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ABSTRACT

The Advanced Bus Tracking System with Live Tracking and Seat Detection AI represents a cutting-edge solution to enhance the efficiency, safety, and overall experience of public transportation. This system harnesses the power of real-time tracking technology and artificial intelligence to revolutionize the way we interact with and manage bus services. The core feature of this system is its live tracking capability, which allows passengers to monitor the precise location of buses in real-time through a user-friendly mobile application. This not only eliminates uncertainties associated with bus arrival times but also aids in route planning, reducing waiting times and ensuring a seamless travel experience. Additionally, the system incorporates an innovative Seat Detection AI, which employs computer vision and machine learning algorithms to automatically detect and report the occupancy of each seat on the bus. Passengers can use the app to view seat availability and select available seats if they want to be socially distant or prefer roomier seats. In addition, the system can help drivers and transit authorities monitor overcrowding to ensure safer travel conditions. Administrators and transit agencies benefit from the system's comprehensive dashboard, which provides real-time data on bus locations, ridership and route efficiency. This data-driven approach enables proactive decision making and optimizes fleet management and service quality.

In summary, the Advanced Bus Tracking System with Live Tracking and Seat Detection represents a technological leap forward in public transportation. Its seamless live tracking feature guarantees passengers an enhanced travel experience, while seat recognition AI promotes safety and social distancing. This system provides a holistic solution to improve public transportation while promoting a more connected and informed community.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	EXPANSIONS
GPS	Global Positioning System
BaaS	Backend-as-a-Service
APIs	Application Programming Interface
IVR	Interactive Voice Response
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
HTML	The HyperText Markup Language
CSS	Cascading Style Sheets
IoT	Internet of Things
GUI	Graphical User Interface

CHAPTER – 1

INTRODUCTION

In the bustling urban landscape, efficient public transportation is crucial for ensuring smooth daily commutes. The Smart Bus Tracker project aims to revolutionize the public transportation experience by introducing a real-time bus tracking system. This innovative solution leverages cutting-edge technology to provide commuters with accurate, up-to-the-minute information about the location and estimated arrival times of buses. A Bus Tracking System represents a technological solution designed to address these needs, offering a comprehensive approach to managing and monitoring bus fleets. This system leverages cutting-edge technologies, such as GPS (Global Positioning System), mobile communications, and data analytics, to provide real-time information about the location, status, and performance of buses within a fleet.

1.1. PROBLEM STATEMENT:

1.1.1 Current issues:

- **Unreliable bus schedules:** Passengers struggle to anticipate bus arrival times due to inconsistencies in schedules and delays, leading to long waiting times and missed connections.
- **Limited visibility into bus location:** Lack of real-time information about bus whereabouts hinders effective trip planning and increases uncertainty for passengers.
- **Inefficient fleet management:** Bus operators lack comprehensive data on bus location, performance, and ridership, making it difficult to optimize routes, schedules, and resource allocation.
- **Negative passenger experience:** The combination of these factors contributes to passenger frustration, dissatisfaction, and reduced trust in public transportation.

1.1.2 Consequences:

Decreased use of public transportation: People turn to alternative modes of travel, causing increased traffic congestion and environmental impact.

Lost productivity: Passengers waste time waiting for buses, impacting their work, school, and personal lives.

Inefficient resource allocation: Bus operators struggle to allocate resources effectively, leading to higher operational costs and decreased service quality.

1.1.3 Proposed solution:

Develop and implement a real-time bus tracking system that addresses these challenges by:

Equipping buses with GPS tracking devices: Providing continuous data on bus location and movement.

Developing a user-friendly app or platform: Enabling passengers to view real-time bus location, estimated arrival times, and route information.

Providing data analytics tools: Allowing bus operators to optimize schedules, identify issues, and improve service efficiency.

Expected benefits:

Improved passenger experience: Increased satisfaction through shorter waiting times, better trip planning, and enhanced reliability.

Increased ridership: Attracting more passengers to public transportation by making it more convenient and predictable.

Improved fleet management: Optimizing resource allocation, reducing operational costs, and enhancing service quality.

Reduced traffic congestion and environmental impact: Shifting passengers towards a more sustainable mode of transportation.

1.2 OBJECTIVE:

- **Real-Time Tracking:** Implement a GPS-based tracking system to monitor the precise location of buses in real-time.**User-Friendly Interface:** Develop an intuitive mobile or web application allowing commuters to easily access bus locations and arrival predictions.
- **Data Accuracy:** Ensure the reliability and accuracy of bus location data through robust GPS technology and data validation mechanisms.**Communication Channels:** Establish a communication platform for notifications, alerts, and updates to keep users informed about delays, route changes, or other relevant information.
- **Integration with Existing Systems:** Seamlessly integrate the tracking system with existing public transportation infrastructure, such as bus management databases and scheduling systems.**Accessibility Features:** Implement features to cater to diverse user needs, including accessibility options for individuals with disabilities.

1.3 BENEFITS

- **Enhanced Commuter Experience:** Provide commuters with the ability to plan their journeys more efficiently, reducing waiting times and improving overall satisfaction.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Enable transportation authorities to monitor and optimize bus routes based on real-time data, enhancing operational efficiency and resource allocation.
- **Environmental Impact:** Encourage the use of public transportation by making it more reliable, contributing to reduced traffic congestion and environmental benefits.
- **As our cities evolve,** the SmartBus Tracker project strives to create a smarter, more connected public transportation system, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for urban residents.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 RESEARCH ON DATABASE MANAGEMENT

Databases play a crucial role in live tracking applications, providing the infrastructure for efficiently storing, managing, and retrieving real-time location data. These databases are designed to handle the dynamic and continuous nature of live tracking applications, such as locating the bus in real time and getting the co-ordinates via an GPRS Module and storing this data in a reliable and large scale database that can store lots of data. A popular platform used by many companies that provide real time tracking as a feature on their apps and websites namely Lyft and Trivago is Google Firebase which is a Backend-as-a-Service (BaaS) app development platform that provides hosted backend services such as a realtime database, cloud storage, authentication, crash reporting, machine learning and remote configuration. The database we are going to use is called the Realtime Database which comes with Firebase and It will give us realtime updates to data as it changes in the database, this will be our foundation for this entire project as we have a capable database that can be easily managed and reliable that can handle lots of data coming in.

Firebase is known for its ease of use, real-time capabilities, and seamless integration with other Google Cloud services. It's widely adopted by developers for building modern applications, especially those requiring real-time updates, authentication, and scalable cloud infrastructure. Some of the features that were implemented in other findings as per our research were live seat occupancy that was monitored by ultrasonic sensors and cameras placed in the bus which could help us identify the capacity of a bus and use specific algorithms to recommend the bus to fewer people to avoid overcrowding. Firebase also allows us to focus on the front-end part of the project more as it handles the majority of the heavy lifting with Google's powerful APIs and also lets

us host the platform on the cloud so it is more accessible and has a integrated analytic feature which could help improve the website based on feedback and usage of the users.

By leveraging these Firebase features, developers can build a robust and scalable live tracking application that provides real-time location updates, secure authentication, and efficient data storage and retrieval. The combination of Firebase services makes it easier for developers to focus on building the application's unique features while relying on a reliable and scalable backend infrastructure.

Below we have figure 2.1 where we have represented how we are going to implement the database and how it is going to be connected to the servers. The website will be constantly updated with real time data that is being managed by the cloud servers pushing the data to the website.

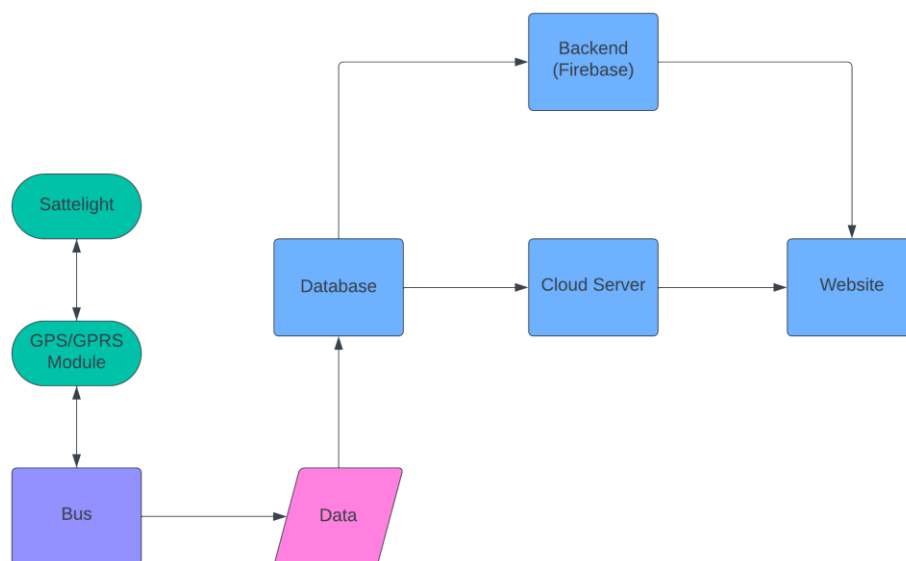


Figure 2.1 Diagrammatic representation of Database Implementation

Ref. No.	Author	Methodologies Used
[1]	Faraz Ameen Nechikkadan, Jijesh Modon, (2021)	Data is constantly updated to the server and real-time data is continuously provided to the user on the client device.
[2]	Eddie Chi-Wah Lau (2008)	A wireless AP is used for system networking. Apache server, IVR and two base stations are connected together thru CAT5 Lan cable while the wireless configuration is for the smart phone testing.
[3]	Khalifa Salim, Ibrahim M. Idrees (2013)	The GPS data are sent using Get method of HTTP protocol, the data at server side are stored in a database tables and can be retrieved as request for position browsing on map.
[4]	Junaid Ali, Shahid Nasim (2009)	The monitoring software is developed for a user friendly GUI with visual indication of location on Google Earth and easy to understand controls. Continuous or intermittent updating of location is possible as demanded by the situation and status of the monitored vehicle.
[5]	Tomas Gerlich, James Biagioni (2011)	With the help of built-in sensors, such as GPS, WiFi, and accelerometer, the application automatically detects when the user is riding in a transit vehicle. On these occasions, it sends periodic, anonymized, location updates to a central tracking server.

[6]	Md Marufi Rahman, J. R. Mou, (2016)	In this work, real time Google map and Arduino based vehicle tracking system is implemented with Global Positioning System (GPS) and Global system for mobile communication (GSM) technology. GPS module provides geographic coordinates at regular time intervals. Then the GSM module transmits the location of vehicle to cell phone of owner/user in terms of latitude and longitude.
[7]	M. A Hafiizh Nur, Sugondo Hadiyoso, (2020)	In this paper, an integrated online system is designed to provide information, including bus arrival time, bus position, and the number of passengers on the bus. This information system is a website application that is connected to the Firebase real-time database so that all data can be accessed in real-time and then displayed at the bus stop.

Table 2.1 Database Management

The table 2.1 above consolidates the existing works in the field of database management in vehicle tracking systems.

2.2 RESEARCH ON COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Bus tracking systems rely on various communication technologies to ensure real-time data exchange between different components of the system. The choice of communication systems depends on factors such as coverage, data transfer speed, and cost. some of the common communication systems used in bus tracking systems are Global Positioning System (GPS), Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Mesh Networks and Internet of Things (IoT) Protocols.

GPS is fundamental for determining the real-time location of buses. GPS receivers on buses communicate with satellites to provide accurate location data. This information is then transmitted to the central server. RFID technology is used for tracking buses as they enter or exit specific areas, such as bus stops or terminals. RFID tags on buses communicate with readers at designated locations, providing information about the bus's current position. Buses equipped with tracking devices use mobile networks to transmit data to the central server. This can include location updates, status information, and other relevant data. Mesh networks allow buses to communicate with each other directly, creating a decentralized communication system. This can be useful for transmitting information about traffic conditions, road closures, or other relevant updates among buses in the fleet. IoT protocols, such as MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport) or CoAP (Constrained Application Protocol), can be utilized for efficient and lightweight communication between buses and the central server in an IoT-enabled bus tracking system.

The integration of multiple communication systems in a bus tracking system ensures robust and reliable data transmission, allowing operators to monitor and manage their fleets effectively in real time. The choice of communication technology depends on factors such as the operational environment, coverage requirements, and the specific needs of the bus tracking application.

Sachini Karunathilake's report on Bus Tracking and Arrival Prediction System

In December 2023 details about the use of GPRS systems and their communication with the server and the buses. This project is a GPS (Global Positioning System) based system which helps passengers to know the expected time of arrival of the bus to their prospective halt or a particular location using present GPS data of the passenger and the bus. Within the 'Bus Tracking and Arrival Prediction System', each bus has a GPS tracker to track the bus. GPS tracker on the bus is used to locate the bus its coordinates and the speed of the bus are pushed on to the server to calculate an accurate arrival time to a user desired destination.

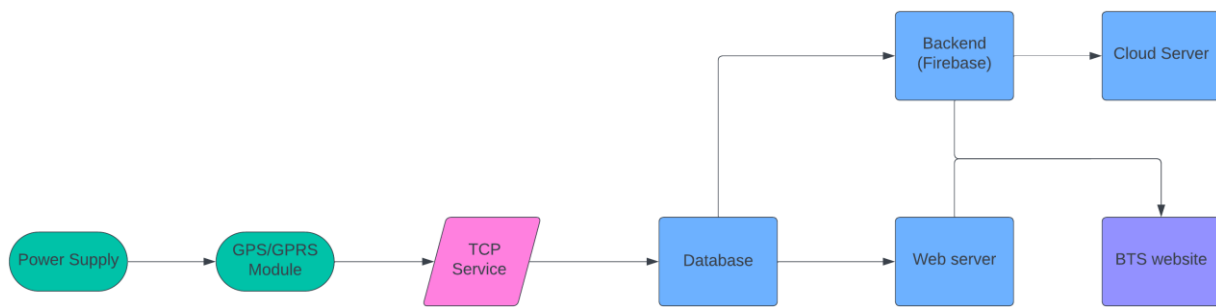


Figure 2.2 Diagrammatic representation of Communication System

Ref. No.	Author	Methodologies Used
[8]	Sachini Karunathilake (2023)	GPS tracker on the bus is used to locate the bus its coordinates and the speed of the bus are pushed on to the server to calculate an accurate arrival time to a user desired destination. Moreover, the server uses the received information on buses location and speed to identify the moving patterns.
[9]	Kapil Mundada, Sumedh Patti, Tejas Rajguru, (2023)	The system uses GPS and GSM technologies to track the location and estimated arrival time of buses and transmit this information to commuters' mobile devices. This technology addresses the common problem of long waiting times at bus stops and the uncertainty of bus arrival times.
[10]	Muhammad Wasim Raad, Mohamed Deriche, Tarek Sheltami (2021)	In this paper the design and implementation of a comprehensive low-cost system based on IoT that allows schools, parents, and authorities to track the movement of children while in school buses or being

		transported in private vehicles in real time.
[11]	Dr. S. Nirmala, Dr. R. Mekala, Ms. Apurva. P (2023)	The raspberry pi 3 b+ kit implemented into the bus along with GPS receiver. This GPS innovation helps in following the constant data of the transport like current area and route between the stops. With the transport motor turns over, the gadget begins working and constantly refreshes the area of the transport. It sends area facilitates as longitude and scope esteems to the worker.
[12]	U. K.Fernando Ruwani, M. Samarakkody (2010)	The GPS sensors widely use in vehicle tracking systems followed by the RFID technology. Wi-Fi network are the most popular network while GSM/GPRS TCP/UDP protocols are the best transport layer protocol. Mostly used storage method was observed as the cloud for the smart vehicle tracking systems, and Kalman filter was the most popular algorithm in vehicular tracking systems.
[13]	Shusuke Kawai, Takayuki Ikari (2009)	A 480Mb/s wireless real-time bus trace system with a pulse-based inductive coupling channel array was developed using a 0.25 μ m CMOS digital process. The size and pitch of the inductor array are determined by numerical calculation to optimize the trade off between the channel coupling and alignment tolerance.

[14]	S. S. Naik, T. G. Harshitha, H. D. Spoorthy, (2020)	Tracking of school bus is done by GPS (Global Positioning System) technology. The system alerts parents by notifying them. This is achieved through GSM (Global System for Mobile applications). RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) identifies unique id given to each individual. Also an algorithm is implemented to calculate the arrival time of the bus in addition to tracking.
[15]	Zuhanis Mansor, Fatin Shahmira Binti Zulfa'is Shah, (2020)	the Malaysia Public Bus Monitoring Real-Time System via GPS and GSM is implemented to help the bus user to track the current location of the bus in the form of latitude and longitude coordinates by using GPS technology. This technology of Global Positioning System and Global System for Mobile communication is used where the GPS module will track on the current position of a particular bus by receiving signal from at least three GPS satellites.

Table 2.2 Communication Systems

The table 2.2 above summarizes the research done on Communication Systems in vehicle tracking systems

2.3 RESEARCH ON FRONTEND IMPLEMENTATION

The front-end implementation in a bus tracking system involves the development of the user interface (UI) and user experience (UX) components that allow end-users, such as passengers and administrators, to interact with the tracking system.

The front-end should display real-time bus locations accurately. Users can see the current position of buses on the map, and the system should update the positions dynamically as buses move along their routes. Details about each bus, such as its route, current speed, estimated time of arrival, and other relevant information, should be easily accessible. This information helps passengers plan their journeys and stay informed about bus movements. User authentication ensures that only authorized individuals can access certain features. Personalization features allow users to save favorite routes, set preferences, and receive customized notifications.

For passengers, the front-end may include route planning features. Users can input their starting point and destination to receive suggested bus routes, stops, and estimated arrival times. Passengers may be able to provide feedback or ratings for their bus journeys directly through the front-end. This information can be valuable for improving service quality. Administrators may have access to historical data and reporting features in the front-end. This can include analytics on bus performance, ridership trends, and other relevant metrics. In addition to passenger-facing features, the front-end may include a separate interface for bus drivers. This interface provides drivers with real-time information, route details, and any relevant alerts. The front-end may integrate with other transportation services or third-party applications, such as payment systems, to offer a seamless and integrated experience for users. The front-end of a bus tracking system is a critical component that directly impacts the user experience. It should be intuitive, responsive, and provide users with the information they need to make informed decisions about their journeys.

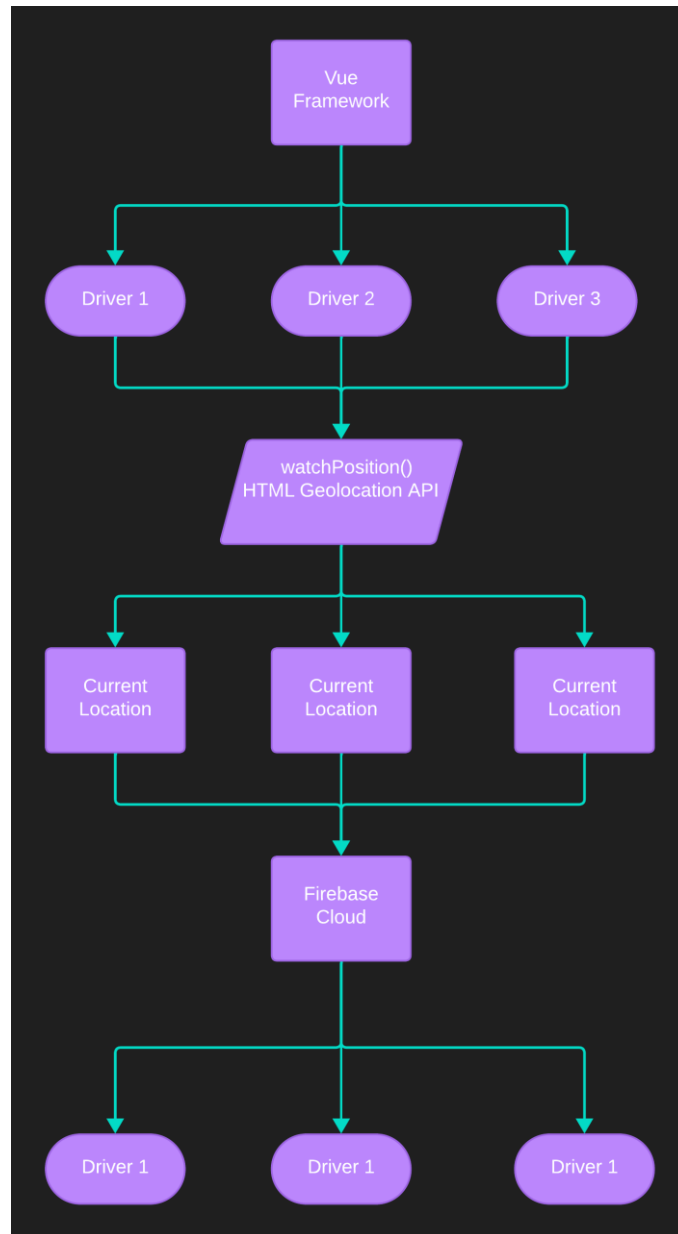


Figure 2.3 Diagrammatic representation of Front-end Implementation using Firebase

Mr. Pradip Suresh Mane and Prof. Vaishali Khairnar's report on [Analysis of Bus Tracking System Using GPS on Smartphones](#) from June 2014 goes states The Website is the main entry point for most riders when using for the first time. The homepage has a description of the project, links to the various interfaces, and more details about the research driven by application. There are three primary interfaces powered by the website The standard desktop web interface, The Android-optimized mobile web interface, The text-only web interface.□

Ref. No.	Author	Methodologies Used
[16]	Mr. Pradip Suresh Mane, Dr. Vaishali D. Khairnar (2014)	The standard desktop web interface is designed to loosely mimic the interface of the main Google Maps website that many users are already familiar with. Specifically, the primary view is a Google map view, with a search field at the top and a search results panel on the left. Users can browse the map directly to see transit stops at a particular location. Additionally, users can search by route to display the map of that route and stops along the route.
[17]	J. Navya Sree, T. Mamatha (2021)	Driver Module is tailored for bus drivers, who, after providing their unique login credentials, gain access to the module. Student Module is dedicated to students. Users within this module initiate the student login, granting them access to comprehensive information. Through their smartphones, students can view details about all buses. This includes tracking the real-time location of their respective buses from any location. The admin module is specifically crafted for bus administrators tasked with updating system information. Admins undergo authentication and authorization processes to log in.

[18]	C K Gomathy (2021)	A Real-Time College Bus Tracking Application which runson Android smart phones. This enables students to find out the location of the bus so that they won't get late or won't arrive at the stop too early. The main purpose of this application is to provide exact location of the student's respective buses in Google Maps besides providing information like bus details, driver details, stops, contact number, routes, etc.
[19]	Ankur Ganorkar (2020)	An application at the parent side will allow parents to send a location request to a child side then retrieve the location from the request reply and shows it on a map.
[20]	Aman Mishra, Advin Manhar, (2020)	In this paper they have discussed which will be the feasible app and convenient for all of us to track a cell no. via app.
[21]	S. Shibghatullah T. Abdurrahman Jalil	An application is proposed in this paper and it uses Global Positioning System (GPS) on Android smartphone to determine the location of a vehicle and the coordinates is stored in Firebase Real-time Database

Table 2.3 Front-end Implementation

The table 2.3 above encapsulates the prior work done on Front-end aspects of the Bus Tracking System.

2.4 RESEARCH ON HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

The hardware implementation in bus tracking systems involves various components to facilitate real-time tracking, data collection, and communication. Here are some common hardware elements used in bus tracking systems:

2.4.1 GPS Module:

A GPS module is essential for determining the vehicle's precise location. There are various GPS modules available, ranging from basic modules to more advanced ones with additional features like GLONASS support for improved accuracy.

2.4.2 Micro controller or Microprocessor:

- A micro controller or microprocessor, such as Arduino or Raspberry Pi, serves as the brain of the tracking system. It processes data from the GPS module and manages communication with other components.

2.4.3 GSM/3G/4G/5G Module:

- A communication module, such as GSM (2G), 3G, 4G, or 5G, enables the transmission of real-time location data from the vehicle to a central server. This allows for continuous tracking and monitoring.

2.4.4 Sensors:

- Depending on the desired functionality, various sensors can be integrated, such as accelerometers, gyroscopes, or environmental sensors. These sensors can provide additional data, such as vehicle movement, orientation, or environmental conditions.

When building a vehicle tracking system, it's important to consider the specific requirements and features needed, as this will influence the choice of components and their integration. Additionally, compliance with privacy and data protection regulations should be taken into account during the system design.

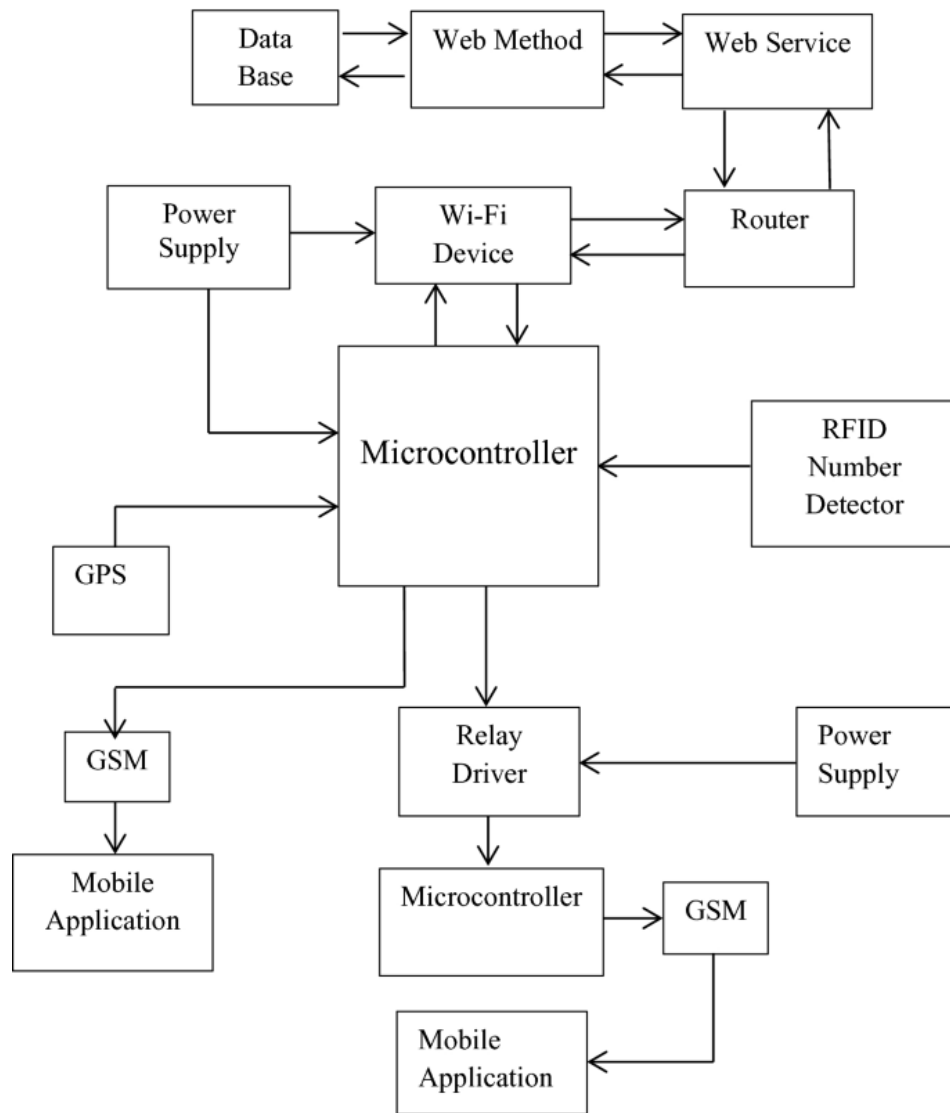


Figure 2.4 Diagrammatic representation of Hardware Implementation using Firebase

Ref. No.	Author	Methodologies Used
[22]	Mohamad Khairul, Hafizi Rahimi, (2022)	the goal of this research is to develop a bus tracking and monitoring system for the UiTM-SAC. Arduino node micro controller unit and global positioning system (GPS) sensors were used to send and receive GPS location information. The data retrieved from these sensors were displayed on an organic light-emitting diode and stored in a web-based software spreadsheet.

[23]	Keith A. Redmill, Ekim Yurtsever, (2023)	Paper on operationalize this traffic surveillance methodology for practical applications, leveraging the perception and localization sensors already deployed on these vehicles.
[24]	Nivesh Wanninayaka (2023)	A passenger can track a preferred bus and reserve seats by choosing destinations. Artificial intelligence (AI)-based camera technology is used to count passengers.
[25]	Sharmin Akter, Thouhedul Islam, (2019)	In this paper, a cloud-based bus tracking system based on IoT is proposed to reduce human intervention, waiting time and energy.
[26]	Süleyman Eken (2014)	In this paper, we proposed smart bus tracking system that any passenger with a smart phone or mobile device with the QR (Quick Response) code reader can scan QR codes placed at bus stops to view estimated bus arrival times, buses' current locations, and bus routes on a map.

Table 2.4 Hardware Implementation

The table 2.4 above briefs the prior work done on Hardware Implementation of the Bus Tracking System.

CHAPTER-3

FEASIBILITY STUDY

This paper proposes a two-stage bus tracking system that addresses the limitations of existing solutions and introduces novel features to improve the overall commuting experience.

3.1 Web Development

Stage 1: Comprehensive Website with Route and Bus Stop Data

The first stage of the system involves developing a comprehensive website that serves as a central repository of information for bus routes and stops. This website will provide users with the following functionalities:

1.Route Map Visualization: Interactive maps will display the complete network of bus routes, allowing users to easily identify their desired route and plan their journey accordingly.

2.Bus Stop Information: Detailed information about each bus stop, including its location, accessibility features, and scheduled arrival times for different routes, will be readily available on the website.

3. Real-Time Route Updates: The website will display real-time information about bus locations and any unexpected delays or disruptions, enabling users to make informed decisions about their commute.

3.2 App Development

Stage 2: Mobile App and Hardware for Live Tracking and AI-Powered Seat Availability

The second stage of the system focuses on enhancing the user experience through a mobile application and hardware integration. The mobile app will offer the following features:

Live Bus Tracking: Users can track the real-time location of their desired bus on an interactive map, allowing them to estimate arrival times and plan their journey accordingly.

Real-Time Seat Availability: Utilizing AI algorithms and sensor data, the app will provide real-time information about seat availability on each bus, enabling users to choose the most convenient bus for their travel.

Push Notifications: The app will send push notifications to users regarding bus delays, cancellations, or route changes, ensuring they stay informed and can adjust their plans accordingly.

3.3 Hardware Integration

GPS Tracking Devices: Each bus will be equipped with GPS tracking devices that continuously transmit their location data to the central server.

Seat Sensors: Sensors will be installed on each seat to detect occupancy, providing real-time data about available seats.

Data Communication Network: A reliable data communication network will ensure seamless transmission of location and seat occupancy data between the buses and the central server.

CHAPTER-4

PROJECT METHODOLOGY

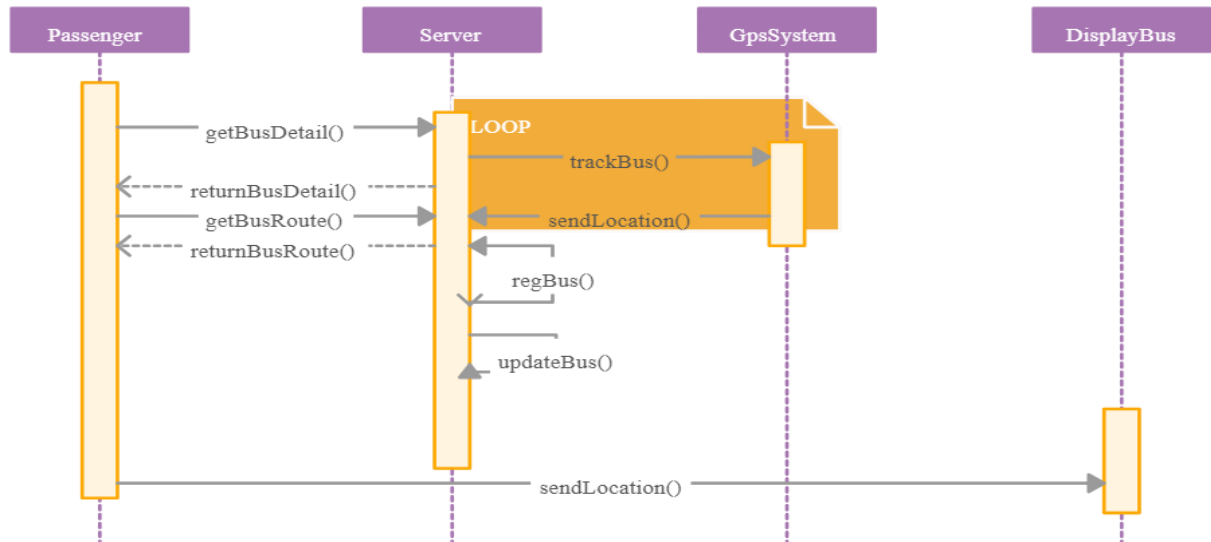


Fig No: 4.1 – Flowchart of the sequence of events

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKING FLOW OF PROPOSAL SYSTEM:

1. Problem Initiation:

Project Scope Definition: Clearly define the scope, objectives, and features of the Bus Tracking System, specifying what the platform should include.

Team Formation: Assemble a cross-functional team comprising of developers, designers, project managers, and electronic engineers.

2. Requirements Gathering:

Market Research: Conduct market research to understand user preferences, streaming trends, and competitor offerings.

User Stories: Create user stories and use cases to capture detailed functional and non- functional requirements.

3. Architecture and Technology Selection:

Firebase choice: Confirm the selection of Firebase and its APIs as the Technology stack for the project.

Database Design: Develop a database schema to store user data, content metadata, and streaming-related information.

4. Development Phases;

Front-end Development: Design and implement the user interface(UI) components using React for a responsive and engaging user experience.

Back-end Development: Develop server-side logic using Node.js and Express.js, including user authentication, content management, and payment processing.

5. Testing and Quality Assurance:

Unit Testing: Perform unit testing to validate individual components and functions.

Integration Testing: Verify the integration of front-end and back-end components for seamless operation.

User Tesing: Conduct usability testing with real users to gather feedback and make necessary improvements.

6. Deployment and Scaling:

Server Setup: Configure servers and deploy the application, ensuring scalability to handle increasing user traffic.

Load Testing: Perform load testing to assess the system's ability to handle concurrent users and high traffic loads.

7. Security and Compliance:

Data Protection: Implement robust security measure to protect user data and sensitive information.

Compliance: Ensure compliance with data privacy regulations and content licensing agreements.

8. User Training and Documentation:

Creating user documentation and provide training materials to onboard administrators and content managers.

9. Ongoing Maintenance and Updates:

Establish a maintenance plan for regular updates, bug fixes and security patches.

Continuously monitor the platform's performance and user feedback to drive improvements.

10. Project Evaluation:

Assess the project's success based on predefined KPIs, such as user adoption rates and revenue generation.

Identify areas for improvement and plan for future enhancements and feature addition.

CHAPTER-5

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In our project to create a Bus Tracking System using Firebase and IoT (Internet of Things), we successfully developed a web application that tracks the live location of a bus gives live feed to a cloud database which is interpreted by a backend system and sent to the website. This section of the report discusses the results we achieved and the key points of discussion.

Results:

- 1. User Authentication:** User authentication is a critical component of our Bus Tracking System. It enables users to create accounts, log in, and maintain their private information like location history, live location and personal information securely. We employed JWT (JSON Web Tokens) for token-based authentication. This approach enhances security and reduces the need for continuous database queries to check user credentials.

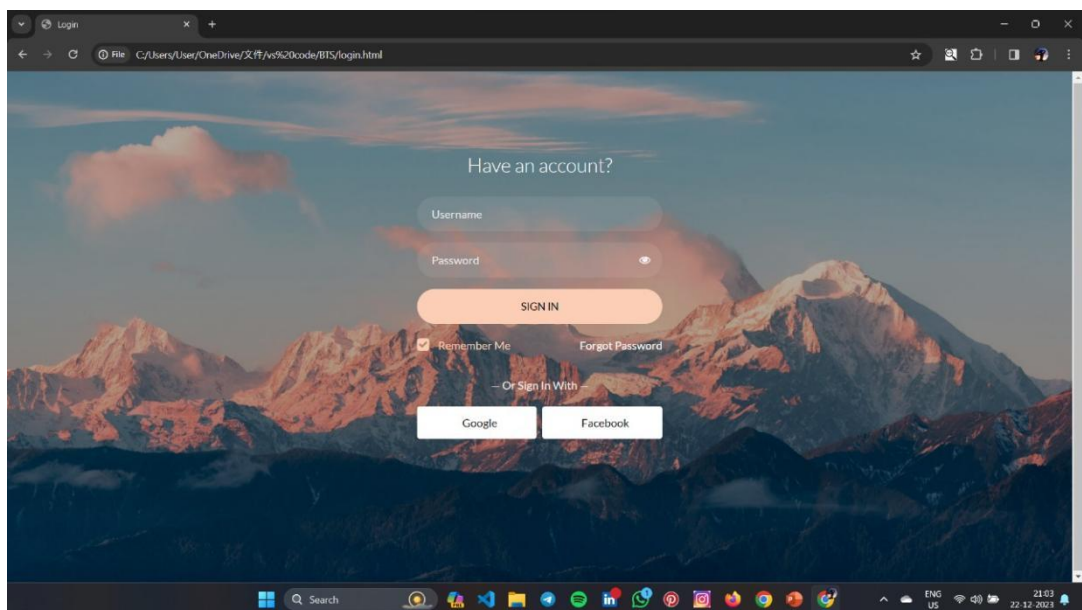


Fig No: 5.1 – Sign-Up Page

2. **Home Page:** The home page of our website is where the user enters the city or the location or the pincode he is currently in and it displays all the buses that are currently coming to the bus stop and the buses that operate through that station. This uses HTML,CSS and JavaScript for the creation of this webpage.

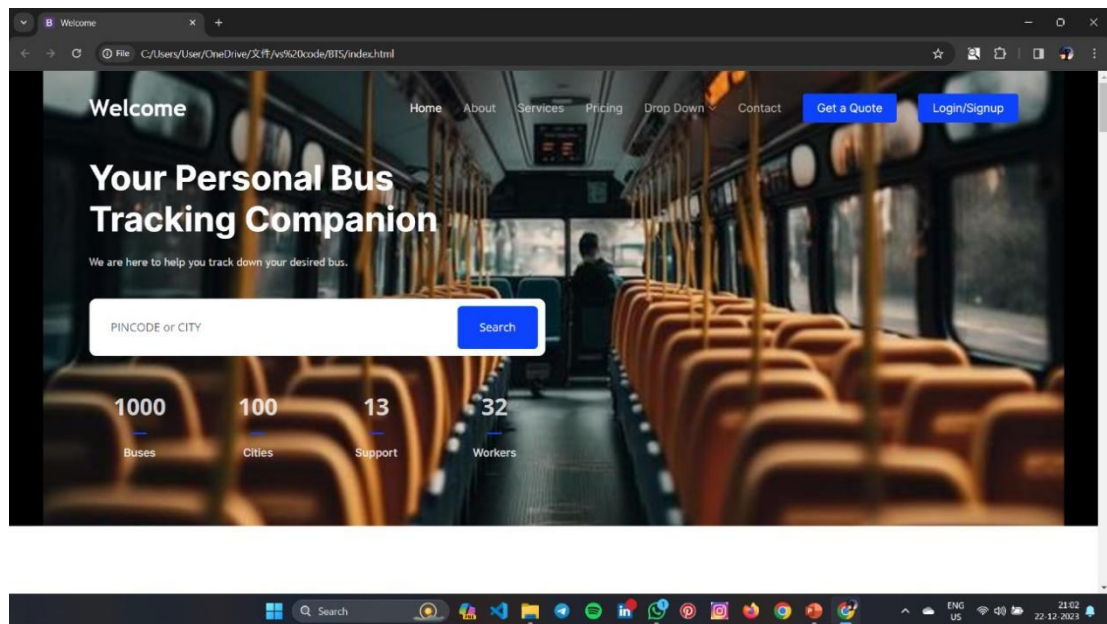


Fig No: 5.2 – Home Page 1

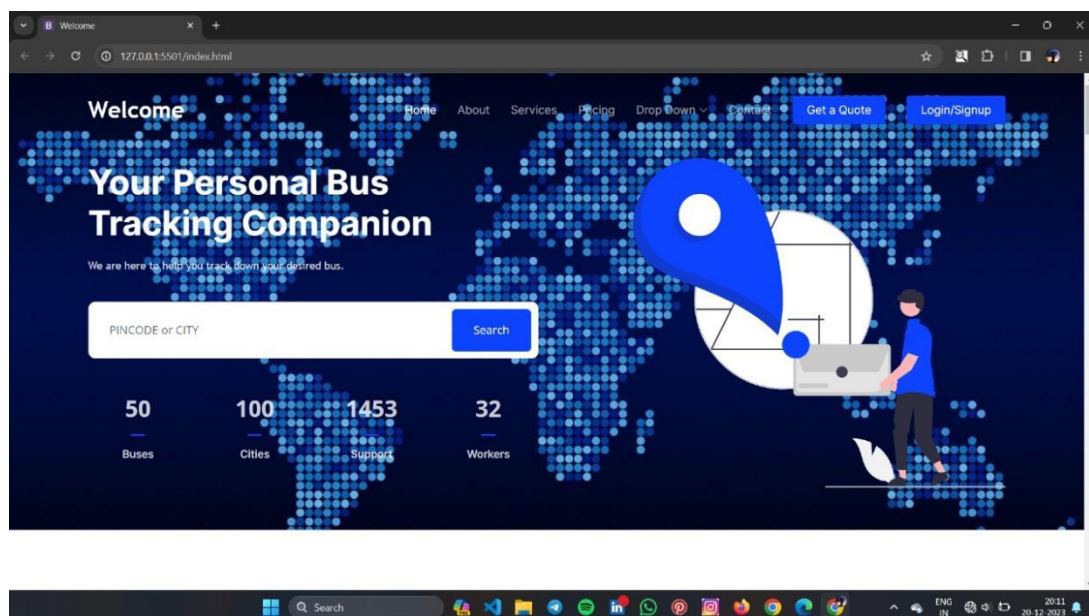


Fig No: 5.3 – Home Page 2

3. **About Page:** The About page of a website is a critical component that provides visitors with essential information about the purpose, mission, and identity of the website or the organization it represents. Here it gives indepth on how our services work and the design implementation of the wesite. It also gives information on the technologies used.

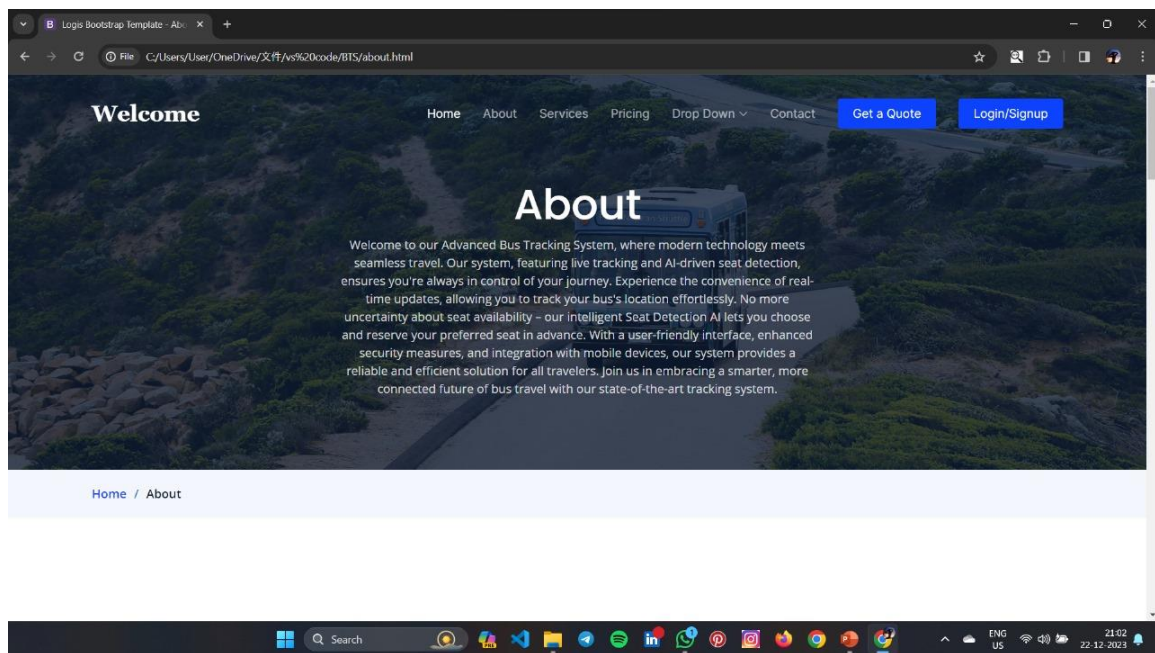


Fig No: 5.4 – About Page Insight into the Service

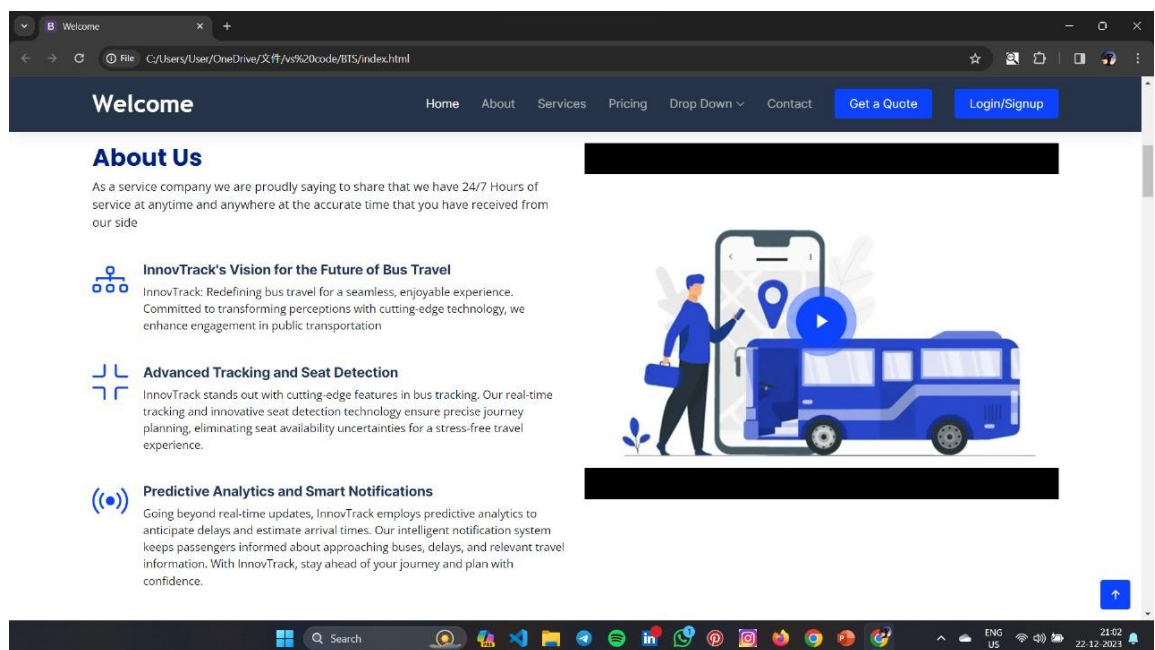


Fig No: 5.5 – About Page How the system is integrate

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

A Bus Tracking System if implemented could be really helpful for the people that are largely dependent on public transport and the surveys that we had taken also indicated positive response for the idea. A Bus Tracking System that has all the necessary features such as Live Tracking, Seat Occupancy, Bus Routes and the number of buses operating a specific route could prove useful to the people living in urban areas. The idea is implement it small scale over multiple cities that have a thriving public transport system. This research investigated the future scope of the existing systems and used them to understand what features, adaptations, and abilities should be applied to the development. This paper presents survey work of research papers on Database Management, Communication Systems , Software and Front end Implementation, and Hardware Implementation.

Future work can be done on including better communication from the feeder services and upgrading the hardware to suit the harsh condition and better transfer data rate and the use of Cloud Services such as AWS, Salesforce and Oracle for their superior data integration and features to get analytical data. Building of an User friendly application on both Android and IOS platforms would get better reach. Another thing to focus on in development of this project would be to integrate this system in large scale across various cities that would help better inter-connectivity across buses although this would be a difficult task to undertake as it requires a lot of funding as well as the technology for this solution to be feasible would require better uninterrupted internet access.

CHAPTER 7

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