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Introduction

This configuration manual presents the complete implementation workflow of an **IoT sensor anomaly detection system integrated with a Reinforcement Learning (RL) controller**, visualised through a **Streamlit dashboard**. It outlines the essential steps required to preprocess sensor data, train a DQN agent, and simulate intelligent actions based on environmental conditions. Using Python, Pandas, PyTorch, and Matplotlib, the RL agent was trained to optimise cooling decisions. The final rewards and anomaly outputs are saved and visualised for interpretability. Additionally, a secure HTTP tunnel using **ngrok** enables real-time dashboard access for simulation and result monitoring. This document provides all necessary configurations to replicate the experiment from start to finish.

System Requirements

Component	Minimum Requirement	Recommended for Real-Time
RAM	8 GB	16 GB
Processor	Intel i5 (or equivalent)	Intel i7 / AMD Ryzen
GPU (Optional)	Not required (for IF and SVM)	NVIDIA GPU (for AE)
Deployment Device	Raspberry Pi 4 / NVIDIA Jetson Nano	Jetson Nano (for streaming)

Software Requirements

Software Component	Version
Operating System	Ubuntu 20.04 LTS or Windows 10
Python	3.10+
Streamlit	1.20+
TensorFlow	2.11+
Keras	2.11+
scikit-learn	1.2+
pandas	1.5+
matplotlib / seaborn	Latest

Implementation

Step 1: Load the Intel Dataset

1. File Loading Path:

The code sets the file path to the Intel Berkeley dataset (data.txt) which contains time-series sensor readings like temperature, humidity, light, and voltage from wireless sensor motes.

2. Column Naming:

A list of predefined column names is provided manually (['date', 'time', 'epoch', 'moteid', 'temperature', 'humidity', 'light', 'voltage']) to structure the raw dataset, ensuring clarity and consistency when reading the file.

3. CSV Reading Logic:

The dataset is read using `pandas.read_csv()` with a space separator (`sep=' '`) and no header (`header=None`), aligning with the dataset's raw structure. If loaded successfully, a success message is printed.

4. Error Handling:

A try-except block is used to catch file loading errors. If an error occurs (e.g., missing file or wrong format), it prints an error message, preventing code crashes and ensuring safe debugging.

```
[ ] # Step 1: Load the Intel dataset
file_path = '/content/data.txt' # Change path if needed
columns = ['date', 'time', 'epoch', 'moteid', 'temperature', 'humidity', 'light', 'voltage']

try:
    df = pd.read_csv(file_path, sep=' ', header=None, names=columns)
    print(" Data loaded successfully.")
except Exception as e:
    print(" Error loading file:", e)
```

↻ Data loaded successfully.

```
[ ] # Step 2: Combine date and time into a single timestamp
df['timestamp'] = pd.to_datetime(df['date'] + ' ' + df['time'], format='mixed', errors='coerce')
df.dropna(subset=['timestamp'], inplace=True)
```

```
▶ # Step 3: Sort data by timestamp and reset index
df.sort_values(by='timestamp', inplace=True)
df.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
```

```
[ ] # Step 4: Filter only specific moteids for focused analysis
selected_motes = [5, 13, 24]
df = df[df['moteid'].isin(selected_motes)]
```

```
[ ] # Step 5: Remove rows with missing values (if any)
df.dropna(inplace=True)

# Step 6: Normalize key columns
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
```

Step 2: Save Clean and Pre-processed Data – Explanation

1. Data Export to CSV:

The processed and normalised dataset is saved as a CSV file named `processed_intel_data.csv` using `df.to_csv()`. This enables consistent downstream use for modeling and deployment.

2. **Confirmation Message:**

A success message is printed ("Data preprocessing completed...") to confirm that all prior data transformation steps (timestamp generation, filtering, scaling) have been successfully completed and stored.

3. **Previewing Processed Data:**

The command `df.head()` displays the first few rows of the final DataFrame, showing all original and scaled columns (e.g., `temp_scaled`, `hum_scaled`, `volt_scaled`) for verification before proceeding to model training.

```
# Step 7: Save clean and preprocessed data for next phase
df.to_csv('/content/processed_intel_data.csv', index=False)
print("✅ Data preprocessing completed. File saved as processed_intel_data.csv")

# Optional: View a few rows
print(df.head())
```

	date	time	epoch	moteid	temperature	humidity	light	\
0	2004-02-28	00:58:46.206631	2	24.0	19.7728	37.1620	143.52	
1	2004-02-28	00:59:16.933957	3	24.0	19.6356	37.3336	143.52	
2	2004-02-28	01:01:46.576927	8	24.0	19.1554	38.3946	143.52	
3	2004-02-28	01:06:46.202094	18	24.0	18.8418	39.0082	143.52	
4	2004-02-28	01:07:49.707108	20	24.0	18.8124	39.1783	143.52	

	voltage	timestamp	temp_scaled	hum_scaled	light_scaled	\
0	2.71196	2004-02-28 00:58:46.206631	0.150236	0.661684	0.077679	
1	2.71196	2004-02-28 00:59:16.933957	0.149098	0.664443	0.077679	
2	2.71196	2004-02-28 01:01:46.576927	0.145112	0.681499	0.077679	
3	2.69964	2004-02-28 01:06:46.202094	0.142509	0.691362	0.077679	
4	2.69964	2004-02-28 01:07:49.707108	0.142265	0.694097	0.077679	

	volt_scaled
0	0.861933
1	0.861933
2	0.861933
3	0.847299
4	0.847299

Step 3 to Step 5: Anomaly Detection Models

1. **Multiple Detection Models Deployed**

To enhance detection robustness, three distinct anomaly detection models—Isolation Forest, One-Class SVM, and Autoencoder—were applied on the same preprocessed dataset. Each model captures different anomaly patterns and behaviours.

2. **Model-Specific Anomaly Scoring**

- Isolation Forest identifies outliers by analysing data partitions.
- One-Class SVM separates normal data from anomalies using a boundary in a high-dimensional space.
- The Autoencoder reconstructs data and identifies anomalies by calculating reconstruction error.

3. **Unified Binary Output**

Each model independently predicted whether a given data point was normal or anomalous. Their outputs were then standardised into binary labels (0 = normal, 1 = anomaly), allowing easy comparison across techniques.

4. **Ready for Evaluation**

The predictions from all three models were saved for later analysis using confusion matrices and performance metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to determine which approach performed best.

```
[ ] # Step 3: Isolation Forest
iso_model = IsolationForest(contamination=0.02, random_state=42)
df['iso_pred'] = iso_model.fit_predict(X)
df['iso_pred'] = df['iso_pred'].map({1: 0, -1: 1})

# Step 4: One-Class SVM
svm_model = OneClassSVM(nu=0.02, kernel='rbf', gamma='scale')
df['svm_pred'] = svm_model.fit_predict(X)
df['svm_pred'] = df['svm_pred'].map({1: 0, -1: 1})

[ ] # Step 5: Autoencoder
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)

input_dim = X_scaled.shape[1]
encoding_dim = 2

input_layer = Input(shape=(input_dim,))
encoder = Dense(6, activation='relu')(input_layer)
encoder = Dense(encoding_dim, activation='relu')(encoder)
decoder = Dense(6, activation='relu')(encoder)
decoder = Dense(input_dim, activation='sigmoid')(decoder)
autoencoder = Model(inputs=input_layer, outputs=decoder)
autoencoder.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse')

# Train the autoencoder
autoencoder.fit(X_scaled, X_scaled, epochs=10, batch_size=32, shuffle=True, validation_split=0.1, verbose=1)

# Predict reconstruction error
reconstructions = autoencoder.predict(X_scaled)
mse = np.mean(np.power(X_scaled - reconstructions, 2), axis=1)
threshold = np.percentile(mse, 98) # top 2% as anomaly
df['ae_score'] = mse
df['ae_pred'] = (mse > threshold).astype(int)
```

Step 6: Model Evaluation and Comparison

- **Isolation Forest:**
 - Accuracy: 98.23%
 - Anomaly F1-score: 0.40
 - ROC-AUC: 0.8045
 - Struggled with detecting anomalies despite good overall accuracy.
- **One-Class SVM:**
 - Accuracy: 98.86%
 - Anomaly F1-score: 0.62 (best among all)
 - ROC-AUC: 0.9856 (highest)
 - Most balanced and reliable model.
- **Autoencoder:**
 - Accuracy: 98.17%
 - Anomaly F1-score: 0.36
 - ROC-AUC: 0.775 (lower)
 - Performed well on normal data, but weaker on anomalies.

Isolation Forest Evaluation vs Final Majority Vote				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.9963	0.9858	0.9910	83561
1	0.2968	0.6231	0.4021	804
accuracy			0.9823	84365
macro avg	0.6466	0.8045	0.6966	84365
weighted avg	0.9897	0.9823	0.9854	84365
Confusion Matrix:				
[[82374 1187]				
[303 501]]				
ROC-AUC Score: 0.8045				
One-Class SVM Evaluation vs Final Majority Vote				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.9998	0.9887	0.9942	83561
1	0.4556	0.9826	0.6225	804
accuracy			0.9886	84365
macro avg	0.7277	0.9856	0.8084	84365
weighted avg	0.9946	0.9886	0.9907	84365
Confusion Matrix:				
[[82617 944]				
[14 790]]				
ROC-AUC Score: 0.9856				
Autoencoder Evaluation vs Final Majority Vote				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.9957	0.9857	0.9907	83561
1	0.2733	0.5572	0.3668	804
accuracy			0.9817	84365
macro avg	0.6345	0.7715	0.6787	84365

Step 7: Custom Environment for Anomaly Detection (Reinforcement Learning)

1. A custom environment TempAnomalyEnv was created to simulate reactions to temperature-based anomalies using thresholds.
2. The environment provides **states**, takes **actions**, and returns **rewards** based on correct or incorrect anomaly detection.
3. This setup helps in training reinforcement learning models to learn optimal anomaly response strategies over time.

```

# Step 1: Define a custom environment for anomaly reaction
class TempAnomalyEnv:
    def __init__(self, temp_series, threshold=0.55):
        self.temp_series = temp_series
        self.threshold = threshold
        self.max_steps = len(temp_series)
        self.reset()

    def reset(self):
        self.current_step = 0
        self.total_reward = 0
        return self._get_state()

    def _get_state(self):
        return np.array([self.temp_series[self.current_step]])

    def step(self, action):
        done = self.current_step >= self.max_steps - 1
        temp = self.temp_series[self.current_step]
        is_anomaly = temp > self.threshold

        # Reward logic
        if is_anomaly and action == 1:
            reward = +1
        elif not is_anomaly and action == 0:
            reward = +0.5
        else:
            reward = -1

        self.total_reward += reward
        self.current_step += 1
        next_state = self._get_state() if not done else np.array([0.0])
        return next_state, reward, done

```

Step 8: Q-learning Agent with Tabular Approach

1. A Q-learning agent (DQNAgent) was implemented using a tabular approach to decide actions based on the temperature anomaly environment.
2. The agent balances **exploration and exploitation** to improve decision-making over time using the Q-table.
3. A pre-processed Intel dataset is loaded and used to simulate temperature series input for training the RL agent.


```

# Step 2: Simple Q-learning agent (tabular DQN idea)
class DQNAgent:
    def __init__(self, n_states, n_actions):
        self.q_table = np.zeros((100, n_actions)) # discretize temp
        self.epsilon = 0.1
        self.alpha = 0.1
        self.gamma = 0.9
        self.n_actions = n_actions

    def choose_action(self, state):
        state_idx = int(min(99, state[0] * 100))
        if random.uniform(0, 1) < self.epsilon:
            return random.choice(range(self.n_actions))
        else:
            return np.argmax(self.q_table[state_idx])

    def learn(self, state, action, reward, next_state):
        s_idx = int(min(99, state[0] * 100))
        s1_idx = int(min(99, next_state[0] * 100))
        predict = self.q_table[s_idx][action]
        target = reward + self.gamma * np.max(self.q_table[s1_idx])
        self.q_table[s_idx][action] += self.alpha * (target - predict)

# Step 3: Load processed dataset (after preprocessing step)
df = pd.read_csv('/content/processed_intel_data.csv')
temp_series = df['temp_scaled'].values[:500] # use smaller slice

env = TempAnomalyEnv(temp_series)
agent = DQNAgent(n_states=1, n_actions=2)

```

Step 9: RL Agent Training and Reward Visualization

1. A training loop runs for 100 episodes, allowing the agent to interact with the environment, learn from rewards, and improve its Q-table.
2. After each episode, the total reward is collected and stored for performance tracking.
3. A reward plot is generated to visualise the agent's learning progress across episodes, making it easier to evaluate training effectiveness.

```

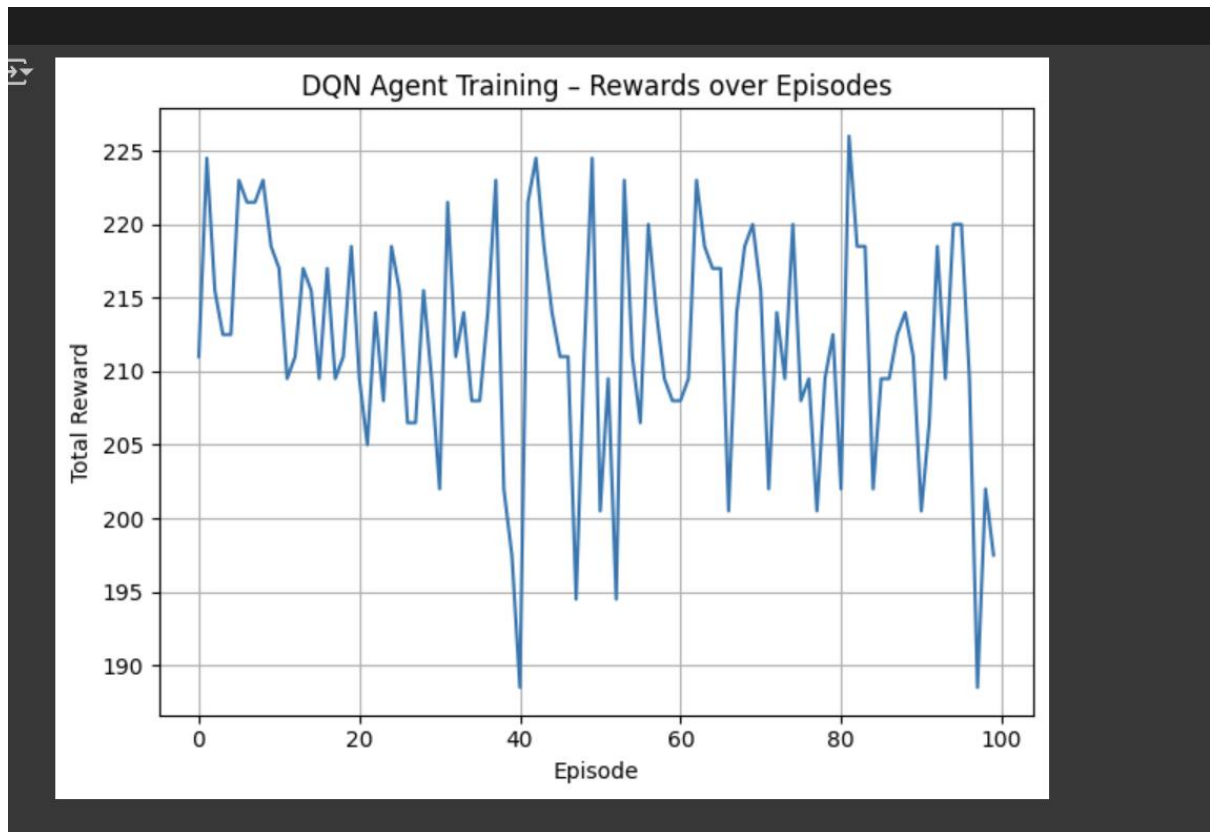
# Step 4: Training loop
rewards = []
for episode in range(100):
    state = env.reset()
    ep_reward = 0
    done = False
    while not done:
        action = agent.choose_action(state)
        next_state, reward, done = env.step(action)
        agent.learn(state, action, reward, next_state)
        state = next_state
        ep_reward += reward
    rewards.append(ep_reward)

# Step 5: Reward visualization
plt.plot(rewards)
plt.title("DQN Agent Training – Rewards over Episodes")
plt.xlabel("Episode")
plt.ylabel("Total Reward")
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```

Step 10: Reward Plot Interpretation

1. The line chart shows how the total reward varies across 100 training episodes for the DQN agent.
2. Although there is some fluctuation, the rewards mostly stay within a high range (190–225), suggesting the agent has learnt reasonably well.
3. This visualisation confirms the effectiveness of the Q-learning logic and provides insight into the agent's stability and consistency.



Step 11: Saving Rewards to CSV

1. Converts the episode-wise rewards into a structured pandas DataFrame with two columns: episode and reward.
2. Saves this DataFrame to a file named `dqn_rewards.csv`, allowing further use in dashboards or performance tracking.
3. Confirms successful save with a print message — essential for integration into Streamlit or other visualisation tools.

```
# Step 6: Save rewards to CSV for Streamlit dashboard
reward_df = pd.DataFrame({
    'episode': list(range(1, len(rewards) + 1)),
    'reward': rewards
})

reward_df.to_csv('dqn_rewards.csv', index=False)
print("✅ File saved: dqn_rewards.csv")
```

✅ File saved: dqn_rewards.csv

Step 11: Streamlit Deployment via Ngrok

1. **Ngrok Tunnel Setup:** The Ngrok authtoken is added and used to open a secure public URL tunnel on port 8501 for the Streamlit app.
2. **App Execution:** Streamlit app (app.py) is launched in the background, and previous tunnels (if any) are killed to avoid conflicts.
3. **Live Public Link:** A temporary URL (e.g., <https://...ngrok-free.app>) is generated to access the Streamlit dashboard remotely from Google Colab.

```
[ ] from google.colab import files
    uploaded = files.upload()

Choose files | No file chosen | Upload widget is only available when the cell has been executed in the current browser session. Please rerun this cell to enable.
Saving app.py to app.py

!ngrok config add-authtoken 309TnyFD048jwPypkjTYNsFjCGp_88nkGAFdLDZs2qyxhnbAv

Authtoken saved to configuration file: /root/.config/ngrok/ngrok.yml

[ ] from pyngrok import ngrok
    import os

    # Kill existing tunnel if any
    ngrok.kill()

    # Correct way to create an HTTP tunnel to port 8501
    public_url = ngrok.connect(8501, "http") # specify protocol
    print("✅ Streamlit app is live at:", public_url)

    # Start Streamlit in the background
    !streamlit run /content/app.py &>/dev/null &
```

✅ Streamlit app is live at: NgrokTunnel: "<https://b6bb38315a8e.ngrok-free.app>" -> "<http://localhost:8501>"

Step 12: Interactive RL + Anomaly Detection Dashboard

1. **File Upload & Parsing:** The dashboard accepts a pre-processed CSV file (e.g., `anomaly_detected_output.csv`) containing sensor readings and anomaly labels.
2. **Summary Visualisation:** It displays a bar chart summarising the count of anomalies (label 1) vs normal readings (label 0), aiding quick interpretation.
3. **Sensor Data Preview:** A clean tabular display of uploaded data is provided, showcasing key features like temperature, humidity, voltage, and timestamps.



IoT Sensor Anomaly Dashboard + RL Controller

Upload Preprocessed Sensor CSV



Drag and drop file here
Limit 200MB per file • CSV

Browse files



anomaly_detected_output.csv 15.5MB



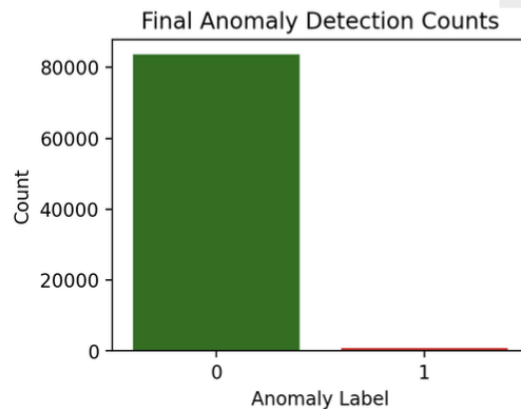
File Uploaded Successfully



Anomaly Detection Summary

Anomaly Label Counts

final_anomaly	count
Normal	
Anomaly	

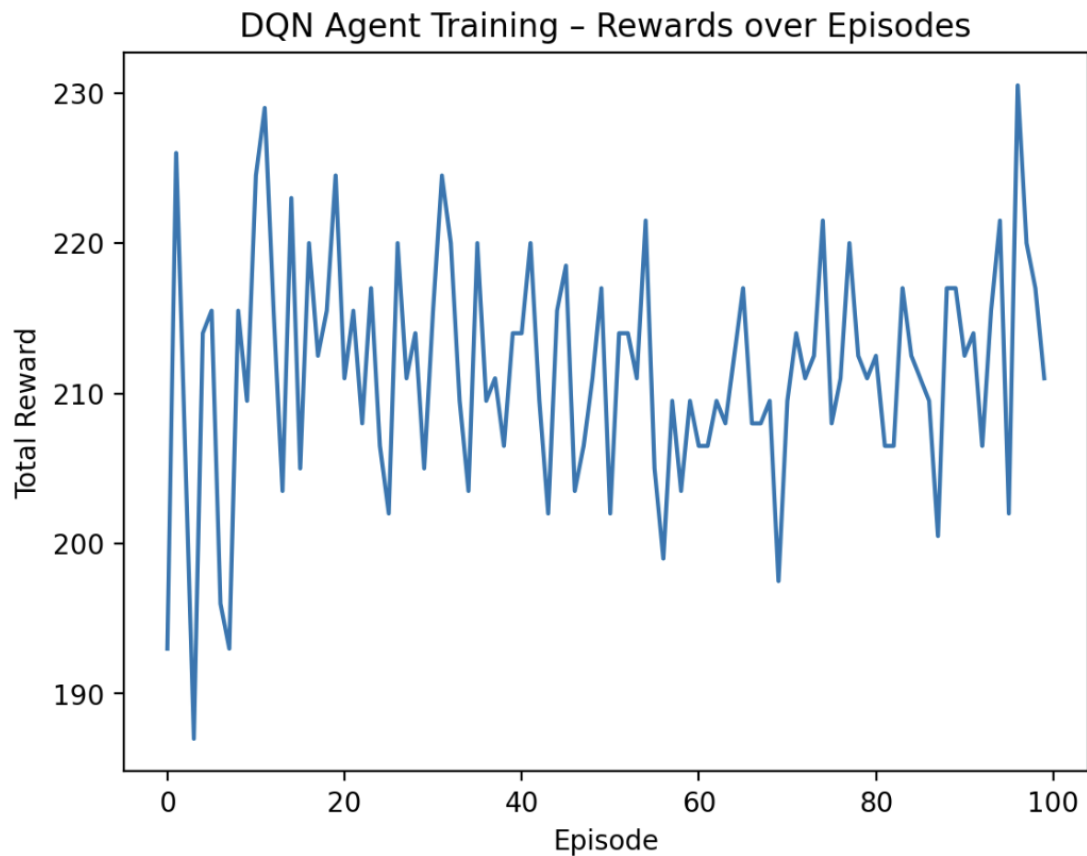


Sample Sensor Readings

	date	time	epoch	moteid	temperature	humidity	light	voltage	timestamp
0	2004-02-28	00:58:46.206631	2	24	19.7728	37.162	143.52	2.712	2004-02-28 00:58:46.206631
1	2004-02-28	00:59:16.933957	3	24	19.6356	37.3336	143.52	2.712	2004-02-28 00:59:16.933957
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3	2004-02-28	01:06:46.202094	18	24	18.8418	39.0082	143.52	2.6996	2004-02-28 01:06:46.202094
4	2004-02-28	01:07:49.707108	20	24	18.8124	39.1783	143.52	2.6996	2004-02-28 01:07:49.707108
5	2004-02-28	01:09:16.845849	23	24	18.7536	39.3483	143.52	2.6996	2004-02-28 01:09:16.845849
6	2004-02-28	01:10:16.775465	25	24	18.7438	39.4162	143.52	2.6996	2004-02-28 01:10:16.775465
7	2004-02-28	01:10:46.614674	26	24	18.7438	39.4162	143.52	2.6996	2004-02-28 01:10:46.614674
8	2004-02-28	01:11:46.789314	28	24	18.734	39.2123	143.52	2.6996	2004-02-28 01:11:46.789314
9	2004-02-28	01:12:16.605631	29	24	18.7242	39.3483	143.52	2.712	2004-02-28 01:12:16.605631

Step 13: RL Agent Action Simulation Interface

- Interactive Control Panel:** Users can input a simulated room temperature using a slider to test the RL agent's decision-making response.
- Live Policy Output:** Based on the input temperature, the trained RL model dynamically displays its decision (e.g., "No Cooling Needed") in real-time.
- Integrated Visualisation:** The top section retains the reward progression graph from Step 5 to provide model training context alongside simulation.



Simulate RL Agent Action

Input Room Temperature (°C)

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☒ RL Action: No Cooling Needed

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