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GPS Based Attendance System

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Abstract:

A Time and Attendance System holds immense benefits for students in educational institutions. It enables educational institutions to efficiently track students' attendance, ensuring better control and management of their academic schedules. By reducing errors caused by manual attendance processes, such as paper-based sign-in sheets or manual entry into attendance registers, the system helps to maintain accurate records. Additionally, it eliminates the need for administrative staff to manually record attendance, allowing them to focus on other important tasks. Compliance with attendance regulations becomes easier with the use of a time and attendance system, as it provides reliable proof of students' presence. This paper proposes a new time and attendance system specifically tailored for students, utilizing modern technologies such as student ID cards or biometric recognition to streamline the attendance tracking process. By leveraging these innovations, educational institutions can enhance efficiency, improve attendance monitoring, and ensure compliance with attendance policies.

Keywords **—RFID-basedattendance system, Geolocation serves, biometric identification systems, location-based tracking**

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I. INTRODUCTION

In today's era, there are two primary types of attendance systems: manual and automated. Manual time and attendance systems rely on paper time cards and sheets, where employees manually record their working hours and managers oversee the accuracy of these records. However, relying on human input increases the risk of errors as multiple individuals, including employees, managers, and payroll administrators, are involved in the process. Employees typically punch in and out to record their arrival, lunch breaks, breaks, and departure times. With manual systems, managers must manually calculate the total minutes and hours worked based on each employee's time card and fill out weekly time sheets to indicate the hours worked. Additionally, they spend time maintaining

Attendance records based on employees' clock-in activities. This manual process consumes a significant amount of time and effort.On the other hand, automated time and attendance systems utilize advanced technologies such as electronic tags, barcode badges, magnetic stripe cards, biometrics (such as hand, fingerprint, or facial recognition), and touch screens. These technologies replace paper cards and enable employees to easily identify themselves and record their working hours as they enter or leave the workplace. Ideally, the recorded information is automatically transferred to a computer for processing, although some systems may require an operator to physically transfer the data from the clocking point to the computer using a portable memory device. These systems perform

all the necessary calculations to generate employee time sheets, which are then used to calculate wages. By implementing an automated system, the risk of errors inherent in manual processes is reduced, allowing the workforce to focus on more productive tasks rather than tedious administrative work

This paper proposes an innovative Automated Time and Attendance System specifically designed for students, utilizing location-based technology instead of traditional methods.

II. RELATED WORK

This section presents an overview of the relevant technologies and previous research conducted in the field of location-based applications. Geolocation serves as the initial step in enabling location-based services. Among the commonly used geolocation technologies are GPS, Wi-Fi, Cellular, Bluetooth, Infrared, and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). Researchers have focused on enhancing these technologies to improve accuracy and address environmental factors. Notably, researchers have successfully improved the precision of RFID-based location by developing reference tags in the field. Additionally, combining multiple location technologies can further enhance accuracy.

Several studies have explored different methods and principles for effectively monitoring individual attendance. For instance, one study proposed an embedded computer-based lecture attendance management system, which employed an enhanced electronic card and card reader interfaced with a digital computer system. Attendance management has also been achieved using software that utilizes password authentication. However, such systems have inherent vulnerabilities, as passwords can be shared, tampered with, or forgotten, thereby hindering user access.

In summary, previous research has explored various technologies and methods for attendance tracking, including geolocation technologies, password-based systems, RFID-based solutions, and biometric identification systems. Each approach offers its own advantages and limitations, which motivates the development of a new time and attendance system based on location for improved efficiency and accuracy.

III. THE PROPOSED LOCATION-BASED
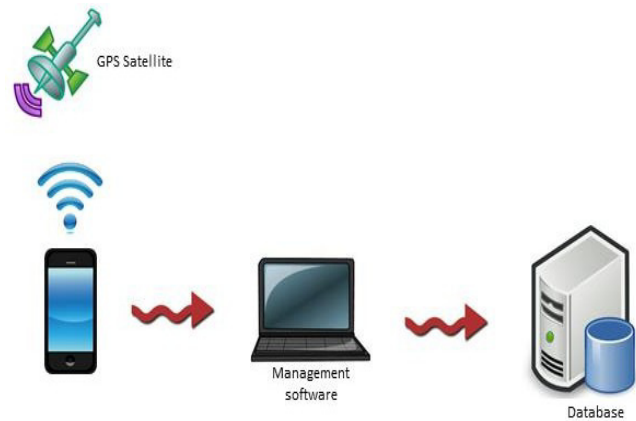
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A. System Overview

The proposed system introduces a mobile application that replaces the conventional Identification Card. This application is installed on users' mobile devices, associating a unique user ID and GPS coordinates with each user. Figure 1 provides a basic block diagram illustrating the system components.

Figure 1

B. System Architecture

The schematic diagram in Figure 2 depicts the architecture of our location-based time and attendance system, consisting of four hardware and software components as follows. The smartphone incorporates a built-in GPS receiver, capable of receiving radio signals from GPS satellites. Leveraging the Google Maps API, the application utilizes GPS readings to perform geo-locationing and estimate the user's current location.
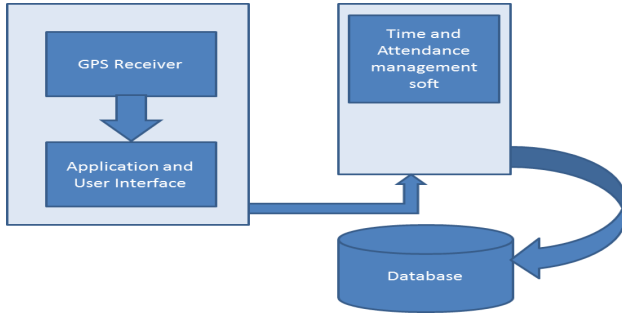
Figure 2

To facilitate this process, the application sends the user ID and location information to the Time and Attendance Management Software for further processing. The management software, upon receiving the data, stores it in the database after performing necessary operations.

C. Flow of Operation
The location-based time and attendance system operates through the mobile application and the time and attendance management software. The flow of operation for the mobile application is as follows:
1) Determining the user's location using GPS.
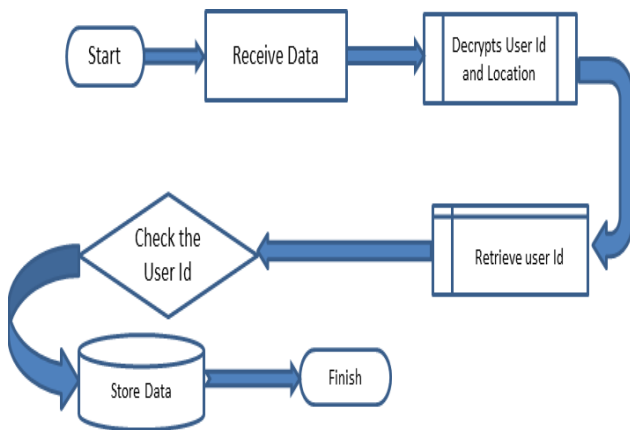2) Verifying the location with pre-stored office/workspace locations.

Figure 3

3) Encrypting the user ID and location.
4) Transmitting the encrypted information to the system. Figure 3 illustrates the flow of operation for the mobile application. Initially, the application

utilizes GPS to determine the user's location. Subsequently, it checks if the location matches the pre-stored office/workspace locations. If there is a match, the application creates a data packet containing the user ID and location, encrypts the data, and sends it to the management system.

The flow of operation for the management software is as follows:

1) Receiving data from the mobile application.
2) Decrypting the received data.
3) Retrieving the user ID from the database.
4) Conducting user identification.
5) Storing the attendance information.

In this process, the management software decrypts the received data, retrieves the corresponding user ID from the database, performs user identification, and finally stores the attendance information.

Through this proposed system, a seamless and efficient process for tracking time and attendance based on location is achieved, enhancing accuracy and simplifying attendance management.

IV.   CONCLUSIONS
In this paper, we have presented a Location-Based Time and Attendance System that utilizes location as the primary factor for attendance tracking. By leveraging GPS technology, the system determines the coordinates of both the organization and the employees. When these coordinates match, it signifies that the employee is present in the organization. The system is currently being developed for Android smartphones and tablets, with future plans to extend its compatibility to iPhones and other mobile devices.

By introducing this innovative system, to streamline and enhance the process of attendance management. The use of location-based tracking eliminates the need for traditional identification cards or manual attendance records, reducing human errors and improving accuracy. Moreover, the system offers convenience and efficiency by

leveraging the widespread availability of GPS-enabled devices.

As we continue to develop and refine the system, we envision its broader implementation in various organizations, educational institutions, and other settings where accurate attendance tracking is crucial. By harnessing the power of location technology, we anticipate that this system will revolutionize time and attendance management, providing an efficient, reliable, and user-friendly solution for organizations of all sizes.

Overall, the Location-Based Time and Attendance System presented in this paper represents a significant step forward in attendance tracking, offering a modern and effective approach that aligns with the technological advancements of the digital age.

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