This paper demonstrates a prototype for a smart street-lighting system, in which a number of DC street lights are powered by a photovoltaic (PV) source. A battery is added to store the excess energy of the solar panel, which can later be retrieved at night time, or whenever the sunlight is being obstructed by clouds or other forms of shading. A charge controller is ...

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