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Adaptive Car Parking Systems: Utilizing Real-Time Data for Optimized Parking Solutions

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Abstract — *This Android Car Parking System App aims to simplify and improve the car parking experience for users. It provides a convenient solution for locating available parking spots, making reservations, and charging electric vehicles. The app leverages smartphone technology to enhance user convenience, reduce parking congestion, and promote efficient space utilization. The motivation behind this app is to address these issues and make the parking process more convenient and efficient. By utilizing mobile technology, the app aims to offer users a seamless parking experience, reduce search times, and optimize parking space usage. Customers can find out if there are any parking spots available at adjacent lots or garages. It is possible for users to reserve parking spots ahead of time, guaranteeing them a spot when they get there. The application facilitates effective parking spot finding for users by offering turn-by-turn navigation to the designated parking place. The Car Parking System App for Android provides a solution to the common challenges associated with parking in busy urban areas. It simplifies the parking process, making it more convenient and user-friendly. By offering real-time parking*

availability, reservations, and contactless payments, the app significantly improves the overall parking experience.

Keyword —Real-Time Parking Availability, User-Friendly Interface, Reservation System, Turn-By-Turn Navigation, Parking Spot Recommendations, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, Contactless Payments.

1. INTRODUCTION

In today's modern society, the interdependence between smartphones and daily routines has become increasingly evident. This close relationship is particularly notable in parking management systems, where traditional methods often face challenges such as long wait times, difficulty finding available spaces, and manual payment processes. To address these issues and enhance the parking experience, integrating an Android application into parking systems presents itself as an innovative solution[1].

An intelligent way to help manage and maximize parking spaces is using an Android-powered car parking system. Usually, this method uses an Android application to communicate with a server and offer real-time parking availability information. The four-layer paradigm that underpins the design of this system is Users, Android application interface, Server, and Parking area. An Android application interface that is connected to the server to transmit and receive user data allows users to make reservations. Between the users and the parking area, the server serves as a middleman. An Android application for a car parking system typically works by using GPS technology to locate the user's current position and then displaying a map of nearby parking lots and garages. Users can use the app to book a parking space in advance, which can be especially useful for popular parking areas or during special events[2-7].

The Android application-based parking system offers a comprehensive approach that benefits both parking operators and vehicle owners. Leveraging smartphone technology, this system provides users with real-time updates on parking availability, simplifies booking and payment processes, and enhances overall management and oversight of parking spaces.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Proposed a dynamic parking availability prediction model utilizing deep learning algorithms. Their research, published in the IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, introduced an innovative approach to predict parking space availability in real-time. By harnessing data from smartphone sensors and leveraging cloud computing resources, the system offers highly accurate information on parking space availability. This advancement significantly reduces search times and alleviates congestion in urban parking environments[1].

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introduced a ground-breaking parking reservation app for Android that uses blockchain technology to ensure safe and transparent transactions.. Published in the Journal of Network and Computer Applications, their study introduces a platform enabling users to reserve parking spaces in advance. Through the utilization of blockchain, the system ensures data integrity and privacy, leveraging decentralized ledger technology. This innovation holds

potential for enhancing the security and transparency of parking reservations, thereby fostering greater user confidence and satisfaction with the system[2].

Introduced an Android application integrating advanced routing algorithms for personalized navigation instructions in car parking. Their research, published in Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies, focuses on utilizing real-time traffic data and user preferences to optimize route selection. The system aims to guide users to the nearest available parking spot efficiently, thereby reducing travel time and enhancing overall user experience[3].

Investigated how to include contactless payment methods—like mobile wallets and QR code payments—into Android parking apps.. Their study, showcased in recent advancements, underscores the significance of enabling seamless and secure transactions to bolster user convenience while diminishing reliance on conventional payment methods. This development signifies a notable stride in enhancing the efficiency and user experience of car parking systems through contemporary payment solutions[4].

. User/driver login into the mobile application and check nearest vacant place for park, selects a parking slot in advance and parked the vehicle, uses a mobile application to find a parking place and parking fees and exit. It minimizes the time and adds an application such as an accident alarm and an AI camera can be implemented[5].

Initially, the individual selects the time slot using his phone. Transfers request a parking space After the requested space is paid for and received by the Parking Control Unit, it is reserved inside the parking lot.Even if a user is in a new location, they would still benefit from widespread use of this application. The software is easy to use and convenient, and it has offered the idea of a smart parking system that can lessen traffic congestion and enhance citizens' quality of life. A smart parking system application for Android[6].

3. BLOCK DIAGRAM

The depicted car parking system comprises an Android app interface enabling users to interact with features like checking availability, receiving guidance, and ensuring security. Behind the scenes, a dynamic slot allocation system optimizes space utilization, while a real-time availability module updates users on open spaces. Parking guidance assists in locating spots efficiently, and security measures include user authentication and monitoring vehicle movements. The parking infrastructure part controls the outside elements and access, making sure that only vehicles with permission can enter and depart. Block Diagram of Car Parking System is shown in Figure 1.

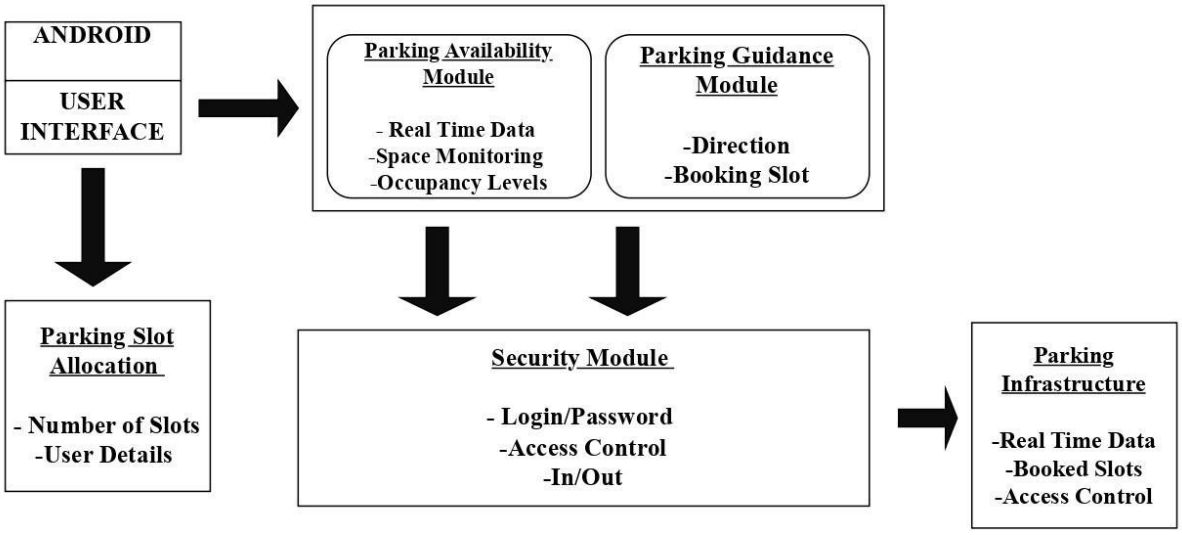

Figure – 1 Block Diagram of Car Parking System

This block diagram outlines a sophisticated car parking system, encompassing both frontend and backend components to offer users a seamless parking experience. Let's dissect the main elements and features mentioned:

1. Android App (User Interface): This acts as the front-end user interface between the user and the parking system. Users can access features like checking parking availability, getting guidance to parking slots, ensuring security measures, and utilizing the parking infrastructure[8].
2. Parking Slot Allocation: This component dynamically manages available parking spaces and assigns them to users based on their input details. It optimizes slot allocation considering factors like proximity and availability, ensuring efficient resource utilization and a smooth user experience.
3. Parking Availability Module: Responsible for providing real-time data on parking space availability. It continuously monitors occupancy levels and updates information accordingly. Users can rely on this module to find nearby parking spaces that are open for use[10].
4. Parking Guidance: Assists users in finding and navigating to available parking slots. It offers functionalities like directing users to the nearest spot and allowing advance booking. Integration with GPS or mapping services facilitates efficient navigation[9].
5. Security Modules: Ensures the safety of the parking facility and users. Features include user authentication, access control mechanisms, and in/out monitoring to track vehicle movements and enhance security and accountability[11].
6. Parking Infrastructure: Manages the physical aspects of the parking facility and its infrastructure. It provides real-time data on slot status, including occupancy information. Access control mechanisms ensure only authorized vehicles can enter or exit, employing technologies like RFID or license plate recognition systems[12].
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4. IMPLEMENTATION

With a host of features that increase productivity, Android Studio is the best Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for creating Android applications. Its launch at the 2013 Google I/O conference in May was a major turning

point for Android app development. From version 0.1's early access preview to the stable release in December 2014, Android Studio has continuously evolved, supporting multiple programming languages and boasting a flexible Gradle-based build system, swift emulator for app testing, and robust testing frameworks. Since Google's 2017 endorsement, JetBrains' statically typed programming language Kotlin has become a mainstay for Android development. Kotlin's seamless interoperability with Java, coupled with its conciseness and safety features, positions it as a preferred language for Android app development. Meanwhile, XML GUI facilitates intuitive user interface design by enabling the description of menus and toolbars in XML files, affording developers the freedom to design without altering source code. Firebase, a comprehensive mobile platform by Google, offers Firebase Appcompact for UI, streamlining authentication implementation in Android apps through Firebase UI Authentication. This integration simplifies the incorporation of sign-in functionality and allows for customization to align with the app's aesthetic. Moreover, Firebase furnishes real-time database capabilities, leveraging JSON storage and synchronization across connected clients. Security is fortified through Firebase Realtime Database Security Rules, ensuring controlled access to data. In terms of functionality, Android Studio houses a multifaceted editor equipped with real-time code analysis tools, automatic completion, and a function/class browser. Additionally, an interactive console facilitates code execution and debugging, while a documentation viewer seamlessly renders real-time documentation, enriching the development experience[13-15].

The official Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for creating Android applications is called Android Studio. Additional capabilities offered by Android Studio increase our productivity when developing Android apps. At Google I/O 2013, on May 16, 2013, Android Studio was unveiled as the official integrated development environment (IDE) for Android app development. .. In May 2013, it launched its early access preview with version 0.1. Starting with version 1.0, the first stable constructed version was made available in December 2014. Google has made Kotlin their preferred language for developing Android applications as of May 7, 2019. Besides this, Android Studio supports a variety of programming languages.One of Android Studio's features is its adaptable Gradle-based build mechanism. Its emulator for app testing is quick and packed with features. We can create for all Android devices in the unified environment of Android Studio. Make modifications to our running application's resource code without having to restart it. A wide range of testing frameworks and tools are available in Android Studio. It works with NDK and C++. It offers Google Cloud Platform built-in support. It facilitates the integration between App Engine and Google Cloud Messaging. XML and Kotlin Gui: Kotlin is a general-purpose, statically typed programming language created by Jet Brains, the same company that created the renowned IDEs IntelliJ IDEA, Php Storm, App code, etc. It was first released as a new language for the JVM in 2011 by Jet Brains. Despite being object-oriented and deemed a "better language" than Java, Kotlin can nonetheless communicate with Java programs seamlessly2017 saw the announcement of Kotlin as one of the official languages for Android development, with sponsorship from Google. Versions of the packages in The intriguing aspect of this design is that the programmer did not add the actions to the toolbars or menus. Rather, the programmer provides an XML file that specifies how the menu bar and toolbar should be arranged. With the help of this approach, an application's user interface can be changed without requiring the user to alter the program's source code. Furthermore, KParts component 11 programming interface for KDE benefits from XMLGUI since it makes it simple for an application to incorporate a KPart's GUI into its own GUI.. The Conqueror file manager is the canonical example of this feature. Firebase App for UI Compact Firebase authentication using auth Adding a full sign-in system to our app using Firebase UI Authentication allows us to use Firebase's user interface. Firebase UI provides a drop-in auth

solution which is used to implement authentication on mobile devices and websites. Firebase UI can be easily customized to fit with the rest of our app's visual style. It is open-source, so we are not constrained in modifying the user experience to meet our apps need. The procedures to utilize Firebase UI Authentication are as follows: Create sign-in procedures: Open the Firebase console and enable the authentication method. For phone number sign-in, email address and password, and any identity providers. We have to complete the configuration if anyone requires for identity providers. For customizing the sign-in and UI, we have to set some Firebase UI options or fork the code on GitHub. Choose Firebase UI to complete the sign-in process: Bring in the Firebase UI package. Indicate the sign-in technique we should support. Launch the Firebase UI sign-in process. Real-time Firebase Database A database housed in the cloud is the Firebase Real-time Database. Every client that is connected receives real-time synchronization of data saved in JSON format. Using our JavaScript, Android, and Apple platforms SDKs, you can create cross-platform applications that sync with the most recent data automatically for all of your clients, sharing a single Real-Time Database instance. By enabling secure access to the database straight from client-side code, the Firebase Real-time Database enables you to create complex, collaborative apps. The end user has a responsive experience since data is stored locally and real-time events continue to occur even when the device is offline. The Real-time Database immediately merges any inconsistencies between the local data changes and the remote updates made while the client was offline when the device connects again.To specify how your data LVI should be formatted and when it can be read from or written to, the Real-time Database offers an adaptable rules language called Firebase Real-time Database Security Rules. Developers are able to control who may access what data and how when Firebase Authentication is connected.

Technology Stack Used:

- Development Platform: Android Studio.
- Programming Language: Java.
- Backend Services: Firebase Authentication, Firebase Realtime Database, Firebase Cloud Messaging.
- API Integration: Google Maps API.
- Libraries/Frameworks: Android Jetpack, Retrofit, Glide.

Development Process:

- Set up Android Studio and created a new project.
- Designed UI layouts using XML files and implemented navigation between screens.
- Wrote Java code to implement backend logic, handle user authentication, and manage data.
- Integrated Firebase services for user authentication, data storage, and notifications.
- Implemented API calls to retrieve parking station data and handle booking requests.
- Deployed the application to Google Play Store for distribution to users.

5. FEATURES

1. User Registration and Authentication: Use an email address and password to establish safe user registration and login processes.

1. View Parking Stations: Display a list of parking stations with details like name, location, availability, and pricing.

2. Check Availability: Allow users to check real-time availability of parking slots at selected stations.
3. Book Parking Slot: Enable users to book a parking slot specifying date, time, duration, and vehicle details.
4. Notifications: Send push notifications for booking confirmations and updates on availability[6].
5. User Profile: Provide a user profile section for managing account settings and viewing booking history.

6. RESULTS

"Park My Car" is a cutting-edge Android application designed to revolutionize the parking experience for users. With its intuitive interface and advanced features, Park My Car offers a seamless solution to the perennial problem of finding and managing parking spaces. The app allows users to effortlessly locate available parking spots in their vicinity, whether in crowded city centers or sprawling parking lots. Through real-time updates and integrated maps, users can navigate to their chosen parking spot with ease, saving time and minimizing frustration. Additionally, Park My Car provides features such as reservation options, payment integration, and reminders to ensure a stress-free parking experience from start to finish. With its user-friendly design and comprehensive functionality, Park My Car sets the standard for modern parking solutions, empowering users to take control of their parking needs with confidence and convenience.

6. CONCLUSION

A car parking system based on an Android application presents a compelling solution for efficient parking management in urban areas. By leveraging smartphone technology and IoT, the system offers convenience for drivers, increased revenue for operators, and positive environmental impact. As smart city initiatives gain momentum, this technology can become a cornerstone in creating a more efficient and sustainable transportation ecosystem. The comprehensive app "Park My Car" was created to make parking easier for both car owners and parking facility operators. With its user-friendly interface and robust features, it offers seamless registration and login functionality for users and administrators alike. Users can easily find nearby parking stations and charging stations, simplifying the process of locating available parking spaces and charging facilities. The app's real-time availability feature ensures that users can quickly check the availability of parking slots and make bookings as needed. For added convenience, "Park My Car" sends timely notifications to users, providing updates on booking confirmations and availability status. This assists with the effective administration of parking spaces in addition to improving customer experience.

FUTURE WORK

1. Guidance and Monitoring: The system is capable of offering smart parking reservation, monitoring, and guidance services. This may guide development in the future.
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3. Low-Cost, Low-Power Embedded Systems: New developments in the design of low-cost, low-power embedded systems are assisting programmers in the creation of new Internet of Things applications.

4. Security: Parking is crucial, and each and every owner of a vehicle must park their vehicle in a safe, assigned spot.

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