

A3 PROBLEM SOLVING

1. Define the Problem:

- a. Ideal State: App that tracks routes, location and remaining time on campus buses to bus stop and buses to user.
- b. Current State: No app that tracks routes, location and gives remaining time to specific bus stop.
- c. Missing Gap & Problem: No tracking mechanism provided from bus stop to campus buses and no mechanism provided from bus to user.
- d. Goal: Create app that tracks bus location and gives an estimate location, route and time to user's location.
- e. Benefit: Reduces time for pedestrians waiting for the bus and permits analysis on bus traffic.

2. Containment:

- a. This will be implemented in a combination of hardware/software to avoid protest by bus drivers.

3. Breakdown the problem:

- a. Why do we need more efficient buses?
- b. Who would use this app?
- c. When will this app be beneficial?
- d. What will the users gain from this?
- e. Why do we need to track bus location?
- f. What algorithms would we use?
- g. How would this affect the existing pedestrian traffic?
- h. How often would our users benefit from the app?

4. Define Goals:

- a. Increase naturalness from users and bus drivers.
- b. Define efficient routes for buses in the campus.

5. Root Cause Analysis:

- a. Lacking existing software and hardware_
 - i. Lacking existing hardware and software to track buses and students' traffic.
- b. Lack of naturalness_
 - i. Students don't feel the necessity to use app to estimate time for bus between departments.

6. Countermeasures:

- a. Obligate users to download app before using bus service.
- b. Design a simple interface for improve user experience.
- c. Design simple hardware device for bus and bus stop.
- d. Use existing/design map tracking software as a feature.
- e. Create incentive for users to download/use the app

7. Implementation:

- a. Implement existing map tracking software as Google Maps.
 - i. If it cannot be used, then design our own algorithms using basic principles in topography.
 - ii. Develop software in durable code, such that it takes time to reach obsolescence's.
- b. Implement existing hardware for real-time tracking.
 - i. If it cannot be done, then implement our own hardware for tracking.
 - ii. Develop hardware using IEEE standard hardware to avoid obsolescence's.

8. Monitoring Validation:

- a. Confirm effectiveness of the countermeasure during the process of development and launch.
- b. Count real-time users of the app.

9. Standardize and improve:

- a. Implement same version and tracking soft/hardware in all the buses prior to launch.
- b. Implement same version and tracking software in all user's app prior to launch.
- c. During improvement of version, develop mechanism to update all app and hardware in buses.