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| **Smart Systems for Occupancy and Building Energy Control (SSOBEC)** |
| Feasibility |
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Abstract

Smart Systems for Occupancy and Building Energy Control is an application that provides information on occupancy behavior and energy consumption in buildings. This will include having the occupancy in different zones, artificial and natural lighting information, and temperature inside and outside the building, plug load information, prediction for air condition, prediction for consumption of some appliances and prediction for the monthly costs. This application will display the information in real time that can help to teach people to use the electricity in an efficient way.

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1. Introduction

Currently the use of the electricity is very important for much of our activities. Through the use of the energy we can have a better quality of life. Their use is indispensable and we hardly stop to think about the importance and benefits of using electricity in an effective way.

Learning to use and save electrical energy should be a priority for everyone. When people create good habits and attitudes to save energy, they can achieve a greater efficient use of electricity, rational use of energy resources, a better protection of the family economy and the preservation of our natural environment. In order to support this objective we offer the Smart Systems for Occupancy and Building Energy Control, a software designed to easily manage the use of the energy through a sensor network. This application not only is an easy way to save energy but also it can be a valuable tool to teach you how to save energy.

1.1 Problem definition

United States of America is one of the countries that has the one of the higher energy consumption at homes and in buildings and it should be continue increasing over the time. According to EIA in 2013 (U.S. Energy Information Administration) the 40% of the consume of energy in this country was in residential and commercial building.

Today, many of luxuries that we have require a lot of energy. For example, nowadays we can keep rooms with a comfortable temperature, heat water for bathing and hand washing, provide lighting, and power for TV, computer, appliances, and other technologies. Their use are indispensable for us that is why we need to make possible changes in order save energy. Occupancy behaviors have been identify as a major cause of uncertainty in evaluation of energy performance in building. The ability to save energy in residential and commercial building is considered the top priorities associates with this project.

1.2 Background

This application provides information on occupancy behavior and energy consumption in buildings for users and can give the user information about energy performance. This include having the occupancy in different zones, natural and artificial lighting information, temperature, and plug load. The information should be displayed in forms of graphs and visualization dashboards. Also, this application can store the data and filter the data and do analysis and then visualize it.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

Below is a list of definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Users**: Persons who uses the application to track energy consumption for their rooms.

**Android Studio**: Is the official IDE that it is used by Android application development based on IntelliJ IDEA.

**ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS:**

**SSOBEC**: Is an app which aims to help people learn to reduce the consume of energy.

**EIA:** U.S. Energy Information Administration

**DB**: Database

**FIU**: Florida International University

**SCIS**: School of Computing & Information Sciences

**App**: Application

**EIA**: U.S. Energy Information Administration

1.4 Overview of document

The Feasibility Study and the Project Plan cover a lot of details of the Smart Systems for Occupancy and Building Energy Control. Chapter 1 provide general information like problem definition, background information and definitions, acronyms and abbreviation for this project. Chapter 2, provide a feasibility study with covers the system that will be implemented, and the limitations and constraints of the current system. Chapter 3, describe the project and give information about the hardware and software that will be used. Chapter 4, provides Appendix that have the objective to provide information about the Gantt chart, Feasibility Matrix, Cost Matrix and diary of meeting. As a final point, provide the works used as references.

2. Feasibility Study

The feasibility study explores the idea of Smart Systems for Occupancy and Building Energy Control from a practical point of view. At the start, it make a research to make sure that there is no system developed capable of bring to an end the desired tasks. Then, it describe the overall purpose of the Smart Systems for Occupancy and Building Energy Control, and how the features of the SSOBEC system will easily manage the use of the energy through a sensor network in order to save energy. After that, the high-level requirement are described and following the alternatives to certain aspect of SSOBEC system are analyzed. Finally, The recommendation for the project.

2.1 Description of Current System

The current system does not provide a smart approach to compare energy consumption of the building along with occupancy behavior of the people in the different zones of the building. A user can measure how much energy is consumed only after he/she reads the utility bills of each month. The user does not know which rooms consume more energy than others, or which rooms waste more energy when they are left empty and electricity is being used. There is no system that notifies a user when his/her room is currently empty and wasting energy. The user can see the amount of energy usage there has been for a period of time but cannot identify how much of that energy was not consumed efficiently.

2.2 Purpose of New System

The new system aims to implement a new kind of way of measuring energy by taking into account how much energy is consumed efficiently vs. how much is wasted. It will accomplish this by observing the occupancy behavior of the residents of each zone in the building.

2.3 High level Definition of User Requirements

The use will require to own an Android device (either a smartphone or tablet) with access to the internet. For the user to have access to the application, he/she needs to be either a facility manager or an owner of one or more rooms in the facility.

Functional requirements

Android Application:

* The system shall allow legitimate users to login through the application (see use case ID: SSOBEC01-Login in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to logout through the application (see use case ID: SSOBEC02-Logoutin Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to create account through the application (see use case SSOBEC03- Create Account in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view temperature inside the building through the application (see use case ID: SSOBEC04-View temperature inside the buildingin Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view temperature outside the building through the application (see use case ID: SSOBEC05- View temperature outside the building in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view zone through the application (see use case SSOBEC06- View Zonein Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view plug load through the application (see use case SSOBEC07- View Plug Load in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view occupancy through the application (see use case SSOBEC08- View Occupancy in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view artificial lighting through the application (see use case SSOBEC09- View Artificial Lighting in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view natural lighting through the application (see use case SSOBEC10- View Natural Lighting in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view statistic information for lighting through the application (see use case SSOBEC11- View statistic information for lighting in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view statistic information for occupancy through the application (see use case SSOBEC12- View statistic information for occupancy in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view statistic information for temperature through the application (see use case SSOBEC13- View statistic information for temperature in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to view statistic information for plug load through the application (see use case SSOBEC14- View statistic information for plug load in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to predict a zone more likely to waste energy through the application (see use case SSOBEC15- Predict a zone more likely to waste energy in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)
* The system shall allow users to predict how energy saving literacy saves energy through the application (see use case SSOBEC16- Predict a zone more likely to waste energy in Appendix A and use case diagram in section 4.1.2)

2.4 Alternative Solutions

These sections 2.4.1 throughout 2.5 describe the alternative implementation for this Smart System for Occupancy and Building Energy Control project.

2.4.1 Description of Alternatives

Different solutions include a Web Application, and Android Application.

The first alternative solution was a Web Application. It is easy to update and maintain without distributing and installing software. Web application help you to gain information and collect data.

The second solution was an Android Application. Nowadays Android application has been increasing their popularity. The user has the option to select an Android phone or an Android tablet to show that it has good accessibility.

2.4.2 Selection Criteria

Since selecting a right project is a serious decision for the project to be a success, we focus on the following criteria to make our selection:

1. **Project timeline**: It is important to know that the project should be finished in a reasonable period of time.
2. **Team availability**: It is necessary to know the amount of time that each team member has to support this project.
3. **Impact on service quality**: It is very important that the product owner is happy with the work of the developer.
4. **Benefits**: It is necessary to have an analysis of cost-benefit that this project should have.
5. **Customer impact**: It is important to develop a project with the audience in mind.
6. **Solution clarity**: It is a good idea to identify the true solution. The solution should already be known by the developer.

2.4.3 Analysis of Alternatives

Since the accessibility to the application and the increasing of the popularity it is very important for developers, they decided to create an Android application. Also, the developer are sure that they can manage their time to finish the project in a reasonable period of time. The cost-benefit was another point that they take into account. But, the most important thing for them was that the developer have a good clarity of the goal that they want to achieve and the impact that an android application like this should have in the economy.

2.5 Recommendations

The alternative chosen consists of developing an android application. The fact that the Android application has been increasing in their popularity and the easy accessibility make the developers take their decision.

3. Project Plan

This chapter provides a lot of details about how the project will proceed, containing Gantt charts, hardware requirements, and role specification. Also, between the project organizations we specifies the role assignments for each member. In addition, the hardware and software requirements specify the necessary requisites to implement and operate the Smart System for occupancy and Building Energy Control as well as the development environment. Finally, the work breakdown show the identification of tasks, milestones and deliverables along with their dependencies.

3.1 Project Organization

The following table show how the roles are broken down for the deliverable of this project.

3.1.1 Project Personnel Organization

This section show the assignment of roles during the realization of the project:

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| **GROUP MEMBERS** | | **SOFTWARE** | **TESTING** | **PRESENTATION** | **DOCUMENTATION** |
| Maria Presa | X | | X | X | X |
| Dalaidis Hidalgo | X | | X | X | X |

Table 3.1.1.1 Project Organization

3.1.2 Hardware and Software Resources

**HARDWARE**

* Computer that has a 1.6 GHz or faster processor
* 1GB(32 Bit) RAM
* 3GB of available hard disk space
* Mobile phone
* Tablet with Android

**SOFTWARE**

* Git
* GitHub
* Google Drive
* Gmail
* Android Studio
* Mingle
* StarUML
* SQL
* PHPMyAdmin
* Source Tree
* Camtasia
* Gimp
* Notebook++
* SqliteBrowser
* Putty
* Vertabelo
* Visio 2013
* LAMP

3.2 Identification of Tasks, Milestones and Deliverables

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| **MILESTONE** | **TASK AND DELIVERABLE** |
| Documentation | * Feasibility Study * Project Plan * System Design * Object Design |
| Environment Setup | * Android Studio * JDK 8 * Source Tree * Git * Github * StarUML * Visio 2013 * LAMP * Vertabelo * PHPMyAdmin * SqliteBrowser * Google Drive * Mingle |
| UI Design (Project) | * Login * Logout * View temperature inside the building * View temperature outside the building * View Zone * View Plug Load * View Occupancy * View Artificial Lighting * View Natural Lighting * View statistics information for lighting * View statistics information for occupancy * View statistics information for temperature * View statistics information for plug load * Predict a zone more likely to waste energy * Predict how energy saving literacy saves energy * Create Account |

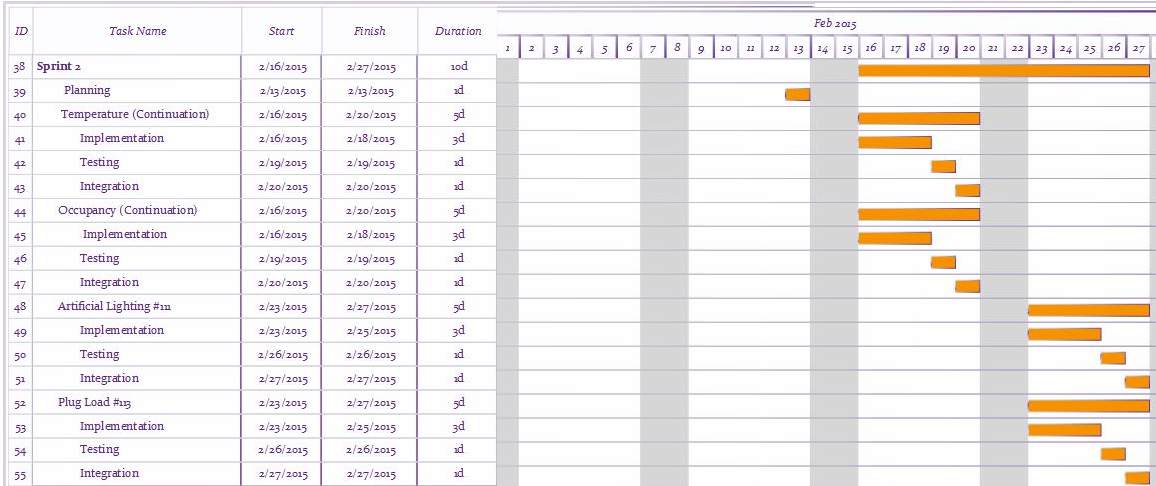
4. Appendix

4.1 Appendix A - Project schedule

This appendix displays the project planning schedule for the Smart System for Occupancy and Building Energy Control.







4.2 Appendix B – Feasibility Matrix

4.3 Appendix C – Cost Matrix

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| **RESOURCES** | **QUANTITY** | **COST** |
| PC (Hardware) | 2 | $0.00 |
| Smart Phone Android | 2 | $0.00 |
| Tablet | 2 | $0.00 |
| MySQL | 2 | $0.00 |
| Development |  | $0.00 |
| Testing |  | $0.00 |
| Total Cost |  | $0.00 |

4.4 Appendix D – Diary of Meetings

Following are the diary entries for all of our meetings throughout the semester.

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| ***DATE*** | *January 21, 2015* |
| ***Location*** | *FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus ECS 212B* |
| ***Start*** | *5:00 pm* |
| ***End*** | *6:30 pm* |
| ***In Attendance*** | *Leonardo Bobadilla*  *Ali Mostafavi*  *Maria Presa Reyes*  *Dalaidis Hidalgo Arencibia* |
| ***Late*** | *N/A* |
| ***Agenda*** | *- General Background of the project*  *- Collect User Stories*  *- Begin to work with Feasibility Study* |
| ***Summary of Discussion*** | *-Meeting Time (All  weeks)* |
| ***Assigned Tasks*** | *-Create Google Drive to share our document between us.*  *- Continue working with user stories to improve our work.* |

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| ***DATE*** | *January 26, 2015* |
| ***Location*** | *FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus ECS 212B* |
| ***Start*** | *4:00 pm* |
| ***End*** | *5:10 pm* |
| ***In Attendance*** | *Leonardo Bobadilla*  *Ali Mostafavi*  *Maria Presa Reyes*  *Dalaidis Hidalgo Arencibia* |
| ***Late*** | *N/A* |
| ***Agenda*** | *- Product Backlog*  *- Feasibility Study*  *-Project Plan*  *-System Design*  *-Object Design*  *-Name Android Application* |
| ***Summary of Discussion*** | *-Programs and tool to use in our application.* |
| ***Assigned Tasks*** | *-Dr. Leonardo Bobadilla and Dr. Ali Mostafavi make the selection of the Name of the Android Application.*  *-Continue working with the documentation in order to try to do the most that we can.*  *-Make a selection of the Linux machine for the Database.* |

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| ***DATE*** | *January 30, 2015* |
| ***Location*** | *FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus ECS 212B* |
| ***Start*** | *4:00 pm* |
| ***End*** | *5:00 pm* |
| ***In Attendance*** | *Leonardo Bobadilla*  *Ali Mostafavi*  *Maria Presa Reyes*  *Dalaidis Hidalgo Arencibia* |
| ***Late*** | *N/A* |
| ***Agenda*** | *- Check the Name of the Android Application*  *- Check our ideas of the Product Backlog with our mentors*  *- Check Feasibility Study*  *- Check Project Plan*  *- Check System Design*  *- Check Object Design*  *- Continue working of the documentation*  *-Continue thinking on the design of different diagrams*  *-Prepare the PorwerPoint for the presentation* |
| ***Summary of Discussion*** | *Login, Logout, Temperature, Zone details and Occupancy in different zones.* |
| ***Assigned Tasks*** | *Maria: Work in Zone details and in Occupancy in different zones*  *Dalaidis: Work in Login, Logout and Temperature* |

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| ***DATE*** | *February 13, 2015* |
| ***Location*** | *FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus ECS 212B* |
| ***Start*** | *4:00 pm* |
| ***End*** | *5:00 pm* |
| ***In Attendance*** | *Leonardo Bobadilla*  *Ali Mostafavi*  *Maria Presa Reyes*  *Dalaidis Hidalgo Arencibia* |
| ***Late*** | *N/A* |
| ***Agenda*** | *Show the information for:*  *Plug Load*  *Temperature inside the building*  *Temperature outside the building*  *Occupancy*  *Artificial Lighting*  *Natural Lighting* |
| ***Summary of Discussion*** | *Work in the Synchronization* |
| ***Assigned Tasks*** | *Maria: Work in Occupancy, Artificial Lighting and Natural Lighting*  *Dalaidis: Work in: Plug Load, Temperature inside the building and Temperature outside the building* |

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| ***DATE*** | *February 28, 2015* |
| ***Location*** | *FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus ECS 212B* |
| ***Start*** | *5:00 pm* |
| ***End*** | *6:00 pm* |
| ***In Attendance*** | *Leonardo Bobadilla*  *Ali Mostafavi*  *Maria Presa Reyes*  *Dalaidis Hidalgo Arencibia* |
| ***Late*** | *N/A* |
| ***Agenda*** | *Check the progress of the project and documentation* |
| ***Summary of Discussion*** | *Algorithms  and Statistic that need to be implemented and programs to use* |
| ***Assigned Tasks*** | *Using actual Android Devices instead of the emulator to install and test the application.*  *Dalaidis need to work with algorithms and Graphic Design and Create Account.*  *User Stories assigned ()*  *Maria Presa need to work with Statistical and Graphic Design*  *User Stories assigned ()* |

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| ***DATE*** | ***March 20, 2015*** |
| ***Location*** | *FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus ECS 212B* |
| ***Start*** | *4:00 pm* |
| ***End*** | *5:00 pm* |
| ***In Attendance*** | *Leonardo Bobadilla*  *Ali Mostafavi*  *Maria Presa Reyes*  *Dalaidis Hidalgo Arencibia* |
| ***Late*** | *N/A* |
| ***Agenda*** | *Check the progress of the project and make a selection of 2 android phone and 2 android tablet* |
| ***Summary of Discussion*** | *Select with android phone and with android tablet should be better to buy and use in our project.*  *Check the progress of the application so far.* |
| ***Assigned Tasks*** | *Dalaidis should working in prediction and view importance of save energy.*  *Maria need to continue working with statistic and create a zone.* |

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| ***DATE*** |  |
| ***Location*** | *FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus ECS 212B* |
| ***Start*** | *4:00 pm* |
| ***End*** | *5:00 pm* |
| ***In Attendance*** | *Leonardo Bobadilla*  *Ali Mostafavi*  *Maria Presa Reyes*  *Dalaidis Hidalgo Arencibia* |
| ***Late*** | *N/A* |
| ***Agenda*** |  |
| ***Summary of Discussion*** |  |
| ***Assigned Tasks*** |  |

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