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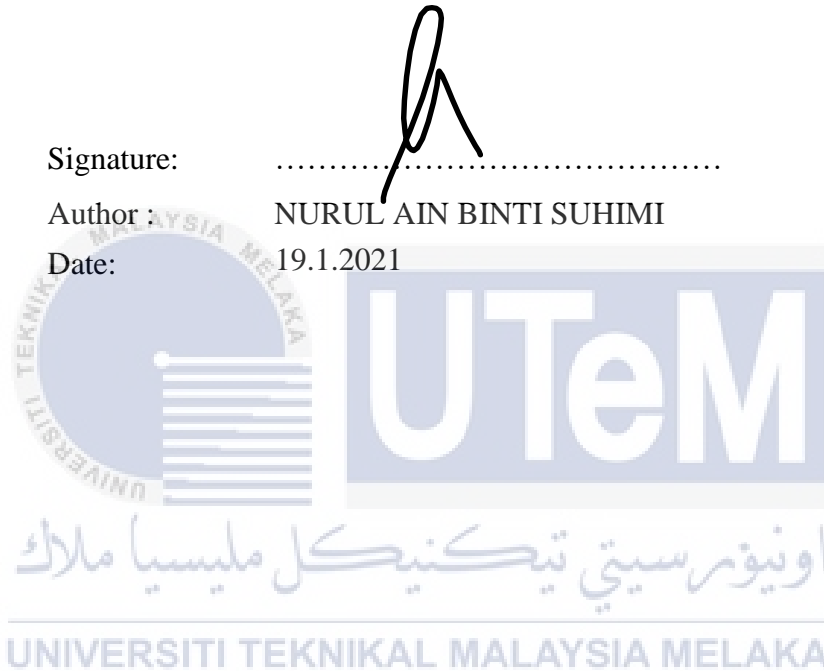
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## ABSTRACT

Fleet Management System (FMS) is heart to business operations these days. Business using fleet include e-hailing system, logistics, delivery services are constantly increasing within time. Sometimes, engine box or any other parts is over the limit and forget to be replaced due to human factor. This can indirectly affect the fleet operation leading to vehicles sudden breakdown and accident during operation. The objectives that need to be achieve in this project are to develop embedded controller which are able to log all important data such as mileage in order to notify maintenance department to check on part replacement. Next, to monitor vehicles speed movement on road simultaneously and in real time. Lastly, minimize vehicles downtime and operating costs by notifying maintenance team to check on battery, tire, engine oil and gear box oil replacement. Embedded controller needed medium to talk to car data Electronic Control Unit (ECU) and exchange of digital information between diagnostic scan tool and ECUs using standard Controller Area Network (CAN) protocol carried out by OBD-II scanner. This project is to develop microcontroller that function the same as OBD reader. This project use Arduino UNO as microcontroller, and DC motor encoder for feedback pulse before sending message and data logging process. In result, feedback pulse is counted as mileage, the data can be monitored and message alert will be send to both driver and maintenance team simultaneously and in real-time.

## ABSTRAK

*Fleet Management System (FMS) menjadi tumpuan operasi perniagaan hari ini. Perniagaan yang menggunakan armada termasuk sistem e-hailing, logistik, perkhidmatan penghantaran sentiasa meningkat dari suatu masa ke masa yang lain. Kadang kala, minyak kotak enjin atau bahagian lain melebihi had dan lupa untuk diganti kerana faktor manusia. Ini secara tidak langsung boleh mempengaruhi operasi armada yang menyebabkan kerosakan kenderaan secara tiba-tiba dan kemalangan semasa kenderaan beroperasi. Objektif yang perlu dicapai dalam projek ini adalah untuk mengembangkan pengendali terbenam yang dapat mencatat semua data penting seperti jarak yang dilalui untuk memberitahu bahagian penyelenggaraan. Seterusnya, untuk memantau pergerakan kelajuan kenderaan di jalan secara serentak dan dalam waktu sebenar. Akhir sekali, mengurangkan waktu kenderaan rosak dan kos operasi dengan memberitahu pasukan penyelenggaraan untuk memeriksa penggantian minyak bateri, tayar, minyak enjin dan kotak gear. Pengawal terbenam memerlukan media untuk komunikasi dengan data kereta Electronic Control Unit (ECU) dan pertukaran maklumat digital antara alat imbasan diagnostik dan ECU menggunakan protokol Controller Area Network (CAN) standard yang dilakukan oleh OBD-II. Projek ini adalah untuk membangunkan mikrokontroler yang berfungsi sama seperti pembaca OBD. Projek ini menggunakan Arduino UNO sebagai pengawal utama, dan pengekod motor DC untuk nadi maklum balas sebelum menghantar mesej dan proses log data. Hasilnya, denyut maklum balas dikira sebagai jarak yang dilalui, data dapat dipantau dan mesej peringatan akan dikirimkan kepada pemandu dan pasukan penyelenggaraan secara serentak dan dalam waktu sebenar.*

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

<b>D, d</b>	-	Diameter
<b><math>\Omega</math></b>		Ohm, Resistor Unit



## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

IC	-	Integrated Circuit
FMS	-	Fleet Management System
OBD	-	On Board Diagnostic
ECU	-	Electronic Control Unit
RTC	-	Real Time Clock
DTC	-	Diagnostic Trouble Code
CAN	-	Controller Area Network
MIL	-	Malfunction Indicator Lamp
UART	-	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
TX	-	Transmit
RX	-	Receiver

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Transportation is an primary resource for businesses, particularly for businesses concerned in areas like supplying, delivery services, e-hailing services, public transport, and logistic services. In addition, with socio-economic changes, vehicle ownership has increased significantly. Both ordinary users and organisations need to have adequate management and maintenance awareness of their vehicles. (O. Stapleton et al, 2011).

Inadequate information of a transport, fleet maintenance could be risky. Taking an example, vehicles breakdown throughout operation on highways at essential moments. (Desa et al,2001) diagnosed that between 70 to 80 percent breakdowns will be prevented by deploying preventive upkeep. Therefore, frequently reporting of maintenance of management repercussion are indeed crucial.

Fleet Management System (FMS) is a hot and skyrocketing topic. FMS will facilitate firms to try manage vehicle funding, vehicle sustention, vehicle chase and problem, driver behaviour operation, acceleration monitoring, fuel and protection upkeep (Fleischer, P.B et al,2012).

Worldwide fleet management market is foretold to cultivate starting in 2015 from worthy USD 8.03 Billion to the range of USD 22.35 Billion by 2020 as market research report forecasts that. FMS has the big-timer challenge and that actually needs good technical skills. Surprisingly, a lot of people do not have any idea on

what beneath the hood of a car or any other vehicles nor a way to do regular check up to evade breakdowns.

Different type of transportations are accessible in each countries. The newest model are fitted with constitutional sensors accessed through an On board diagnostic (OBD) system which squeal the motive force of any essential condition in which this device are absent in older vehicles. Whereas the OBD is helpful, it is incorporated into the vehicle's dashboard and is accessible solely in-vehicle. Moreover, scanning error codes by OBD acquire an adapter, solely record the present state of the vehicle and no analytics are accomplished. It is fascinating that a maintenance system ought to analyze the chronicles of the state of a vehicle and forecast maintenance before real failure take place.

Google Maps is incorporated with OBD system (Google,2020) to channel the motive force to the closest workshop if a components or parts are perceived to report the failure. Example of fueling wherever analysis show if vehicles is ought to be refuel due the present and remaining miles for journey left. In beating these issues, it is vital to possess a system for observation and keep up a fleet in confluence with real time of health analytics for intact and dependable transportation. Not solely a system that monitors the present health state of a vehicle however conjointly forecast the failure of various essential elements by performing arts analytics on the history of information is anticipated.

This method not solely reduces the upkeep price however may also give a stronger prediction for fleet maintenance management. This can conjointly provide businesses a foothold as a result of it cut down repair prices, unclog the fleet job and dodge abrupt tailspin.

## 1.2 Problem Statement

Fleet management need to monitor several aspects such as battery condition, engine oil, tire, insurance, road tax and other features. For fleet company such as lorry or bus business, all the item in checklist will be updated manually by driver. Sometimes, the limit for gearbox or engine oil is over and forget to be replaced due to human factor. This can indirectly effect the fleet operation leading to vehicles breakdown and accident during operation.

## 1.3 Research Objective

The objectives that need to be accomplish in this project are:

- i. To develop embedded controller which are able to log all important data such as mileage in order to notify maintenance department.
- ii. To monitor vehicles speed movement on road simultaneously and in real-time.
- iii. To minimize vehicles downtime and operating costs by notifying maintenance team to check on battery, tire, engine oil and gear box oil replacement.

## 1.4 Scope of Research

The research range are as follows:

- i. Data logging from embedded controller in notifying maintenance department and driver on important information

needed to take action.

- ii. Monitor the vehicles speed simultaneously and inreal-time.
- iii. Keep the maintenance date and data obtained from vehicles in management database to be continuously monitor by management authorities.

## 1.5 Contribution of Research

The thesis is made in contribution to the following related areas:

- i. Continuous monitoring the vehicles in real time: Authorities such as company management having access to the system can track and battery condition, engine oil level, tire, insurance, road tax expire date mileage and send alert message to driver to send vehicles to maintenance team when essential parameter goes beyond normal range. This will prevent vehicles breakdown during operation and lessen the accident factor dueto vehicles problem.
- ii. Reduce fleet management operating costs: The main focus in fleet management system is to control and reduce vehicles repairing cost. By reducing the risk of vehicles breakdown, management can cut the cost for repairing vehicles even replacingunnecessary parts.