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An rPark-branded Proposed Smart Occupancy Detection System for Parking

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ABSTRACT

Due to the growing of the city population, progressively more vehicles are moving through the urban area in demand for parking lots, often causal to the worldwide difficulty of traffic jams. The existing parking system does not have a decent method to know whether the slots are empty or not. So, the user/driver has to rummage around to find an empty slot. As a result, there is a lot of traffic jam on the road, which destroys the normal life of the people. This paper focuses on how to improve the existing parking lot's occupancy detection system in a scientific way and proposed the smart parking occupancy detection system named rPark. rPark is offered as an innovative technique for detecting parking occupancy. For the initial stage, Ultra High Frequency static RFID chips are installed on the asphalt and cross-examined by RFID interrogator antennas over the parking spots to notice the usage status. A maximum of the difficulties of the existing state-of-the-art parking usage recognition methods are not existing in this scheme. rPark was examined and employed to illustrate an experimental analysis in a physical domain out-of-doors parking spot and has been verified to have a system's parking detection accuracy is about 100%.

Keywords: rPark; smart parking; parking lot; RFID; cloud database

INTRODUCTION

In modern era, transportations have gradually turned a vital cost-effective, green, and political affair. As the city populace is increasing, heavy city motility is transported around and numerous transport difficulties originate. The important interest realized by equally administrators along with the public is thru concerns to the reckless necessity to mitigate the transportation bottleneck. Parking Guidance and Info methods give the parkers with dynamic info within organized zones roughly the vacancy of lots and guidance to parkers. Information roughly the availability of lots is removed from devices installed on or off the street, after that this information are transferred to the parkers over Virtual Message Sign on the street or via the Net (Peffers 2007), (Arnott 2016). Parking Guidance and Info methods are a legacy of the universal launch of Intellectual Transport Schemes in city regions. PGI's are modeled to minimize the parking trace time which severely decreases transportation blocking.

Simultaneously, a substantial sum of studies has been directed in the domain of Parking Booking Methods (PBM) which permits the travelers to get lots info earlier or throughout their/travelers ride and get assured slot bookings at their/travelers preferred terminuses (Lu, E. H. C. 2018). The Parking Reservation Scheme generally incorporates PGI methods for the parking spots observing module. The bookings module, which is normally an online facility examined by the Net, cell phone, or else SMS, is liable for getting bookings demands and efficiently proposing parking bookings that meet the parkers' requirements. The bookings proposals can be produced depending on Parking Spot Optimization Job (PSOJ) which is normally modeled to maximize the lot resource utilization, minimize the parkers' price, or equally. PBM guarantees to decrease parking finding time, offers dynamic parking info, assurances of parking at a ride terminus, ease parking fee, increase parkers' parking knowledge, enhance parking spots supervision, augment parking resources utilization and enhance overall profits.

PGI methods and PBM are two illustrations of state-of-the-art initiatives to facilitate transportation blocking triggered by the parking finding, though there are other frequent methods to handle similar problems, for example, Transit-oriented Parking, Computerized Parking, and the utilization of diverse parking costing methods, like dynamic costing. Acceptable though all this is, this paper proposes to lessen some important limitations lodged contrary to the improvements so far in this field of research. The way out introduced here proposes smarter parking occupancy detection mechanisms i.e., rPark an smart parking occupancy detection system that will assist with building a portable and real-time detecting system that makes the computing and communication abilities completely play and smartly coordinated with clients.

LITERATURE REVIEW

To fix the parking issue, different forms of PGI schemes have been advanced (Y. Ji 2014) (F. Caicedo 2010). PGI schemes give the parkers with info about the vacant parking places in precise ranges through Virtual Memo Signatures (VMS) on the street or by way of the net (Peffers 2007) (Arnott 2016). Former researchers, (Waterman 2014) (Y. Geng. 2013) express that PGI schemes commit to decreasing the total transportation bottleneck by helping drivers notice vacant parking spots without killing high times in queuing at vehicle park entries. A PGI method normally contains four major segments: parking observing system, parking spot info publication, telecommunications net, and regulator hub (Waterman 2014). Traditional PGI methods normally usage blocks and UPC engines to compute cars arriving and leaving the parking places (Singh 2015). Yet, neither the parker nor the owner informs the usage standing of precise parking lots. Though a few PGI methods apply sensors else cameras by inserting this equipment in the margin of the parking range for car recognition in addition to observation (Arnott 2016).

Sensors for parking spot observing might be categorized either 'On-Street' or else 'Off-Street' (Lu, E. 2018). 'On-Street' sensors are either tagged to the ground of the street or else fixed into it; instances are the magnetic sensor, air-filled tube, loop sensor, acoustic sensor, RFID, and piezoelectric sensor. 'Off-Street' sensors are positioned beyond the street; instances are the CCTV cameras, infrared sensors, and ultrasonic sensors. In the subsequent segment, we present a summary of the parking spot observing sensors.

Even if PGI methods give the drivers with info about the available parking slots and could also provide path direction to them, this yet does not fix the parking difficulties. This is because of the reality of "numerous vehicles racing the same parking space" (Hilmani, A. 2018). Indeed, this is the situation in heavy transportation, and the corollaries are not bounded to a raise in transportation jamming, gas loss, ecological destruction, and parker annoyance.

The improvement of Parking Booking Methods (PBM) is a different idea on the part of Intelligent Transportation System to give the parkers with definite bookings of parking spots like there are no parkers' entrance clashes above parking spots (Aljohani 2021). The advantages of PBM are even beyond fixing the transportation jamming dilemma, PBM methods perhaps optimized to enlarge the parking resources usage and parking profits, lessen the parkers' price role, or both. A parker's price role occasionally forms the real parking cost and the outing hour or the way the parker has to occupy to arrive at the parking spot.

The primary elements of PBM comprise a certain time parking disposal checking method, a parking booking actions hub (the core booking model/algorithms run here), also a communication method between parkers and PBM (Gupta 2021).

PROPOSED SYSTEM AND METHODOLOGY

Figure 1 graphically shows our proposed system. From the figure, we see that our proposed rPark: Smart Parking Occupancy Detection System has three main components like Authority, RFID tags, antennas and reader, and Parking lot.

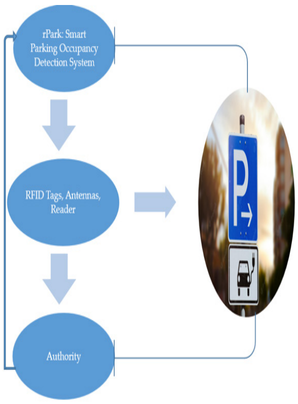

FIGURE 1. Proposed Parking System

The parking admin controls the parking lot with the help of implemented iOS parking apps. The parking apps collect occupancy status from the cloud database, and the occupancy status is measured and stored in the cloud database using our proposed smart parking occupancy detection system.

DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF OUR PROPOSAL ARE DISCUSSED HERE ONE BY ONE:

iOS App: This segment is used by the user and admin to properly utilize the parking lot. With the help of this developed app, a user can book and access his booked slot within the specified time period. Users can enjoy a high detection facility while using this app because the app is designed following our proposed occupancy detection mechanism. In the result section, we observed that our proposed occupancy detection systems' parking detection accuracy is about 100%. The apps' login interface is given in Figure 2.

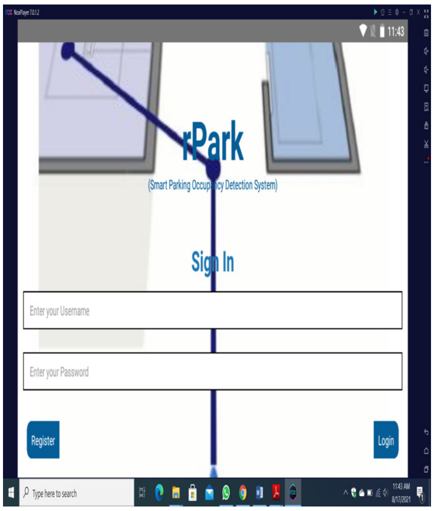

FIGURE 2. rPark login interface

RFID Tags, Antennas and Reader: The finest RFID chip that fits our proposed rPark scheme is chosen by verifying different functionality of numerous RFID chips. Resulting in that, the chosen RFID chip, Radio-frequency identification reader and the Radio-frequency identification interrogator antenna are verified for the biggest read-scale dimension, both hypothetically and practically. Finally, the rPark schemes' performance is analyzed in an out-of-doors parking spot. The novel RFID detection method is analyzed in classic out-of-doors vehicle parking spot settings, as presented in Figure 3 and Figure 4. Here three dissimilar tasks were examined. The main function is car parking over an RFID chip. The 2nd task analyzes the result of reading an RFID chip installed in an empty parking slot when other cars are parked in the adjacent parking slots. The 3rd task searches the possible shortcomings of the rPark scheme in a physical world parking setting where the public and vehicles are haphazardly shifting around.

FIGURE 3. Out-of-doors parking spot a) Antenna, interrogator of RFID placed then linked to an out-of-doors parking spot.

In all the succeeding tests, i.e., simulation environment, the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) interrogator antenna was placed indoors a foam at about 2000cm off from the RFID chips and was positioned 500cm beyond the base plane. As well, the diffusing power was fixed to the highest of 1W conferring to the Federal Communications Commission's rules. The results of all tests are presented and discussed in the results section and the experimental environment are shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4 i.e., Out-of-doors parking spot. Figure 3). Antenna, interrogator of RFID placed then linked to an out-of-doors parking spot. and Figure 4). Static chip on the pitch and adapted to the interrogator aerial.

FIGURE 4. Out-of-doors parking spot b) Static chip on the pitch and adapted to the interrogator aerial.

Authority: With the help of developed apps, the parking admin or authority can manage his/her parking lot and make more profit in this way. He/she is the sole authority of the parking lot. The parking admin can simultaneously monitor his/her parking lot by using the developed iOS apps and in this way his/her lots are utilized properly without any kind of pressure. In this way, the utilization of resources is properly handled and the parking admin can earn more and more profits from his/her parking lot, and the users are also satisfied by using the parking lot in their expected way.

FIGURE 5. rPark registration interface

Figure 5 shows the developed rPark apps' registration interface. With help of this interface a user can registered in the system and access the parking information also the authority can know how many users are accessed their parking spot.

SIMULATION RESULTS OF OUR PROPOSAL

We perform the following simulations/tests based on the discussed out-of-doors parking set-up.

OBJECT STATUS EXAMINATION

The detection method is operating in theory actually, while to analyze the fundamental dissimilar circumstances for the parking setting to advance the detection precision. First of all, it is crucial to confirm that the RFID chip installed in an empty parking slot might be examined when enclosed by cars in adjacent parking slots.

As represented in Figure 6, 4 object statuses were analyzed: i) empty with no adjacent vehicles, ii) empty with a vehicle in one sideways, iii) empty with vehicles in both sideways, and iv) empty with a vehicle in back sideways. The consequences illustrate that while the chip in an empty parking slot is enclosed by cars, the chip is yet to be read and examined. Additionally, the Received Signal Strength Indicator somewhat improves on average in the three states as in comparison to the empty and no vehicles status.

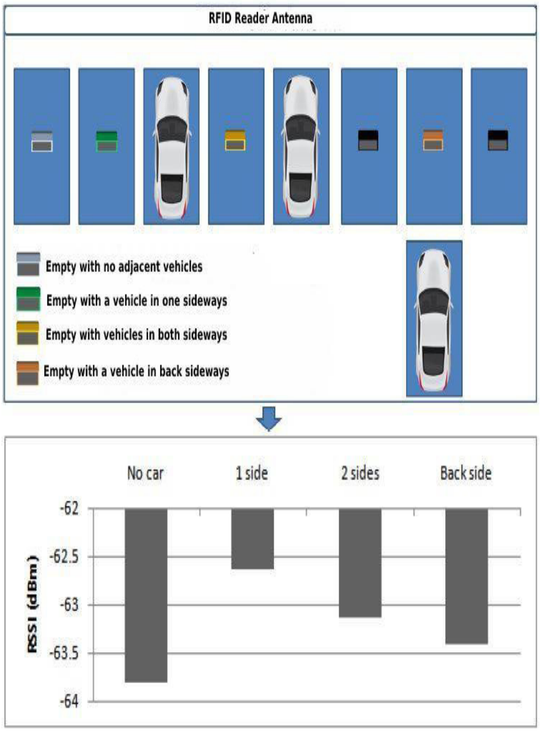

FIGURE 6. Avg. RSSI for four dissimilar object statuses. i) empty with no adjacent vehicle, ii) empty with a vehicle in one sideways, iii) empty with vehicles in both sideways, and iv) empty with a vehicle in back sideways.

DETECTION PRECISION

Depending on the preceding examination, the detection method can generate wrong parking noticing when a transient item changes the view between the Radio Frequency Identification antennas and the chips. Henceforth, a detection window method will be assumed to alleviate this. For example, on the contrary of determining the usage status of parking spots in actual time with no deferral, the determination will be completed at each determined interval, so-called look-out time (τ). This will authorize the RFID interrogator to read the chips many instances prior to producing the chip's report. To decide the smallest look-out time (τ) for the top noting precision, 4 chips have placed in the nearness of the Radio Frequency Identification interrogator antenna as displayed in Figure 7.

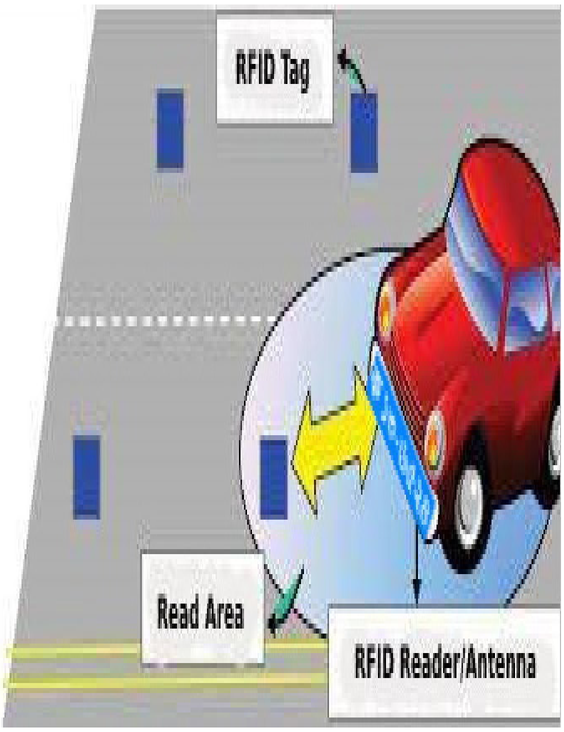

FIGURE 7. Experimental study in an out-of-doors parking spot.

Thus, if a car or an individual gridlocked the radio interface for some moments and so forth gone, ensured that the parking slot was empty, the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) interrogator wishes yet disclose the chip Electronic Product Code and the slot will be noticed as empty.

The RFID interrogator was then designed to read the chips and produce the chips report each dissimilar look-out time. Besides, this test was completed in the existence of crossing vehicles and people. The detecting precision of the RFID detecting method is calculated based on the 'empty determination ratio (EDR)' along with the 'usage determination ratio (UDR)'. The detecting ratio in common is the rate of 1 to 0 noticing of the status of the slots- in turn empty or engaged.

Table 5.2 Look-out time versus precision

τ (seconds)	0.6	2	4	6	12	14
EDR	22%	44%	78%	89%	97%	99.99%
UDR	100%	100%	100%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%

τ: Look-out time. EDR: 'Empty' determination ratio. UDR: 'Usage' determination ratio.

Table 1 shows, the empty determination ratio (EDR) is considerably altered by the look-out time τ. At τ = 0.6secs, incorrect empty determination is more than 65%. This is mainly since an item will occupy thoroughly some moments in the crossing method. The empty determination ratio (EDR) is then detected to raise by roughly 22% following each second increase to the look-out time (τ). Lastly, when look-out time (τ) is fixed to 14sec, the empty determination ratio (EDR) is 99.99%. On different indicators, the usage determination ratio (UDR) is seen to be 99.99% for any known look-out time (τ) as projected. From this discussion, we infer that a value greater than 14sec for the look-out time (τ) follow in a vigorous detection result.

CONCLUSION

The proposed rPark system, we shown for the 1st time that Ultra High Frequency static Radio Frequency Identification chips installed on the asphalt which is utilized to notice the usage status of parking spots. This is accomplished by secure RFID interrogator antennas that cross-examine the RFID chips positioned on the asphalt for pre-defined period intervals and bring up-to-date the database server that broadcasts the parking lot's status to user actions. The scan chips infer 'empty' parking spots and the residue infer 'usage' parking spots. Depending on those tests in our experimental environment, we observed that our systems' parking detection accuracy is about 100%. In future, more tests will be carried out, for example, the parking decision and the consequence of crossing persons and vehicles on the rPark scheme noting precision.

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