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ABSTRACT

Ticket System for Mara Liner Using SMS is a stand alone system development project. The primary purpose is to develop a system that customer can check and book ticket using sms. This system application will cover the information about the available ticket, booking ticket, and notification or reminder. The system will be used by the administrator and staff of the Mara Liner counter ticket. This system comprise of redeem booked ticket module, schedule management module, location management module, user management module, tools module, price setting module, activity log module and notification or reminder modules. To develop this system, Object Oriented approach is used and waterfall model had been chosen as a methodology. Results get from this application development is hoped to give the ability for the administrator and staff to give the best service to the customer.

ABSTRAK

Ticket System for Mara Liner Using SMS merupakan sistem yang berasaskan sistem penggunaan setempat. Tujuan sistem ini dibangunkan adalah untuk membolehkan pelanggan membuat semakan dan menempah tiket menggunakan sms. Sistem ini merangkumi maklumat berkenaan dengan tiket sedia ada, tempahan tiket dan peringatan. Sistem ini digunakan oleh pentadbir dan pekerja kaunter tiket Mara Liner. Sistem ini juga merangkumi modul menebus tiket, modul pengurusan jadual, modul pengurusan lokasi, modul pengurusan pengguna, modul peralatan, modul pengubahsuaian harga, modul aktiviti sistem dan mempunyai modul peringatan. Untuk membangunkan sistem ini, pendekatan Object Oriented telah digunakan dan model waterfall telah dipilih sebagai metodologi. Sistem ini adalah diharapkan supaya membolehkan pentadbir dan pekerja memberikan perkhidmatan yang terbaik kepada semua pelanggan.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SMS Short Messaging System

GSM Global System for Mobile Communication

2G Second Generation

3G Third Generation

SIM Subscriber Identity Module

AUC Authentication Center

IMSI International Mobile Subscriber Identity

PHP Personal Home Page/ Hypertext Preprocessor

PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network

GPRS General Packet Radio Service

EDGE Enhanced Data for Global Evolution

ITU International Telecommunication Union

SDLC System Development Life Cycle

ETSI European Telecommunication Standard Institutes

IMT-2000 International Mobile Telecommunication-2000

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

SMS is another choice to communicate between people in long distance. As we know, SMS is most effective way to notify somebody rather than mailing. Instead, SMS just a simple text message than a complicated mailing.

Nowadays, a mobile phone device is getting more important in our daily routine life. When these mobile phones are connected to the Internet, the powers of the mobile devices are endless. With SMS, we can deliver timely data to the user at any place and any time. The application itself will help user to manage and do their daily routine life activity other than messaging and video conferencing. This project will cover the development of a system at Mara Liner. A proper system will be done using the appropriate software and hardware. The existing system that used in Mara Liner in Malaysia is unable to manage certain occasion such as checking or booking ticket.

Basically, a customer will be given information straight to counter ticket about the available ticket. Somehow, any notification will be informed by mail and internet, counter ticket management only manages to arrange date and it depend on first come first serve. This situation gives bad perspective to a customer for those who came early but need to wait and queue to get the ticket. Plus, the problem seems to be repeatedly day by day and all the complaint seems to be just an old topic, even counter ticket management still unable to make any further action. These problems need to be settled to helps customer especially to old folks, so does not need to wait a whole time just to have a short moment to get the ticket.

1.2 Problem Statement

Nowadays, ordinary people always busy as usual. Sometimes they do not have enough time to attend to check and get the ticket. More complicated the ordinary ticket was given to a customer to notify dates and sometimes customer accidentally lost or misplaces the ticket.

A lot of people appear in counter ticket mostly to check ticket, to book and get ticket or for the matter of business. In the counter ticket, the customer congestion normally happened, by the way many customer information were added, updated and deleted by system administrator. Human error would be the reason for data lost, switch and duplicated. Based on the problems that occur this system will give beneficial to counter ticket management or customer in order to make a proper scheduling and management more tag on up with the technology using nowadays. This system also will make the counter ticket environment became so easy and faster. The system did not happen to alert customer it also helps counter ticket management to augment the performance and task productivity.

This entire problem can be solved by using this system. All the information can be retrieved at any time and at any place when the customer or users need it.

1.3 Objective

The main objectives of the system are:

- i. An integrated GSM modem system for a checking ticket system.
 - By using the GSM modem as a device connected with the system,
 SMS will be send in order the purpose of the system need.
- ii. Sending specific reminder via Short Message Service (SMS).
 - The arrangements of the checking, booking ticket and reminder to get the ticket need to be vivid to avoid any redundant or overlapping management.
- iii. Avoid wasting for customer.
 - Without a proper scheduling time, customer needs to rush to have a ticket at counter ticket.

1.4 Scope

The scope of the project is only applied on two areas: Specific users and specific functional. Each area is describes as below.

1.4.1 Specific User

- System Administrator
 - The person who managed the system and have privileges mode.
- Staff
 - The staff needs to setup an update ticket available, location and price according to current schedule.

1.4.2 Specific Functionality

- Notification via SMS
 - Customer will be notified via SMS and all the ticket information will be shown for further reviews.
- A reliable management information system
 - A system that can react as an information system but in the same time, manage the ticket according to current schedule time and ticket available status.

1.5 Project Significance

The significance of this project is to enable system administrator to manage and setup the ticket schedule time for each customer. Notification or alert via SMS will help customer to keep in track what time and date they need to redeem their ticket. All information about the available ticket, booking ticket will be stored for future review.

1.6 Expected Output

This system expected to give a lot of benefits to counter ticket management and customer's personal information definitely safe and updated. This system also expectantly could help customer when they are alerted by these system, the information given definitely for them to compose a time arrangement for that day. Truly, every system have its specialties, how it be capable of to be manage and how its preserve expectation output.

1.7 Conclusion

As a conclusion, this system is very suitable in the environment of the counter ticket Mara Liner because all of the information needs to be record simply by using personal computer or laptop that flexible to use anywhere and anytime. The SMS notification system gives many benefits to the user in order to progress their job and make sure all the output avoid the entire problem that have been faced before. This chapter reviews on the description of the project and some related background information on the project. Beside that, this chapter observes the problem statement of this project to give a clear insight of what is the scope and objectives of the project. This chapter will become the guideline to all the work that is to be carried out in the later stage.

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW AND PROJECT METHODOLOGY

2.1 Introduction

Chapter 2 is the main chapter for whichever project that will be developed. The purpose of this chapter is to present a selected literature review, which is very important for the research. This chapter also describe and explain on the literature review carried out on the system and also the methodology that be used in developing this system. This chapter enlightened the project that will be developing to assure the system is far more effective. Besides that, previous research also will be discussed in this section at least three system and methodologies that being used in other research which is related to this system will be explained and compared to highlight the differences.

For the next section, every project development includes discussion of the methodology used where are methodology is use as the solution tree to the project. Methodology is a set of guidelines, standards and processes that is involved and followed explicitly in order to produce a product or software. In this study the methods is consist of the compatibility development process. By having the proper project methodology, the project is able to be complete within the given time.