

Design of Automated Fuel Consumption Recording System Based on Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and Blockchain Hyperledger Fabric

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Abstract: Efficiency and transparency in fuel consumption recording have become major challenges in the logistics sector, as receipt verification processes are still performed manually and are susceptible to input errors and data manipulation. This research proposes an automated fuel consumption recording system based on Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and Blockchain Hyperledger Fabric. OCR technology is used to automatically extract data from fuel receipt photos using PaddleOCR, while blockchain serves as an immutable ledger layer to maintain data integrity and traceability. The system workflow begins with drivers submitting receipt photos through n8n workflow automation, followed by text extraction by OCR, multi-layer validation by admin and finance personnel, and final recording to the Hyperledger Fabric network. The system is implemented using Docker-based microservices architecture that integrates OCR Service, Database (MongoDB), and Fabric Network. Test results demonstrate that the system can extract text effectively, accelerate the validation process, and enhance transparency and reliability of fuel transaction recording. This research is expected to provide a practical solution for digitalization of logistics administrative processes based on AI and Blockchain.

IndexTerms: Fuel, Blockchain, Hyperledger Fabric, Logistics, OCR, Document Automation, PaddleOCR

1. Introduction

In the era of logistics industry digitalization, efficiency and transparency have become primary factors in operational management, including in the aspect of recording and reporting fuel consumption. Drivers in logistics companies typically refuel at various Public Fuel Filling Stations (SPBU), then submit purchase receipts to the administration department for

validation and reconciliation with previously approved fund requests. This procedure is traditionally still manual and relies on human accuracy, which potentially leads to recording errors, process delays, and transaction data manipulation.

The main problem with this conventional method lies in the lack of automation and reliable verification systems. Human errors such as incorrect nominal input, loss of physical receipts, or validation mistakes frequently occur and cause data inconsistencies. Additionally, the validation process that must be performed by two parties—admin and finance—results in lengthy transaction verification completion times. In the scale of logistics companies with high transaction volumes, this can create significant administrative burden and hinder operational efficiency.

Along with the development of artificial intelligence technology, one approach that can be used to address this problem is Optical Character Recognition (OCR). OCR technology is capable of extracting text information from documents or images automatically, making the data recording process faster and more accurate. In this context, OCR is used to recognize important data on fuel receipts such as SPBU number, transaction date, volume, and total price. However, although OCR can accelerate the digitalization process, challenges related to data authenticity and integrity still need to be addressed.

To ensure the integrity of OCR extraction results, Blockchain technology, particularly through Hyperledger Fabric, is implemented as a security and transparency layer. Blockchain provides an immutable transaction recording mechanism, so that each OCR result data stored will have a digital trace that can be verified by all related parties. This integration between OCR and Blockchain produces a system that is not only efficient, but also accountable and resistant to manipulation.

In this research, an automated fuel consumption recording system based on OCR and Blockchain is developed. The workflow begins with drivers sending fuel receipt photos through communication platforms such as WhatsApp. The images are automatically processed using n8n automation to be directed to the OCR Service running in Docker containers using PaddleOCR. The extraction results are temporarily stored in MongoDB and subsequently verified by two user layers, namely admin and finance. After validation is complete, the final data will be recorded into the Hyperledger Fabric network as permanent and distributed transactions.

The integration of this system is expected to overcome problems of delays and administrative errors, as well as create a fuel transaction validation mechanism that is fast, transparent, and reliable. Thus, this research contributes to the development of AI and Blockchain-based digital solutions to support document automation processes in the logistics sector, while opening opportunities for broader application in financial auditing, e-procurement, and other digital transaction verification systems.

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