

ACCIDENT DETECTION AND AMBULANCE RESCUE WITH INTELLIGENT TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

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Abstract: This paper describes Nowadays the road accidents in modern urban areas are increased to uncertain level. The loss of human life due to accident is to be avoided. Traffic congestion and tidal flow are major facts that cause delay to ambulance. To bar loss of human life due to accidents we introduce a scheme called ITLS (Intelligent Traffic Light system). The main theme behind this scheme is to provide a smooth flow for the emergency vehicles like ambulance to reach the hospitals in time and thus minimizing the delay caused by traffic congestion. The idea behind this scheme is to implement ITLS which would control mechanically the traffic lights in the path of the ambulance. The ambulance is controlled by the control unit which furnishes adequate route to the ambulance and also controls the traffic light according to the ambulance location and thus reaching the hospital safely. The controller identifies the location of the accident spot through the sensor systems in the vehicle which determined the accident and thus the controller walks through the ambulance to the spot. This scheme is fully automated, thus it finds the accident spot, controls the traffic lights, helping to reach the hospital in time.

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I. Introduction

Nowadays Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) has been applied in various domains like weather monitoring, military, home automation, health care monitoring, security and safety etc. or in a nut shell one can say wireless sensor network can be applied in

most of the domains. Traffic Signal System or traffic monitoring is a vast domain where WSN can be applied to gather information about the incoming flow of traffic, traffic load on a particular road, traffic load at particular period of time (peak hours) and in vehicle prioritization. WSN installed along a road can be utilized to control the traffic load on roads and at traffic intersections [5], [9].

The sensor nodes that are to be deployed along the road are small in size and have low energy consumption [2], [3]. These sensors run on both battery power as well as solar energy. They have the capability to draw solar energy so that they can use sunlight for functioning in bright and sunny condition and the battery power for functioning at night or in cloudy or foggy condition. Sensors used in the Wireless Sensor Network for traffic signal systems are mainly of two types: i) Intrusive type and ii) Non-Intrusive type [4], [8]. i) Intrusive types of sensor are kept under the road and sense the traffic waiting at the signal. This type of sensor has the same working principle as that of a metal detector. ii) Non-Intrusive types of sensor is fitted on the road. The installation of this type of sensor is easy as no cutting of road is needed to be done. Non-intrusive sensor includes acoustic sensors or video image processors to detect the presence of vehicles waiting at the traffic intersection. Although Intrusive sensors are very effective still Nonintrusive Sensors are preferred over Intrusive sensors as they are cost-effective, easy to install, immune to natural Corrosion and degradation.

II. The Hardware System

Micro controller: This section forms the control unit of the whole project. This section basically consists of a Microcontroller with its associated circuitry like Crystal with capacitors, Reset circuitry, Pull up resistors (if needed) and so on. The Microcontroller forms the heart of the project because it controls the devices being interfaced and communicates with the devices according to the program being written.

ARM7TDMI: ARM is the abbreviation of Advanced RISC Machines, it is the name of a class of processors, and is the name of a kind technology too. The RISC instruction set, and related decode mechanism are much simpler than those of Complex Instruction Set Computer (CISC) designs.

Liquid-crystal display (LCD) is a flat panel display, electronic visual display that uses the light modulation properties of liquid crystals. Liquid crystals do not emit light directly. LCDs are available to display arbitrary images or fixed images which can be displayed or hidden, such as preset words, digits, and 7-segment displays as in a digital clock. They use the same basic technology, except that arbitrary images are made up of a large number of small pixels, while other displays have larger elements.

III. Design of Proposed Hardware

In proposed system if a vehicle has met accidents, immediately an alert message with the location coordinates is sent to the Control center. From the control center, a message is sent to the nearby ambulance. Also signal is transmitted to all the signals in between ambulance and vehicle location to provide RF communication between ambulance and traffic section. The vehicle accident observed using vibration sensor and in the control section it is received by the microcontroller and then the nearby ambulance is received from the PC and controller sends the message to the ambulance. The signal to Traffic signal section is transmitted through RF communication. Also if any fire occurs, it is detected using fire sensor and an alarm message is directly sent to the fire station. Designed to maximize the utilization of LED lighting. The new intelligent

lighting control system should be designed to have the communication capability. The system should be designed to both energy efficiency and user satisfaction.

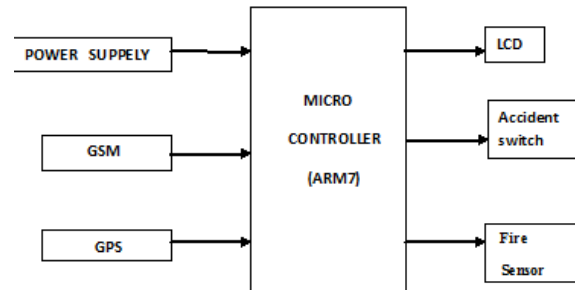


Fig. 1. Vehicle section

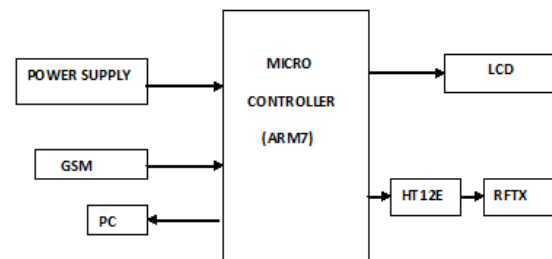


Fig. 2. Monitoring/ambulance section

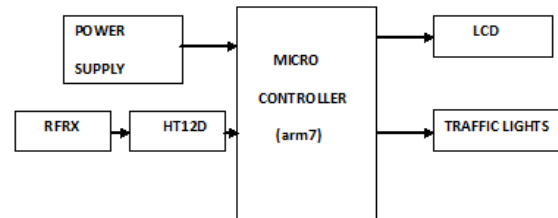


Fig. 3. Traffic signal section:

Board Hardware Resources Features

GPS:

Global Positioning System tracking is a method of working out exactly where something is. A GPS tracking system, for example, may be placed in a vehicle, on a cell phone, or on special GPS devices, which can either be a fixed or portable unit. GPS works by providing

information on exact location. It can also track the movement of a vehicle or person. So, for example, a GPS tracking system can be used by a company to monitor the route and progress of a delivery truck, and by parents to check on the location of their child, or even to monitor high-valued assets in transit.

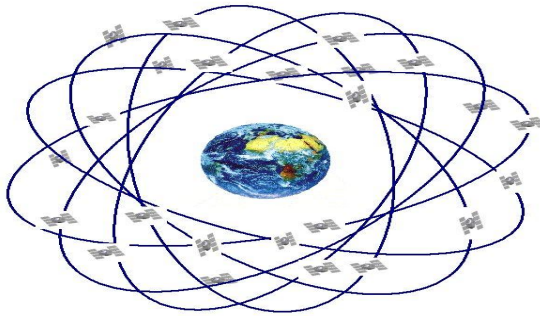


Fig: GPS location tracking

A GPS tracking system can work in various ways. From a commercial perspective, GPS devices are generally used to record the position of vehicles as they make their journeys. Some systems will store the data within the GPS tracking system itself (known as passive tracking) and some send the information to a centralized database or system via a modem within the GPS system unit on a regular basis (known as active tracking) or 2-Way GPS.

GSM

Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) is a set of ETSI standards specifying the infrastructure for a digital cellular service. The SIM900 is a complete Quad-band GSM/GPRS solution in a SMT module which can be embedded in the customer applications. Featuring an industry-standard interface, the SIM900 delivers GSM/GPRS 850/900/1800/1900MHz performance for voice, SMS, Data, and Fax in a small form factor and with low power consumption. With a tiny configuration of 24mm x 24mm x 3 mm, SIM900 can fit almost all the space requirements in your M2M application, especially for slim and compact demand of design.

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a novel idea is proposed for controlling the traffic signals in favor of ambulances during the accidents. With this system the ambulance can be maneuvered from the ITLS can be proved to be effectual to control not only ambulance but also authoritative vehicles. Thus ITLS if implemented in countries with large population like INDIA can produce better results. The ITLS is more accurate with no loss of time. But there may be a delay caused because of GSM messages since it is a queue based technique, which can be reduced by giving more priority to the messages communicated through the controller.

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