Design and Development of Real time Vehicle Tracking System

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INTRODUCTION

In the last few decades, India has progressed at such an enormous rate that many companies have strongly established themselves here. These companies bring a huge amount of workforce with them. Arranging transportation to such a huge mass is a cumbersome task involving many intricacies. Generally, this transport is arranged through the local transport vendors on a yearly basis, which would be the cheapest source of vehicle tracking and it would work as anti-theft system. It is an embedded system which is used for tracking and positioning of any vehicle by using Global Positioning System (GPS) and Global system for mobile communication (GSM). This design will continuously monitor a moving Vehicle and report the status of the Vehicle on demand. For doing so an Arduino UNO microcontroller is interfaced serially to a GSM Modem and GPS Receiver. A GSM modem is used to send the position (Latitude and Longitude) of the vehicle from a remote place. The GPS modem will continuously give the data i.e. the latitude and longitude indicating the position of the vehicle. The same data is sent to the mobile at the other end from where the position of the vehicle is demanded. When the request by user is sent to the number at the GSM modem, the system automatically sends a return reply to that mobile indicating the position of the vehicle in terms of latitude and longitude in real time.

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SURVEY OF THE RELATED WORK

In [2], the hardware and software of the GPS and GSM network were developed. The proposed GPS/ GSM based System has the two parts, first is a mobile unit and another is controlling station. The system processes, interfaces, connections, data transmission and reception of data among the mobile unit and control stations are working successfully. These results are compatible with GPS technologies.

In [3], a vehicle tracking system is an electronic device, installed in a vehicle to enable the owner or a third party to track the vehicle's place. This paper proposed to design a vehicle tracking system that works using GPS and GSM technology. This system built based on embedded system, used for tracking and positioning of any vehicle by using Global Positioning System (GPS) and Global system for mobile communication (GSM). This design will continuously watch a moving Vehicle and report the status of the Vehicle on demand.
In [4], Face Detection System used to detect the face of the driver, and compare with the predefined face. The car owner is sleeping during the night time and someone steals the car. Then Face Detection System obtains images by one tiny web camera, which is hidden easily in somewhere in the car. Face Detection System compared the obtained images with the stored images. If the images don't match, then the information sends to the owner through MMS. The owners get the images of the thief in mobile phone and trace the place through GPS. The place of the car and its speed displayed to the owner through SMS. The owner can recognize the thief images as well as the place of the car and can easily find out the hijackers image. This system applied in our day-to-day life.

In [5], this system provided vehicle cabin safety security based on embedded system by modifying the existing modules. This method monitors the level of the toxic gases such as CO, LPG and alcohol within the vehicle provided alert information as alarm during the dangerous situations. The SMS sends to the authorized person through the GSM. In this method, the IR Sensor used to detect the static obstacle in front of the vehicle and the vehicle stopped if any obstacle detected. This is avoiding accidents due to collision of vehicles with any static obstacles.

In [6], Kai-Tai Song and Chih-Chieh Yang have a designed and built on a real-time visual tracking system for vehicle safety applications. In this paper built a novel feature-based vehicle-tracking algorithm, automatically detect and track several moving objects, like cars and motorcycles, ahead of the tracking vehicle. Joint with the concept of focus of expansion (FOE) and view analysis, the built system can segment features of moving objects from moving background and offer a collision word of warning on real-time. The proposed algorithm using a CMOS image sensor and NMOS embedded processor architecture. The constructed stand-alone visual tracking system validated in real road tests. The results provided information of collision warning in urban artery with speed about 60 km/hour both at night and day times.

In [7], the remote monitoring system based on SMS and GSM was implemented. Based on the total design of the system, the hardware and software designed. In this paper, the GSM network is a medium for transmitting the remote signal. This includes two parts that are the monitoring center and the remote monitoring station. The monitoring centers consist of a computer and communication module of GSM. The software-monitoring center and the remote monitoring station implemented by using VB. The result of this demonstration shows that the system can watch and control the remote communication between the monitoring center and the remote monitoring station.

In [8] this paper, the proposed tracking system based on cloud computing infrastructure. The sensors are used to monitor the fuel level, driver conditions, and speed of the vehicle. All the data transferred to cloud server using GSM enabled device. All the vehicles equipped with GPS antenna to locate the place. To avoid the drunk and drive, the alcohol sensor installed to monitor the driver status. The proposed technology significantly avoids the accident in highways.

III. PROPOSED METHOD

In this proposed work, a novel method of vehicle tracking and locking system used to track the theft vehicle by using GPS and GSM technology. This system puts into sleeping mode while the vehicle handled by the owner or authorized person otherwise goes to active mode, the mode of operation changed by in person or remotely. If any interruption occurred in any side of the door, then the IR sensor senses the signals and SMS sends to the microcontroller. The controller issues the message about the place of the vehicle to the car owner or authorized person. When send SMS to the controller, issues the control signals to the engine motor. Engine motor speeds gradually decrease and come to the off place. After that all the doors locked. To open the door or restart the engine, authorized person needs to enter the passwords. In this method, tracking of vehicle place easy and doors locked automatically, thereby thief cannot get away from the car.

A. Block Diagram

The Block diagram of Vehicle tracking and locking system based on GSM and GPS technology is shown in the figure1. It consists the power supply section, keyboard, GSM, GPS, microcontroller, MAX232 driver, relay driver, IR Transmitter, IR receiver, LCD and door locker. The GSM board has a valid SIM card with a sufficient recharge amount to make outgoing calls. The circuits powered by +5v Dc

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![Fig.1 Block Diagram of Vehicle Tracking System.](image-url)
B. Circuit Descriptions

![Fig.2 Power Supply Section](image)

The power supply section is very important for all electronic circuits. The 230V, 50Hz AC mains is stepped down by transformer X1 to deliver a secondary output of 12V, 500 mA. The transformer output is rectified by a full-wave rectifier comprising diodes D1 through D4, filtered by capacitor C1 and regulated by ICs 7812 (IC2) and 7805 (IC3). Capacitor C2 bypasses the ripples present in the regulated supply. LED1 acts as the power indicator and R1 limits the current through LED1. The power supply section is shown in the figure2.

C. GPS Technology

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a satellite based navigation system consists of a network of 24 satellites located into orbit. The system provides essential information to military, civil and commercial users around the world and which is freely accessible to anyone with a GPS receiver. GPS works in any weather circumstances at anywhere in the world. Normally no subscription fees or system charges to utilize GPS. A GPS receiver must be locked on to the signal of at least three satellites to estimate 2D position (latitude and longitude) and track movement. With four or more satellites in sight, the receiver can determine the user's 3D position (latitude, longitude and altitude). Once the vehicle position has been determined, the GPS unit can determine other information like, speed, distance to destination, time and other. GPS receiver is used for this research work to detect the vehicle location and provide information to responsible person through GSM technology.

D. GSM Modem SIM300 V7.03

The GSM modem is a specialized type of modem which accepts a SIM card operates on a subscriber’s mobile number over a network, just like a cellular phone. It is a cell phone without display. Modem sim300 is a triband GSM/GPRS engine that works on EGSM900MHz, DCS1800MHz and PCS1900MHz frequencies. GSM Modem is RS232-logic level compatible, i.e., it takes-3v to -15v as logic high and +3v to +15 as logic low. MAX232 is used to convert TTL into RS232 logic level converter used between the microcontroller and the GSM board. The signal at pin 11 of the microcontroller is sent to the GSM modem through pin 11 of max232, this signal is received at pin2 (RX) of the GSM modem. The GSM modem transmits the signal from pin3 (TX) to the microcontroller through MAX232, which is received at pin 10 of IC1 [9].

Features of GSM

- Single supply voltage 3.2v-4.5v
- Typical power consumption in SLEEP Mode: 2.5mA.
- SIM300 tri-band
- MT, MO, CB, text and PDU mode, SMS storage: SIM card
- Supported SIM Card: 1.8V, 3V

E. AURDUINO UNO

![Fig. 5 Aurduino Uno](image)

The Arduino Uno is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega328. It has 14 digital input/output pins (of which 6 can be used as PWM outputs), 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz crystal oscillator, a USB connection, a power jack, an ICSP header, and a reset button. It contains everything needed to support the microcontroller; simply connect it to a computer with a USB cable or power it with a AC-DC adapter or battery to get started. The Uno differs from all preceding boards in that it does not use the FTDI USB-to-serial driver chip. Instead, it features the Atmega8U2 programmed as a USB-to-serial converter.

**Technical specifications:**

- **Microcontroller ATmega328**
- **Operating Voltage 5V**
- **Input Voltage (recommended) 7-12V**
- **Input Voltage (limits) 6-20V**
- **Digital I/O Pins 14 (of which 6 provide PWM output)**
- **Analog Input Pins 6**
- **DC Current per I/O Pin 40 mA**
- **DC Current for 3.3V Pin 50 mA**
- **Flash Memory 32 KB of which 0.5 KB used by Boot loader**
SRAM 2 KB
EEPROM 1 KB
Clock Speed 16 MHz

Fig. 6 Arduino UNO board.

How to use Arduino?
Arduino can sense the environment by receiving input from a variety of sensors and can affect its surroundings by controlling lights, motors, and other actuators. The microcontroller on the board is programmed using the Arduino programming language (based on Wiring) and the Arduino development environment (based on Processing). Arduino projects can be standalone or they can communicate with software on running on a computer.

Fig. 7 Snapshot of the webpage which shows the live position of the tracking device by using Google map

IV. DEBUGGING AND TESTING PROCESS

A microcontroller-based system is a complex activity that involves hardware and software interfacing with the external world. Doing well design of a microcontroller-based system requires skills to use the variety of debugging and testing tools available. The debugging and testing of microcontroller-based systems divided into two groups: software-only tools and software-hardware tools. Software-only tools come as monitors and simulators, which are independent of the hardware under development. Software-hardware tools are usually hardware dependent, more expensive and range from in-circuit emulators and in-circuit analyzers to in-circuit debuggers. In general, the higher the level of integration with the target hardware, the greater the benefit of a tool, resulting in a shorter development time, but the greater the cost as well. The factors to consider when choosing a debugging tool are cost, ease of use and the features offered during the debugging process. A software simulator is a computer program running on an independent hardware and it simulates the CPU, the instruction set and the I/O of the target microcontroller.

Simulators offer the lowest-cost development tools for microcontroller-based systems and most companies offer their simulator programs free of charge. The user program operated in a simulated environment where the user can insert breakpoints within the code to stop the code and then analyze the internal registers and memory, display and change the values of program variables and so on. Incorrect logic or errors in computations can analyze by stepping through the code in simulation. Simulators run at speeds 100 to 1000 times slower than the actual micro controller hardware and, thus, long time delays should avoid when simulating a program. Micro controller based systems usually have interfaces to various external devices such as motors, I/O ports, timers, A/D converters, displays, push buttons, sensors and signal generators, which are usually difficult to simulate. Some advanced simulators, such as the Proteus from Lab center Electronics allow the simulation of various peripheral devices such as motors, LCDs, 7-segment displays and keyboards, and users can create new peripheral devices. Inputs to the simulator can come from files that may store complex digital I/O signals and waveforms. Outputs can be as form of digital data or waveforms, usually stored in a file, or displayed on a screen. Some simulators accept only the assembly language of the target microcontroller. Most of the microcontroller software has written a high-level language such as C, Pascal or Basic, and it has become necessary to simulate a program has written in a high level language. The software program has written in c or assembly language and compiled using Keil software. After compiler operation, the hex code generated and stored in the computer. The hex code of the program should be loaded into the AT89C52 by using Top win Universal programmer.

A. Hardware Assembling and Testing:
First step, we need to make single side PCB layout for the given circuit diagram. After made the PCB the following process is required to complete the project.

1. Assemble all the components on the PCB based on circuit diagram. TX and RX pins of the GSM modem to pins 13 and 14 of MAX 232 and insert a valid SIM in the GSM modem.
2. Connect the GPS module according to circuit diagram.
3. This system is very useful and secure for car owners.
IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have proposed a novel method of vehicle tracking and locking systems used to track the theft vehicle by using GPS and GSM technology. This system puts into the sleeping mode vehicle handled by the owner or authorized persons; otherwise goes to active mode. The mode of operations changed by persons or remotely. When the theft identified, the responsible people send SMS to the micro controller, then issue the control signals to stop the engine motor. After that all the doors locked. To open the doors or to restart the engine authorized person needs to enter the passwords. In this method, easily track the vehicle place and doors locked.

V. REFERENCES


