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IoT-BASED LEGACY VEHICLE MONITORING SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

Malaysia is one of the countries in the world that does not impose restrictions on the ownership of aged vehicles. To further enhance the safety and driving comfort of legacy vehicles, an Internet of Things smart vehicle system named '(IoT)-based Legacy Vehicle Monitoring System' is designed and developed to fill the gap between legacy vehicles and modern vehicles. A proof-of-concept is being developed to demonstrate the overall working principle of the system in a real-life application.

Keywords: IoT, Smart Vehicle System, Legacy Vehicle, Vehicle Monitoring System

1. INTRODUCTION

Most of the aged vehicles in Malaysia are not equipped with any modern automobile technologies (Owen et al., 2015), such as digital instrument clusters and computer-controlled systems, which leads to a lack of information and feature accessibility to the drivers. Therefore, the needs for comfort and safety are crucial for aged vehicles on the road. An IoT-based Legacy Vehicle Monitoring System is proposed to bridge the gap on aged vehicles, with the following objectives:

- i) To provide ease of access to various information aspects of a vehicle.
- ii) To increase safety level in operating a vehicle on the road by providing meaningful information to a driver.
- iii) To enable a certain level of automation on vehicle features by self-sensing and preprogrammed conditional logic.

2. FINDINGS

An increasing number of vehicles on the market are being developed with various types of advanced assisting features to fulfil the needs of humans to have a good means of transportation in their daily lives. As a direct consequence, the gap between aged vehicles and modern vehicles is getting wider. First of all, modern vehicles with advanced features are relatively expensive, and it is not possible that everyone can afford to purchase them, especially B40 consumers whose average monthly household income is under RM3,860.00 (Radzi et al., n.d.). Besides, the increase of vehicles is also causing a significant rise in the number of road accidents. The latest report by the World Health Organisation (WHO) indicates that 1.35 million people died and 50 million are injured each year due to road accidents (WHO, 2015). However, a vehicle with IoT devices (i.e. sensors) and modern automobile technologies technology can make driving safer by examining the road condition, vehicle's condition and performance, predictive maintenance and warning the drivers at the best possible in order to



reduce and prevent the risk of road accidents (Owen et al., 2015). Not only that, but legacy industries such as automobiles and manufacturing too are now turning to the field of IoT with the intention of improving their business model. The overall IoT enterprise spending grew more than 22% in 2021 to \$158 billion (Wegner, 2022). It is expected that more advanced IoT vehicles will be produced instead of conventional vehicles due to the greater benefits being gained by drivers nowadays. Hence, there will be a gap in the safeness of driving on the road due to the difference in terms of vehicle advancement.

To effectively solve this gap, one possible suggestion is to introduce a 'Legacy Vehicle Monitoring System' to upgrade an aged vehicle with modern IoT technology. This can effectively assist the drivers to continuously drive their aged vehicle with better safety features, lower maintenance efforts, and a better driving experience.

3. METHODOLOGY

To demonstrate and evaluate the effectiveness of this proposed IoT system, an emulation is developed. The emulation is used to mimic the system unit including hardware (e.g., various sensors installed on aged vehicles) and application (e.g., GUI control dashboard on both mobile and web applications). A cloud storage solution is used for remote control access between the system unit and applications.

3.1 Proposed IoT System

3.1.1 Sensors and Relays

The IoT system comprises the following sensor types i.e., temperature and humidity sensor, speed sensor, fuel sensor, and light sensor, as well as relays. Each of these plays a significant role in the system by measuring and reading their respective data, as well as triggering actions. The IoT system will take appropriate actions or warn the drivers if any abnormal readings are collected by these sensors. On the other hand, several output devices are being utilised to provide signals or indications to drivers, like LED lights and buzzers.

3.1.2 Web Application

A graphical user interface (GUI) Web-based application is designed as a primary dashboard view, containing all the important information about the vehicle's status and performance as collected through the sensors, and providing feature controls. HTML, JavaScript, and CSS are used to design the GUI. Through the GUI, a driver can view the historical data and analysis to always monitor their aged vehicle's performance. In practice, methods such as a customised Linux-based system with a direct LCD driver can be considered for GUI output purposes. The interface shall be displayed on a voice-enabled and/or touch-enabled display to enable maximum interactivity for the drivers (Zorrilla et al., 2012).

3.1.3 Mobile Application



Besides the web application, for remote controlling and monitoring purposes, a mobile application is also designed and built. A driver can also view various monitoring information about a vehicle, and control certain features and functions of the vehicle through IoT and cloud technology (Govindraj et al., 2018) while the car is on the road. In practice, the mobile application can be enhanced to allow drivers to control their vehicles in terms of features, such as turning on/off the lights or engine, as well as checking details of their vehicles like mileage and fuel level.

3.1.4 Cloud Storage

A cloud storage solution i.e., Firebase Realtime Database is a cloud-hosted NoSQL database that stores data in JSON format. It is employed in the project to store all of the vehicle information such as engine temperature, and also facilitate the remote-control function over the Internet using both mobile and Web applications. Furthermore, it also allows drivers to globally store and synchronize the vehicle monitoring data (Aladwan et al., 2019). Figure 1 shows the overview setup of the IoT-based Legacy Vehicle Monitoring System:



Figure 1 IoT-based Legacy Vehicle Monitoring System

4. CONCLUSION

This research provides a feasible solution for drivers and owners of aged vehicles, with additional features as well as adding a certain degree of automation to their aged vehicles. The needs for comfort and safety are crucial for aged vehicles on the road. After the development and testing, the IoT-based Legacy Vehicle Monitoring System successfully collected all the telemetry (sensor data) from the Firebase. All readings are presented quickly on the dashboard through both mobile and web applications. From the dashboard, drivers will be able to monitor and get immediate feedback on driving conditions and vehicle performance to promote safety first on the road. The objectives are met, however, this IoT system can be further improved to bring about more automation and control features to make aged vehicles smarter and safer on busy roads in this modern day.

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