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Bus Tracking Mechanism

OBJECTIVE

Week 1: Research and Setup

Goal: Establish the foundation.

Tasks:

- Day 1-2: Research how GPS tracking works and explore APIs (e.g., Google Maps API). Review Python basics.
- Day 3: Create a basic project folder structure on your laptop (include folders for frontend, backend, and database).
- Day 4-5: Set up the tools needed for the project (install Flask/Django, Python, HTML editor, and a web browser).
- Day 6-7: Review tutorials on creating a simple Flask web app with database integration.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/day, flexible during weekends.

Week 2: Basic Frontend Design

Goal: Build the user interface.

Tasks:

- Day 1-3: Design wireframes for the bus tracking interface (e.g., input field for bus number, map display area, and a list of bus routes).
- Day 4-7: Code the frontend using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Focus on creating:
 - A clean and responsive design.
 - A navigation bar and footer.
 - A placeholder for displaying the map.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/day on weekdays, 4-5 hours on weekends.

Week 3: Backend Development

Goal: Set up the backend for handling user requests.

Tasks:

- Day 1-2: Design a basic Flask/Django app structure.
- Day 3-4: Code the API endpoints for:
 - Fetching bus routes from the database.
 - Handling GPS location updates.
- Day 5-7: Connect the backend to the frontend (via AJAX or Fetch API).

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/day on weekdays, 4-5 hours on weekends.

Week 4: Google Maps Integration

Goal: Display real-time bus locations and routes on the map.

Tasks:

- Day 1-3: Explore Google Maps API (or alternatives like OpenStreetMap).
- Day 4-5: Write Python code to fetch and display bus locations on the map.
- Day 6-7: Test the integration and troubleshoot issues (e.g., incorrect locations or map loading errors).

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/day on weekdays, 4-5 hours on weekends.

Week 5: GPS Data Simulation

Goal: Create mock GPS data for testing.

Tasks:

Day 1-3: Write a script to simulate bus movement (generate random GPS coordinates or use real data).

Day 4-5: Test the simulated data with the map and tracking mechanism.

Day 6-7: Refine the simulation and ensure smooth updates on the interface.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/day on weekdays, 4-5 hours on weekends.

Week 6: Database Implementation

Goal: Store bus routes, user data, and tracking history.

Tasks:

Day 1-3: Design the database schema in MySQL (tables for bus routes, location updates, and user data).

Day 4-5: Implement database integration with the backend (Python + MySQL).

Day 6-7: Test CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete) for database entries.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/day on weekdays, 4-5 hours on weekends.

Week 7: Final Integration and Debugging

Goal: Connect all components and ensure smooth functionality.

Tasks:

Day 1-3: Run end-to-end tests on the system:

Submit bus number → View routes → Display real-time tracking on map.

Day 4-5: Debug any issues in the frontend, backend, or database.

Day 6-7: Optimize the code and improve interface responsiveness.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/day on weekdays, 5-6 hours on weekends.

Week 8: Polishing and Documentation

Goal: Prepare for presentation and submission.

Tasks:

Day 1-2: Add finishing touches to the UI (e.g., loading animations, better styling).

Day 3-4: Write project documentation:

Project overview.

How to run the system.

Challenges faced and solutions implemented.

Day 5-7: Create a presentation/demo for your teacher and team.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/day on weekdays, flexible on weekends.