# Universiti Teknologi MARA

## Schedule of Tour Guide using Genetic Algorithm

Nur Aishah Rosli

Thesis submitted in fulfilment of the requirements for Bachelor of Computer Sciences (Hons.) Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences

January 2017

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Alhamdulillah, praises and thanks to Allah because of His Almighty and His utmost blessings, I was able to finish this research within the time duration given. First and foremost, I have to thank my project supervisors, Associate Professor Dr. Mazidah Puteh. Without her assistance and dedicated involvement in every step throughout the process, this paper would have never been accomplished. I want to thank you very much for your support and understanding during this project completed.

I would also like to show gratitude to my CSP 650 lecturer, Dr. Hamidah Jantan. Her teaching style and enthusiasm for the subject made a strong impression on me and I have always carried positive memories of her classes with me. She raised many important part in our discussion about project report and presentation and I hope that I have managed to achieve all requirement in this project. Even though I have not had the opportunity to work with my examiners, Mrs. Norlina Mohd Sabri, but I still grateful to her for giving some advice and ideas for articles and preparation of project article and report within the submission time.

In 30 May 2017, I went to several tourism agent or tourism company in Bangi to do research about my domain area of this project which is tourism. I am very grateful to them for taking the time to be interviewed, especially to Marli Travel and Tours Sdn Bhd for willing to help me by giving the necessary data for use in this project. In addition, special thanks to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia for cooperating by providing information related to this project.

Getting through this project required more than academic and moral support, and I have many people to thank for listening to my problem sometimes or having to tolerate with me over this year. Not forgetting the CS230 friends who helped directly or indirectly. They kindly assisted me with the statistical analysis in this project and was very patient with my knowledge gaps in the area. I cannot begin to express my gratitude and appreciation for their friendship. They have been unwavering in their personal and professional support during the time I spent at the University.

Most importantly, none of this could have happened without my family. My parents and siblings, who offered her encouragement through phone calls despite my busy schedule to finish this project before the submission date. I am very grateful for the help in terms of money and encouragement that they give every time I give up.

#### ABSTRACT

Tourism is an activity of travelling to a place for pleasure or for certain purposes which include business tourism, health tourism, sports, and others. Tourist agents play an important role in providing the best service. Now there are many organizations of the tourism industry that manage various activities and provide some tour guides to bring tourists in an effort to improve service quality. Better service quality requires the preparation of an orderly and well-planned schedule. However, the tour guide schedule is created manually, which cause more costs and time wasted. Therefore, the schedule for the tour guides is required for tourists can go to places that they want during their holiday, as well as increase the level of service from a travel agency. Therefore, this paper presents the study on the scheduling techniques and tourism events in Malaysia. The data collection was performed by using the method of interviewing experts or any official resource such as a Tourism Malaysia website. In this paper, genetic algorithm (GA) is the recommended techniques to achieve optimization for scheduling and to come out with a prototype of intelligence schedule for tour guides. Genetic algorithm is effective to plan the schedule of tour guides. The accuracy test shows that the percent of minimum clash or redundant between all the event and tour guide on duty has achieved which is 70%. Thereby, it can improve service of the travel agency and the schedule for the tour guide can be produced more easily. For future works, the schedule maybe can also include the place that tourist want to travel, because currently the schedule only limit to the state that tourist want to travel and also uniform crossover method and inversion mutation method can be apply to get more higher accuracy percentage.

v

## **TABLE OF CONTENT**

#### CONTENT PAGE SUPERVISOR APPROVAL ii STUDENT DECLARATION iii ACKNOWLEDGEMENT . iv ABSTRACT v TABLE OF CONTENTS vi LIST OF FIGURES viii LIST OF TABLES ix LIST OF EQUATIONS х

#### **CHAPTER ONE : INTRODUCTION**

1.1	Background Study	1
1.2	Problem Statement	2
1.3	Project Objectives	3
1.4	Project Scope	4
1.5	Project Significance	4
1.6	Research Methodology Framework	5
1.7	Summary	6

#### **CHAPTER TWO : LITERATURE REVIEW**

2.1	Tourism	7
	2.1.1 Tourism in Malaysia	8
	2.1.2 Tourism Management System	10
	2.1.3 Tourism Agencies	12

	2.1.4 Tour Guide	17
	2.1.5 Tourism Event	19
2.2	Genetic Algorithm	20
	2.2.1 Definition	20
	2.2.2 Technique	21
	2.2.3 Advantages	22
	2.2.4 Limitation	23
	2.2.5 Application	23
	2.2.6 Related Works	25
2.3	Summary	26

## **CHAPTER THREE : METHODOLOGY**

3.1	Preliminary Study	27
3.2	Data Preparation	28
3.3	System Design and Implementation	31
3.4	Result Analysis	36
3.5	Details of Methodology Frameworks	37
3.6	Gantt Chart	39
3.7	Summary	40

## CHAPTER FOUR : ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1	Scheduling of Tour Guide framework	41
4.2	Model Evaluation	43
4.3	Model Analysis	46

### **CHAPTER FIVE : CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1	Contribution	49
5.2	Limitation	49