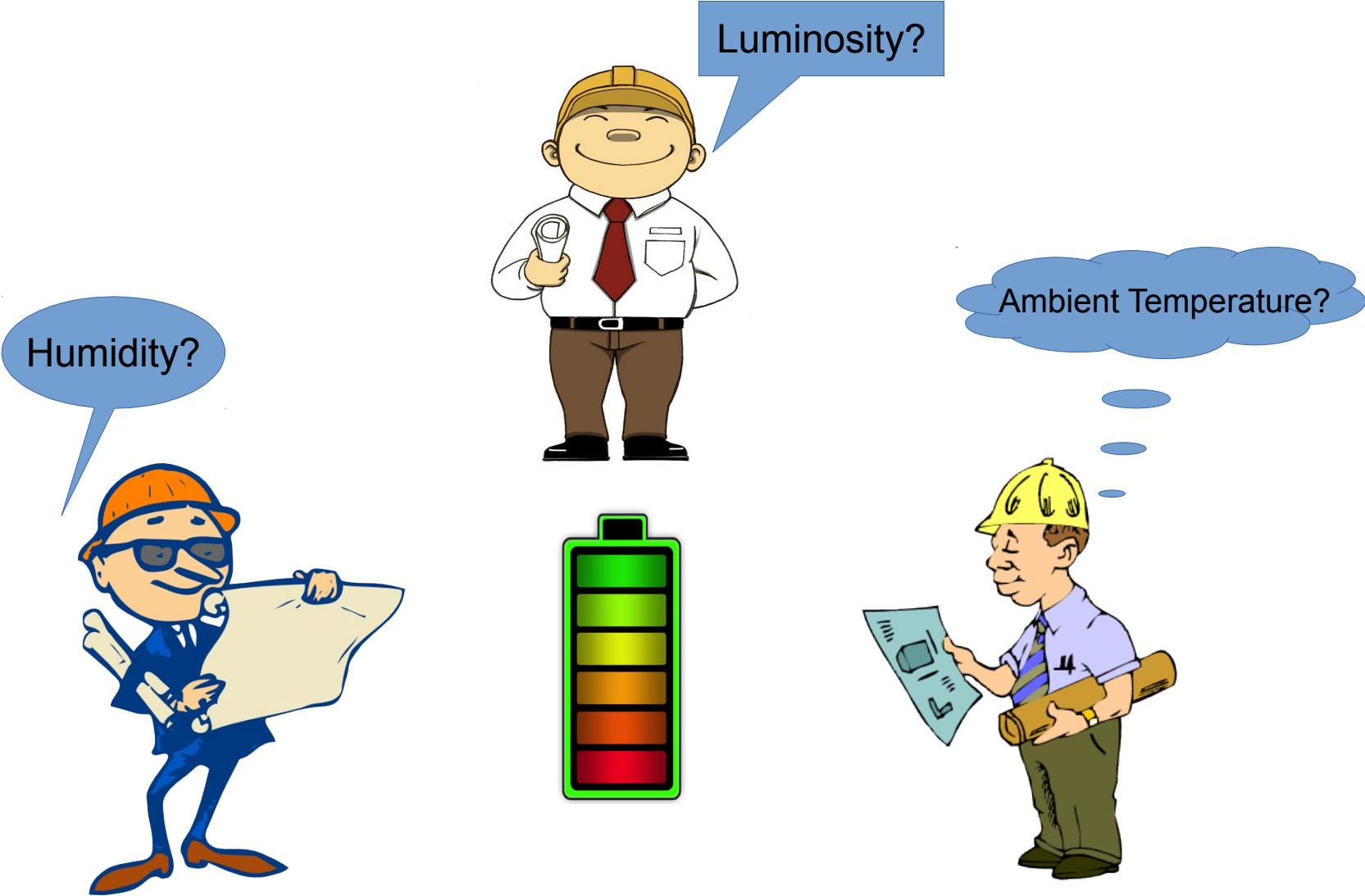
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A new Lithium-ion battery

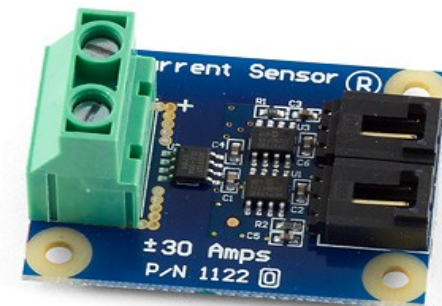


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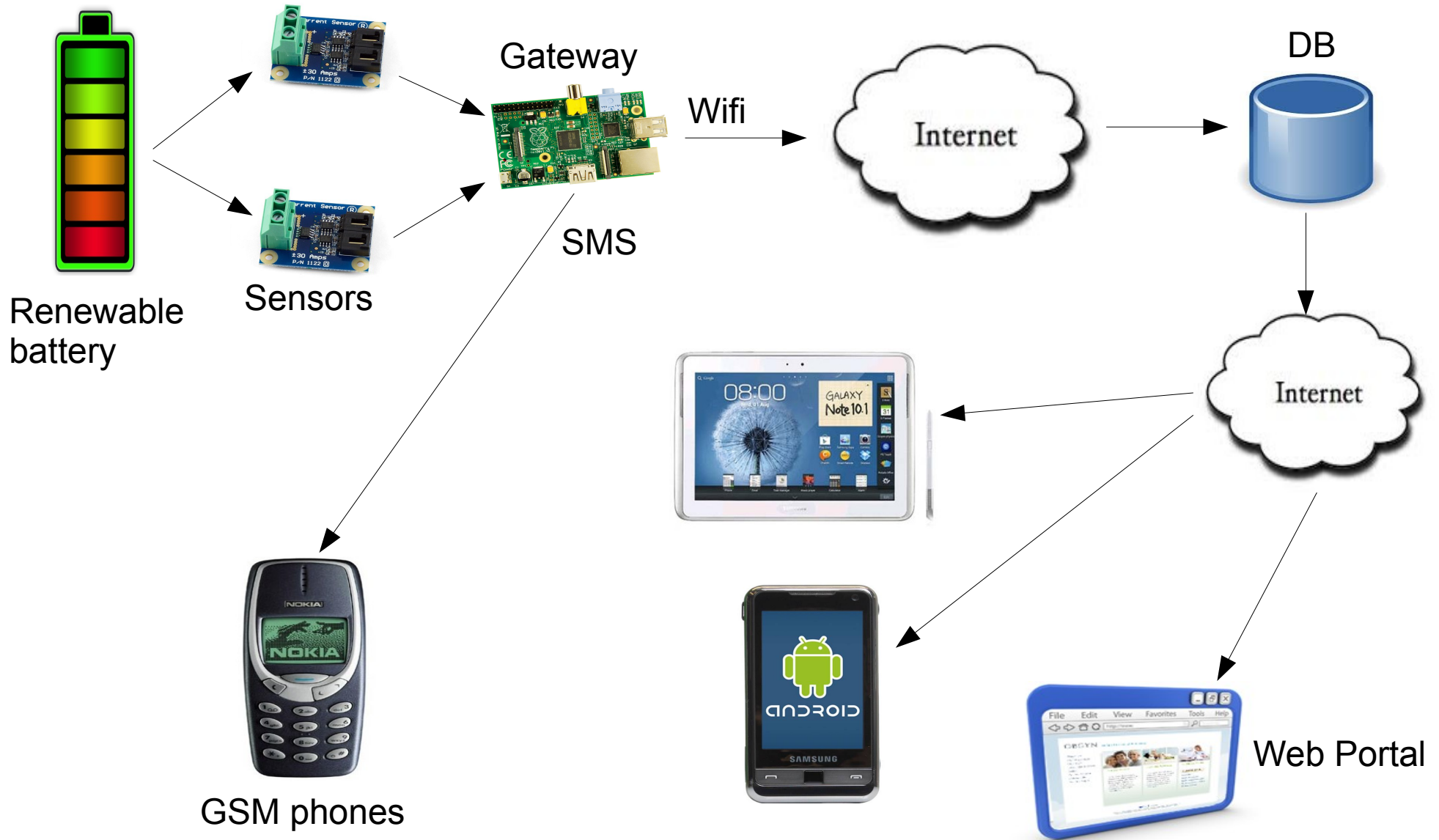


User Requirements

- Renewable battery for energy storage
- Readings to be observed/recorded
- Sensors to take the readings[1]
- Readings to be communicated over a network[2]
- Network to deliver readings to a database
- Web portal



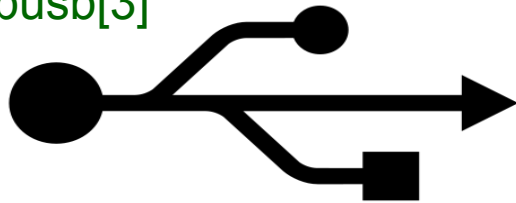
Project Scope



Requirements Analysis

Backend

libusb[3]



Phidget library[4]



Phidget python library



Frontend



Web Portal



Android App

Project Plan

Term 1

- ✓ Meet client for user requirements gathering
- ✓ Analyse their requirements and determine the hardware and software required

Term 2

- ✓ Design the web portal
- ✓ Link it to a database
- ✓ Research code examples and modify to meet project objectives
- x Prototype the remote monitoring system

Term 3

- x Improve the prototype and begin the testing phase
- x Develop the android app
- x Test the app

Term 4

- x Code documentation
- x Testing document
- x User's Guide

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