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## INTELLIGENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND VEHICLE TRACING SYSTEM

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**Abstract**— In this paper, we proposed an Implementing Intelligent Traffic Control for Congestion, Ambulance clearance, and Stolen Vehicle Detection. This system was implemented based on present criteria that tracking three conditions in those one is heavy traffic control and another one is making a root of emergency vehicle like ambulance and VIP vehicle and finding theft or crime vehicle. Here Each individual vehicle is equipped with special radio frequency identification (RFID) tag (placed at a strategic location), which makes it impossible to remove or destroy. In addition, when an ambulance approaching the junction, it will communicate the traffic controller in the junction through zigbee to turn on the green light.

**Keywords**— ZigBee, GSM, ARM-7, RFID, TRAFFIC

### 1.INTRODUCTION

INDIA is one of the most populous Country in the World and is a fast growing financial prudence. It is seen that terrible road congestion problems in cities. Infrastructure growth is slow as compared to the growth in number of vehicles, due to space and cost bounds .Also, Indian traffic is non-lane based. It needs a traffic control solutions, which are different from the other Countries? Smart management of traffic flows can reduce the negative effect of congestion. In recent years, wireless networks are widely used in the road transport as they provide more cost effective options. Technologies like XBee, GSM and RFID can be used in traffic control to provide cost better solutions. RFID system is a wireless technology that uses radio

frequency electromagnetic energy to carry information between the RFID tag and RFID reader. Some RFID systems will only work within the range inches or centimeters, while others may work for 100 meters or more. A GSM modem is a special type of modem, which accepts a SIM card and operates over a subscription to a mobile operator, just like a mobile phone. The XBee operates at low-power and can be used at all the levels of work configurations to perform predefined tasks. It operates in ISM bands (868 MHz in Europe, 915 MHz in USA and Australia, 2.4 GHz in rest of the world). The whole project is grouped into 5 parts. Sections II talks about the literature survey. Section III discusses about the current problems that exist in making way to an ambulance and

other vehicles. It also talks of how the proposed model will overcome the problems faced in developing Countries as well as developed countries. Section IV gives the implementation details of the proposed model. Section V presents the enhancement of this work.

## 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Traffic congestion is a major problem in cities of developing Countries like India. Growth in urban population and the middle-class segment contribute significantly to the rising number of vehicles in the cities [6]. Congestion on roads eventually results in slow moving traffic, which increases the time of travel, thus stands-out as one of the major issues in metropolitan cities. In [7], green wave system was discussed, which was used to provide clearance to any emergency vehicle by turning all the red lights to green on the path of the emergency vehicle, hence providing a complete green wave to the desired vehicle. A 'green wave' is the synchronization of the green phase of traffic signals. With a 'green wave' setup, a vehicle passing through a green signal will continue to receive green signals as it travels down the road. In addition to the green wave path, the system will track a stolen vehicle when it passes through a traffic light. Advantage of the system is that GPS inside the vehicle does not require additional power. The biggest disadvantage of green waves is that, when the wave is disturbed, the disturbance can cause traffic problems that can be exacerbated by the synchronization.



Fig. 1. Traffic in Bangalore city.

In such cases, the queue of vehicles in a green wave grows in size until it becomes too large and some of the vehicles cannot reach the green lights in time and must stop. This is called over-saturation [12], [13]. In [8], the use of RFID traffic control to avoid problems that usually arise with standard traffic control systems, especially those related to image processing and beam interruption techniques are discussed. This RFID technique deals with multivehicle, multilane, multi road junction areas. It provides an efficient time management scheme, in which, a dynamic time schedule is worked out in real time for the passage of each traffic column. The real-time operation of the system emulates the judgment of a traffic policeman on duty. The number of vehicles in each column and the routing are proprieties, upon which the calculations and the judgments are done. The disadvantage of this work is that it does not discuss what methods are used for communication between the emergency vehicle and the traffic signal controller. In [9], it proposed a RFID and GPS based automatic lane clearance system for ambulance. The focus of this work is to reduce the delay in arrival of the ambulance to the hospital by

automatically clearing the lane, in which, ambulance is travelling, before it reaches the traffic signal. This can be achieved by turning the traffic signal, in the path of the ambulance, to green when the ambulance is at a certain distance from the traffic junction. The use of RFID distinguishes between the emergency and non-emergency cases, thus preventing unnecessary traffic congestion. The communication between the ambulance and traffic signal post is done through the transceivers and GPS. The system is fully automated and requires no human intervention at the traffic junctions. The disadvantage of this system is it needs all the information about the starting point, end point of the travel. It may not work, if the ambulance needs to take another route for some reasons or if the starting point is not known in advance. Traffic is a critical issue of transportation system in most of all the cities of Countries. This is especially true for Countries like India and China, where the population is increasing at higher rate as show in figure 1. For example, Bangalore city, has witnessed a phenomenal growth in vehicle population in recent years. As a result, many of the arterial roads and intersections are operating over the capacity (i.e.,  $v/c$  is more than 1) and average journey speeds on some of the key roads in the central areas are lower than 10 Km/h at the peak hour. In [10], some of the main challenges are management of more than 36,00,000 vehicles, annual growth of 7–10% in traffic, roads operating at higher capacity ranging from 1 to 4, travel speed less than 10 Km/h at some central areas in peak hours, insufficient or no parking space for

vehicles, limited number of policemen. In [11], currently a video traffic surveillance and monitoring system commissioned in Bangalore city. It involves a manual analysis of data by the traffic management team to determine the traffic light duration in each of the junction. It will communicate the same to the local police officers for the necessary actions.

### **3. PROPOSED SYSTEM**

The implementation of proposed system mainly involves three steps, which are Congestion control, Ambulance clearance, and stolen vehicles detects.

#### **A. Automatic Signal Control System**

In this module, for experiment purpose, we have used passive RFID tags and RFID reader with frequency 125 KHz. RFID tag, when vehicle comes in the range of the receiver will transmit the unique RFID to the reader. The microcontroller connected to the RFID reader will count the RFID tags read in 2 minute duration. For testing purpose, if the count is more than 10, the green light duration is set to 30 seconds, if count is between 5 and 9, the green light duration is set to 20 seconds. If the count is less than 5, the green light duration is set to 10 seconds. The red light duration will be for 10 seconds and orange light duration will be for 2 seconds. Figure 3 implementation for automatic signal control and stolen vehicle detection system.

#### **B. Stolen Vehicle Detection System**

In this module, for testing purpose, we compare the unique RFID tag read by the RFID reader to the stolen RFIDs stored in the system. If a match is found, then the

traffic signal is immediately turned to red for a duration of 30 seconds.

### **C. Emergency Vehicle Clearance System**

In this module, there are 2 parts, first part which is ZigBee transmitter is placed in the emergency vehicle. When the switch is pressed, it will transmit the signal. The signal contains unique id and security code. The transmitter contains ARM7 microcontroller and ZigBee module. The microcontroller sends the commands and data to the ZigBee via serial communication. Second part is the receiver, which is placed at traffic pole. It contains AT89S52 microcontroller and ZigBee module. The receiver compares the security code received to the security code present in its database. If it matches, then it will turn the green light on. For testing purpose, we used short range RFID reader in our prototype. First, the receiver part is turned on. The red and green signal will be on for 10 seconds duration and orange light will be on for 2 seconds duration one after the other. Secondly, we bring the RFID of stolen vehicle into the range of RFID reader. Then the signal will turn to red for duration of 30 seconds and a SMS is received. Thirdly, we bring RFIDs into the range of RFID reader, and then the green light duration will change to 30 seconds. Fourthly, we bring an emergency vehicle carrying ZigBee transmitter into the range of ZigBee receiver, and then the traffic light will change to green till the receiver receives the ZigBee signal.

### **4. WORKING MODEL**

Under the proposed work, each intersection contains RFID reader. The road

is divided into two lanes. Each lane has its RFID to track the vehicles to passing through it. Each intersection point has its own data base to store the information regarding to vehicles that passes from it with timestamp and traffic light. Every vehicle has a RFID enabled device that stores a vehicle identification number (VIN). Every vehicle has its unique VIN number that provides the information that regarding the priority of vehicle and type of vehicle. With the help of VIN we can uniquely identify the vehicle and its owner. Vehicle Identification Number:- In the proposed work RFID, tag will store vehicle identification number. These numbers is divided in three parts. First part represents the priority of the vehicles. Next part represents the type of vehicle and next, digit represents the vehicle number. In the proposed work, different types of vehicles have different type of priorities. Vehicles are divided into 4 categories. First system category includes Ambulance, Fire brigade vehicles and VIP vehicles. These vehicles have a highest priority. The second category includes the buses school and colleges buses. These buses need to reach their destination on time so these vehicles also need a fast service. Third category includes the car, motorcycle and scooter and forth category includes the heavy vehicles. Day time priority of 3rd category is high as compare to 4th category but during night hours the priority of heavy vehicles is high.

## 4.1 Block diagram

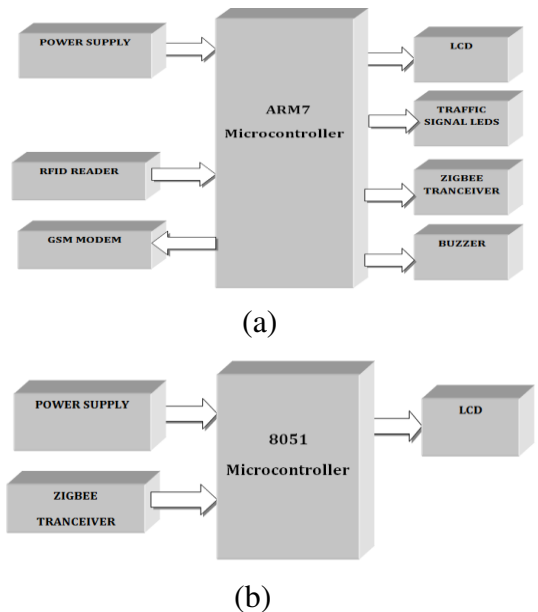


Fig.2 (a) traffic signal node1 (b) traffic signal node2

## 4.2 Block diagram explanation

### (a). Power Supply Unit:

When working with electronics, you always need one basic thing: Power. In every electronic circuit power supply is required. The proper working of each and every component, it is important to supply the exact amount of voltage and current. If the power exceeds its limit, it can be fatal. The +5 volt power supply is based on the commercial 7805 voltage regulator IC. This IC produces a steady +5 volt output, accurate to within 5% (0.25 volt). It also contains current-limiting circuitry and thermal overload protection, so that the IC won't be damaged in case of excessive load current; it will reduce its output voltage instead. LM1117 regulator is used to get 3.3v.

### (b). ZIGBEE MODULE:

The CC2500 is a RF module and has transceiver, which provides an easy way to use RF communication at 2.4 GHz. Every CC2500 is equipped with the ARM-7, which contains Unique Identification Number (UIN). This UIN is based on the registration number of the vehicle. One of the most important features is serial communication without any extra hardware and no extra coding. Hence, it is a transceiver as it provides communication in both directions, but only one direction. The ARM-7 and CC2500 always communicate with ARM-7 via serial communication. Rx pin of CC2500 is connected to Tx (RC6) of microcontroller and Tx pin of CXC2500 is connected to Rx pin of microcontroller (RC7). Other two pins are used to energize transceiver.

### Features of zigbee:

1. Operating frequency-2.4GHz.
2. Supply Voltage-2.8 to 3.4 V.
3. Urban range-100 ft.
4. RF data rate -250000bps.

### (c).GSM Module:

GSM modem is connected with the ARM-7 microcontroller. This allows the computer to use the GSM modem to communicate over the mobile network. These GSM modems are most frequently used to provide mobile Internet connectivity, many of them can also be used for sending and receiving SMS and MMS messages. GSM modem must support an "extended AT command set" for sending/receiving SMS messages. GSM modems are a cost effective solution for receiving SMS messages, because the sender is paying for the message

delivery. SIM 300 is designed for global market and it is a tri-band GSM engine. It works on frequencies EGSM 900 MHz, DCS 1800 MHz and PCS 1900 MHz. SIM900 features GPRS multi-slot class 10/class 8 (optional) and supports the GPRS coding schemes. This GSM modem is a highly flexible plug and play quad band GSM modem, interface to RS232, it supports features like voice, data, SMS, GPRS.

(d).RFID:

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is an IT system that transmits signals without the presence of physical gadgets in wireless communication. It is categorized under automatic identification technology, which is well established protocol. The working of an RFID system is very simple. The system utilizes tags that are attached to various components to be tracked. The tags store data and information concerning the details of the product of things to be traced. The reader reads the radio frequency and identifies the tags. The antenna provides the means for the integrated circuit to transmit its information to the reader. There are two types of RFID categories, active and passive tags. The tags that do not utilize power are referred to as passive and they are driven by an antenna that enables the tag to receive electromagnetic waves from a reader. On the contrary, active tags rely on power and they have inbuilt power sources that enable it to send and receive signals from RFID reader. RFID range depends on transmit power; receive sensitivity and efficiency, antenna, frequency, tag orientations, surroundings. Typically, the RFID range is from a few

centimeters to over hundred meters. FID reader uses frequency 125 KHz with a range of 10 cm.

## 5. CONCLUSION:

As the entire system is automated, it requires very less human intervention. With stolen vehicle detection possible junctions. Emergency vehicles need to reach their destinations at the earliest. If they spend a lot of time in traffic jams. With emergency vehicle clearance, the traffic signal turns to green as long as the emergency vehicle is waiting in the traffic junction. The signal turns to red, only after the emergency vehicle passes through. Currently, it is implemented system by considering one road of the traffic junction. Further we can implement the system with the NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION, to reduce the implementation cost and also getting more and accurate information about the vehicle.

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