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ABSTRAK

Pada masa kini, terdapat beberapa kes-kes yang berkaitan dengan kematian kanak-kanak yang ditinggalkan di dalam kereta kerana pitam dan hipotermia. Oleh itu, sistem ini telah direka dan dijangka dapat membantu untuk mengatasi kejadian yang tak diingini seperti ini. Sistem ini direka untuk mengesan kehadiran kanak-kanak atau suhu badan kanak-kanak yang telah ditinggalkan di dalam kerusi kanak-kanak dalam kereta. Projek ini dikenali sebagai “Car Seat Security System for Unattended Child Using GSM Module”. Tujuan utama projek ini adalah untuk mewujudkan satu system yang menggunakan Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) yang boleh berkomunikasi dengan manusia. Ia digunakan untuk menghantar dan menerima SMS yang berasaskan kepada tindakan yang sewajarnya diambil oleh manusia. Untuk mengawal keseluruhan system, mikropengawal PIC akan digunakan. Fungsi utama mikropengawal PIC adalah untuk memberi arahan pada modul GSM yang dilampirkan dan membuatkan ia bersedia untuk berkomunikasi dengan pengguna dengan menghantar SMS ke telefon mudah alih. MicroC Compilers digunakan sebagai perisian untuk mikropengawal PIC.

ABSTRACT

Nowadays, there are quite a number of incidents that is related to the death of the children left in a parked vehicles due to heatstroke and hyperthermia. Therefore, the system designed is expected to help in order to overcome this unwanted incident. This system project is created to sense the presence of a child or detect a body temperature of child that had been left in the child car seat of a car. This project is called “Car Seat Security System for Unattended Child Using GSM Module”. The main purpose of this project is to create a system which uses Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) that can communicate with human. The GSM modem is the medium by which the user can interact with the module. It is used to send and receive SMS text messages based on which appropriate actions taken by user. To control the whole system, PIC microcontroller will be used. The main function of PIC microcontroller is to initiate the attached GSM module and make it ready to communicate with users by sending an SMS to the mobile phone. MicroC Compilers is used as a software for PIC microcontroller.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BBS	=	Bulletin board services
CMOS	=	Complementary metal-oxide semiconductor
GSM	=	Global System communication for mobile phone
EDGE	=	Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution
EEPROM	=	Electrically erasable programmable read-only memory
EECON1	=	Contains control bits
EECON2	=	Register does not exist physically and serves to protect EEPROM from accidental writing.
EEDATA	=	Holds read data or that to be written
EEADR	=	Contains an address of EEPROM location being accessed.
GPRS	=	General Packet Radio Service
GMSK	=	Gaussian Minimum Shift Type
GPS	=	Global Positioning System
GPR	=	General Purpose Register
ISP	=	Internet Service Provider
IC	=	Integrated circuit
LED	=	Light emitting diodes
LCD	=	Liquid Crystal Display
PIC	=	Programmable Interface Controller
PDU	=	Protocol description unit
PCB	=	Printed circuit board
RC	=	Radio Controlled

RAM	=	Random Access Memory
ROM	=	Read-only memory
SMS	=	Short Messaging Service
SFR	=	Special Function Register
SPDT	=	Single pole, double throw
SSR	=	Solid State Relays
TTL	=	Transistor–transistor logic
RF	=	Radio Frequency
IR	=	Infrared

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

One of the most recently used in communication system in the present universe of innovation is Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM). It has turn out to be extremely prominent and one of the wireless communication system that is dependable to use. Moreover, it is also accessible to be used by individual and very user friendly. One of the factors that makes this system dependable to use is because of the cost. The cost is exceptionally effective and affordable to own for individual who use this system. The network system is extended as the demand is growing. In the Car Set Security System for Unattended Child, there is one of the examples of the system that uses GSM.

1.0.1 Explanation of Simplified Block Diagram

This is the explanation of each block diagram for the Figure 1.0 below.

Mobile Device: A cellular phone that contain a SIM card. This device communicates through the GSM modem and mobile user will received an SMS using GSM technology.

GSM Modem: The hardware part that allows the ability to send and receive SMS to and from the system. GSM will communicate via RS232 (one after the other) port. The cell phone can be attached at the place of GSM hardware but it limits the hardware ability to do things such as sending or receiving the SMS.

PIC Microcontroller: Contains the software components that can execute a certain command that have been coded.

RS-232 interface for PIC microcontroller to GSM modem: For basic serial communication between a PIC microcontroller and GSM modem. Generally only needed to connect the Ground, Transmitter and Receiver lines.

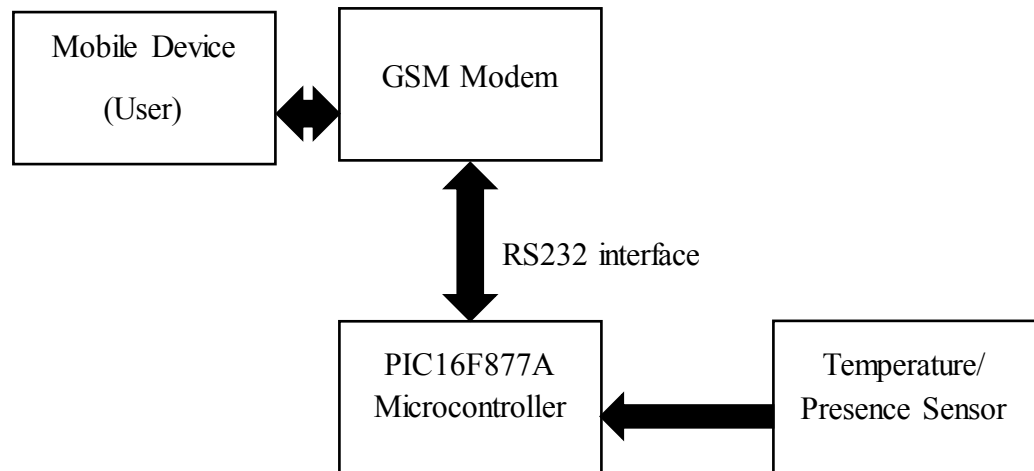


Figure 1.1: Block Diagram for process that uses GSM

1.1 Background

According to Ferrara, et al Pietro (2013) there are a lot number of cases that related to the death of child where the child had been left in a car by their parents due to the heat stroke and hyperthermia. When the body absorbs too much heat, this will cause a hyperthermia (Luethi M, Meier B, Sandi C, 2008). Children are easily to develop hyperthermia that adults when inside a closed and hot vehicle. There are two factors that make children to be more prone to hyperthermia than adults: children have a greater surface area body mass ratio compared to adults and a children thermoregulation is less efficient than adults.

Figure 1.2 shows that the transparent windows of a car was strikes by the sun's shortwave radiation, shown as the yellow colour wave. It tells that the child left in the

car will die because of the hot temperature from the outside and it will affect the child inside the car. Studies have proven that children heat rate is three to five times faster than adults.



Figure 1.2: The Temperature inside and Outside the Car That Kill Children

Some might say that leaving the vehicle's with window slightly open can reduce the warming rate inside the car. This does not basically can reduce the warming rate inside the car because children's bodies warm at a faster rate than adults.

However, caution must be practised to prevent the unwanted incident to be occurred. Therefore, to prevent from this kind of bad situation happens; the vehicle that are used must be equipped with a device or some system that can be used to warn parents if they were negligent when leaving the vehicle. As a driver, they are usually left their car in a far place from their destination such as open air parking lot. So, there is no other way to communicate with them except through mobile phones connectivity. Hence, the notification system needs to have access to a wide-range phone communication such as Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM).

The system needs a technique on how to detect the presence of a child on a child safety seat to activate the system and send an SMS text message to parents to alert them. The system will also use another sensor which is temperature sensor as a

secondary alert to detect the body temperature of child that has been left in the car for more than half an hour and then send another SMS text message to parents alerting temperature body of the child rises. So by this project, it will make parents more alert if they were leaving their child alone in the car and can avoid from bad incidents to occur.

1.2 Problem Statement

In this era, people's daily life is more to choose to follow their fixed schedule and live in rushing and under pressure every day. And when there is a changes of routine, this may cause a distraction and become the main reason why they can forget their own child in the car. There have been some cases about the tragic death of children that have been mistakenly left in the vehicles because the parents had forget to bring them together when they have reached the destination. Example case that happened in Malaysia is a father left his child for almost five hours in a car. This accident happened due to parents having busy schedule. To prevent this kind of incident from occurring, one system to overcome this case need to be created immediately after stopping the engine and locking the car. This system will alert the parents before they walk away from the car and leave the child inside.

The Figure 1.3 below shows the causes of children who died in a vehicles because of the heatstroke.

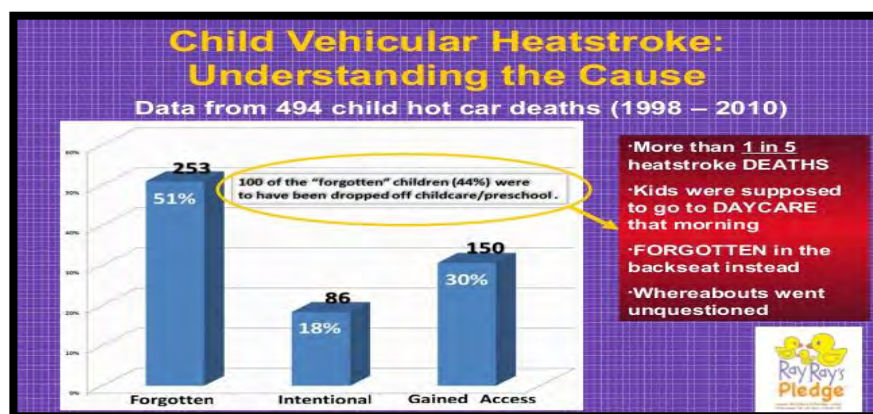


Figure 1.3: Graph about Causes of Heatstroke Death by Jan Null (2011)

1.3 Objectives

The objective of this project are:

- a) To design the circuit system as to detect the existing human body in a car.
- b) To propose a notification system that is intently to be a low-cost system so that it can be easily implemented and installed in any types of vehicles.

1.4 Scope of Project

This project has two types of sensor which is IR obstacle sensor and the LM35 sensor. The IR obstacle sensor will sense a presence of a baby on a car seat and for the LM35, this sensor will sense a surrounding temperature inside a car. Then the PIC will send a signal to GSM to send a SMS to a user. This system comes will a small part of circuit and can be implemented in any kind of vehicles.

1.5 Thesis Outlines

This Child in Car Alarm System is consists of five chapters as are outlined as follows.

Chapter I: Describes about the overview of the project including the background, objectives, problem statement and scope of the project.

Chapter II: Explains about the reviews on previous researches that are related to this project. Before starting the project, the background and literature review about development of the components that are using to build this system need to study and doing research well.

Chapter III: Elucidates the project methodology. It explains the flow of the system that will be designed and how the project was organized. The simulation has been done to make sure that the circuit would working properly before starting develop the prototype.

Chapter IV: Presents the result of project. This project has two parts of result. The first part is result at the simulation and the other part is result from real prototypes. It also consist the analysis and discussion of the results.

Chapter V: Is about the conclusion of overall analysis from chapter 1 until chapter 4. It also provides future work that contents some recommendations of what remains to be improved or learned.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

In this chapter will study more about the previous journals and discuss on the previous project. This chapter also consists of the theoretical concepts and some useful ideas to implement in this project. Various types of references were consulted and reviewed to ensure effectiveness to implement this project.

2.1 Related Works

2.1.1 Baby Seat Belt Alarm System by Fred Mesina (2005).

Fred Mesina (2005), explain about the cases that involve the death of a child in a vehicles. This incident happens almost every year because of the negligence committed by parents who often abandons their child alone in the car. When a driver has safely arrived to their destination, they sometimes forget and overlook the presence of their child in the car because of their hasty exit from the car. A baby is susceptible to dehydration and this can cause them to become coma or something worse that will cause succumb to death. So to avoid this incidents from happen, a vehicles must be equipped with an alarm or sensor. If a sensor succeeds to detect the presence of a human body or a movement, the alarm will make a sound to alert the parents about it.

The alarm system will function when there is a child been buckled on a car seat and the car key is removed from ignition at the same time. The controller may be including belt buckled sensor, a key removed sensor, a transmitter and additional devices such as horn, air conditioning and some other devices.

Based on Figure 2.1 below shows the flow chart of the steps on how to activate an alarm when there is an abandon child in the car.

10- To detect either the seat belt is buckled or not.

20- If the seat belt is already buckled, transmitter will send a signal to a key module.

30- To detect whether the key I already removed from a keyhole or not.

42- Timer, or waiting period for delaying the activation of the alarm.

40- The key module will activates the alarm to alert the driver.

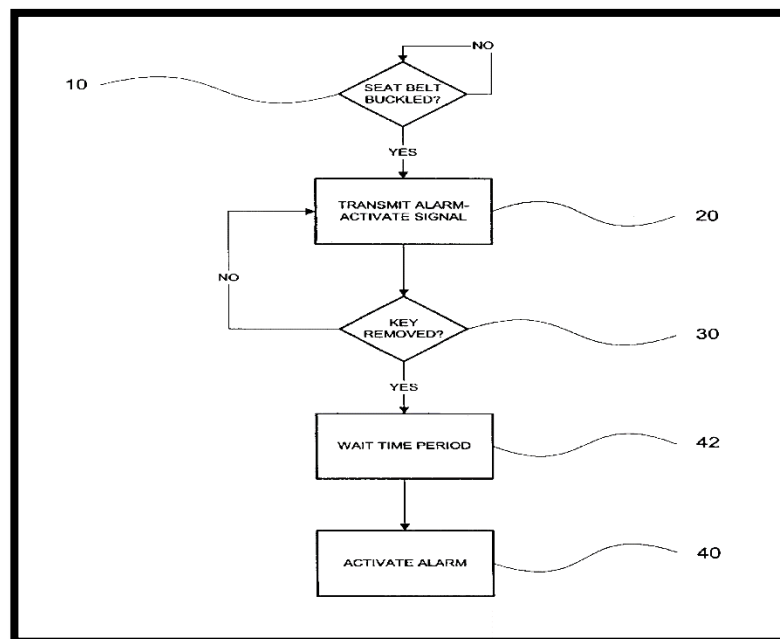


Figure 2.1: Flow Chart of Alarm System of the Project of Baby Seat Belt Alarm System