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Consulted as a software engineer to develop a software that interacts with the machine and the software must be able to:

- i) Read the temperature of the soil.
  - ii) Determine the moisture content of the soil
  - iii) Configure the time interval for the water system based on the above
  - iv) Trigger an alarm if there is no sufficient water in the tank for irrigation, and enable password for the system
- A) DISCUSS THE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING THE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE.

CONCEPTUALISATION: Due to the major challenges of ABUAD farm, Ado Ekiti during the dry season, which is the irrigation system of the farm. We are consulted to develop an automated machine which will enable the staff to (i) access the temperature of the soil (ii) determine the moisture content of the soil, and that can be only accessed by the ABUAD farm staffs

### **Some hard ware and software features of the system**

#### **Hardware Features**

1. Bimetallic Thermometer: The bimetallic thermometer can be used to control the alarm system by sending information about the soil temperature.
2. Alarm system: use to signal the users on the condition of the soil
3. Torsiometer: This will measure and determine the matrix water potential (soil moisture tension) of the soil
4. Watering Tank and water emitters: used in store and distribution of water
5. Digital clock system: Use for the display of time and in timing the system processes

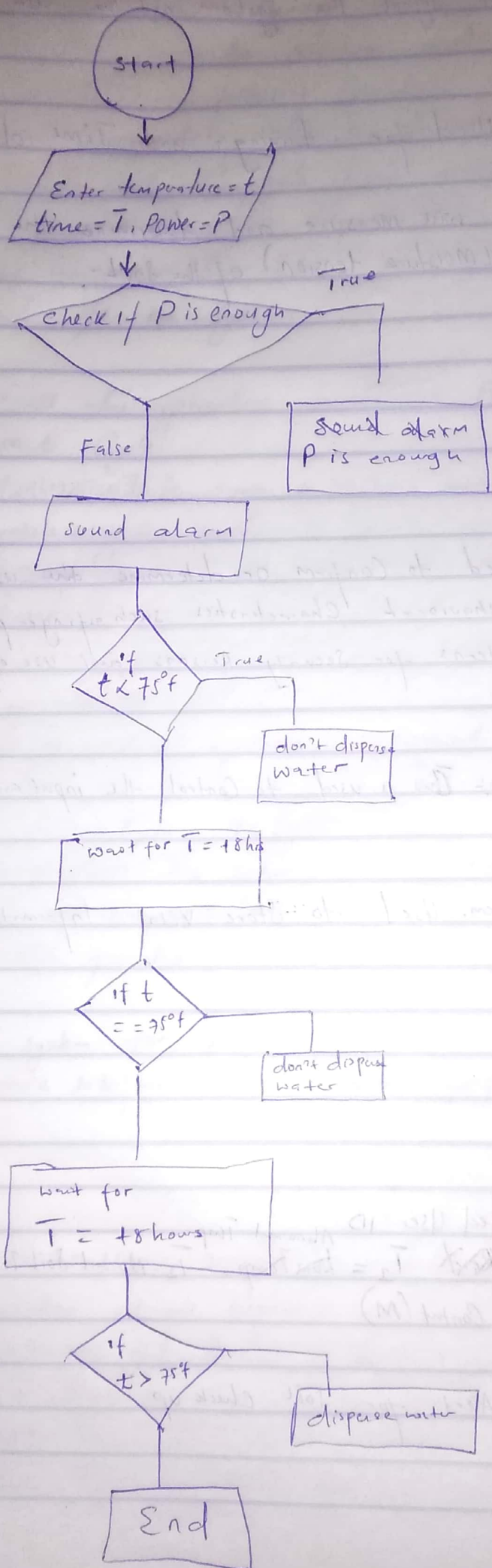
#### **Software Features**

1. Biometric system: used to confirm or determine the user's status based on behavioral characteristics such as finger prints, voice and facial patters for security reasons
2. Input/output Operations: This is used to control the input and output operations
3. Internal Storage: Used to d store Vital information of the farm and soil

## ALGORITHM

1. Start
2. Enter temperature = t, time = T, power = P
3. Check if P is Enough
4. If p is enough sound alarm
5. Else P is enough
6. Get value of t
7. If  $t < 75^{\circ}\text{F}$  don't dispense
8. Else wait for  $T = T + 8$  hours
9. Then go back to line 5
10. If  $t == 75^{\circ}\text{F}$  don't dispense
11. Else wait for  $T = +8$  hours
12. Go back to line 6
13. If  $t > 75^{\circ}\text{F}$  dispense water
14. Else
15. Close

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# IRRIGATION SYSTEM

CHECK SOIL  
MOISTURE



~~Tensors~~

Tensiometer

ALARMING  
SYSTEM



BIMETALLIC  
STRIP and  
Alarm sound  
system

TEMPERATURE  
SYSTEM



Thermometer

Security  
System



Biometric  
Software

SYSTEM  
STORAGE SYSTEM



ROM → Read  
Only memory