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ABSTRACT

Books in college libraries have a barcode that is scanned each time a book is issued or renewed. This method uses a static scanner for performing the task. We propose a real-time application based on android platform that makes use of smartphones to bring required mobility to the task of book renewal. Smartphones can use its camera to scan barcodes.

A barcode reader developed using free open source ZXing library for android application, scans barcodes of books and student IDs. A student first registers to the application using credentials assigned to him by SRM University for student web portal. Once the authentication is carried out using CURL, student can now login in the application. The application implements REST architecture i.e. it sends information using a GET or POST request to PHP scripts running on the library server, with the data required to renew a book encoded in JSON format. The PHP script then polls library's database to fetch relevant data which is then sent back to the application.

Cloud based notifications using GCM are used for generating remainders about renewing books. A scheduler is used to run the PHP script that sends necessary information to GCM which then sends corresponding notifications to registered devices.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

1. ZXing : Zebra Crossing

2. REST : Representational State Transfer

3. JSON : JavaScript Object Notation

4. CURL : Client for URLs

5. GCM : Google Cloud Messenger

6. OS : Operating System

7. IP : Internet Protocol

8. VB : Visual Basic

9. ID : Identification

10. ISBN : International Standard Book Number

11. WAMP : Windows Apache MySQL PHP

12. API : Application Program Interface

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