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Abstract

This study will design an automated mobile board sign that will capable of following a designed path in a tourist attraction that are indoor. This board sign is different from the regular board sign. It can move in specific places as well as on specific routes. This is because the two IR sensors are used to determine if the robot is in track with a line or not. In this way, people are more likely to pay attention to the board sign. People also save time looking around for traditional board sign. The mobile function also increases the visitors on walking have the opportunity to view the information from the automated mobile board. In addition, the visitors can view through the display screen and know the information about the specific place. The automated mobile board sign also will stop when detecting the obstacles.

Abstrak

Kajian ini akan merancang tentang tanda papan mudah alih automatik yang akan dapat mengikuti jalan yang direka dalam tarikan pelancong yang berada dalam bangunan. Tanda papan ini berbeza dengan papan tanda biasa. Ia boleh bergerak di tempat-tempat tertentu serta pada laluan tertentu. Keadaan ini disebabkan kedua-dua sensor IR digunakan untuk menentukan sama ada robot berada dalam landasan dengan garis atau tidak. Dengan cara ini, orang ramai akan lebih cenderung untuk memberi perhatian kepada papan tanda. Orang ramai juga dapat menjimatkan masa untuk mencari papan tanda tradisional. Fungsi mudah alih juga dapat meningkatkan perhatian pengunjung sambil berjalan sambil berpeluang untuk melihat maklumat dari papan mudah alih automatik. Di samping itu, pelawat boleh melihat melalui skrin paparan dan mengetahui maklumat mengenai tempat tertentu. Tanda papan mudah alih automatik juga akan berhenti apabila mengesan halangan.

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CHAPTER 1: Introduction

1.1 Introduction

A board sign is a piece of board which has been provided with pictures or words and which gives some information about a particular place, event and so on. Board sign is any kind of visual graphics provided to display information to a specific audience. This is usually manifested in the form of way-finding information in places such as inside buildings. It does not seem to be slowing down for the board sign in everywhere, as new place has been opening all year round. Every place always has a lively place. These places are often the focus of the crowd soaring and won the attention of the crowd.

This project is aimed at developing an IOT based automated mobile board sign for tourism attraction. This board sign is different from the regular board sign. It can move in specific places as well as on specific routes. In this way, people are more likely to pay attention to the board sign. People also save time looking around for traditional board sign. In addition, this board sign can be used by the visitor to provide them with the information to go to their place easily. The visitors can view through the display screen and know the information about the specific place. The automated mobile board sign provides a mobile function. Walking tourists can view details from the interactive mobile screen.

1.2 Problem statement

A lot of visitors encounter a problem when they visit the new tourist attraction. Majority of the visitors face difficulties to find a specific place within the compound of tourist attraction. They always spend plenty of time in searching a board sign because not ever to find the specific place. Due to the board sign in tourism attraction cannot catch their attention. The problem is still going to happen on everywhere.

1.3 Scope

The targeted users for the IoT based automated mobile board sign are visitors of indoor tourism attraction. The IoT based automated mobile board sign move on specific routes and in specific places to catch the attention of the visitor. It can move around one to two metres using the solid black line. It can also stop when detecting obstacles in front of the sensor. The visitors can view through the display screen know the information. All the information display in image format. The admin can delete and upload the image from the admin account.

1.4 Limitation

The small display screen used because the motor cannot support too heavy standing board due to hardware limitation. The water can destroy the hardware part. The black line cannot be too long because they consume power. The black line can be destroyed due to the human factor and cause the board sign to stop. The board sign can only detect obstacles in front of the sensor. The height of IoT based automated mobile board sign is limited due to the balancing problem.

1.5 Objectives

- 1. To study and analyse the existing project on automated mobile board sign.
- 2. To design and assemble an automated mobile board sign.
- 3. To test and evaluate the project prototype's functionality and usability on revealing the information that is clear and easy to understand.

1.6 Methodology

Methodology can be defined as a specific procedure or collection of procedures to be used for research or system creation. Rapid Application Development (RAD) model is used to achieve the project's objectives and successfully develop a system. Since the requirement could change constantly throughout the development phase, this methodology is used to help ensure that each requirement is fulfilled in each prototype cycle. RAD is divided into four main sections as shown in Figure 1.1 below. The analysis and quick design phase, the prototype cycle, testing phase and the implementation or deployment phase.

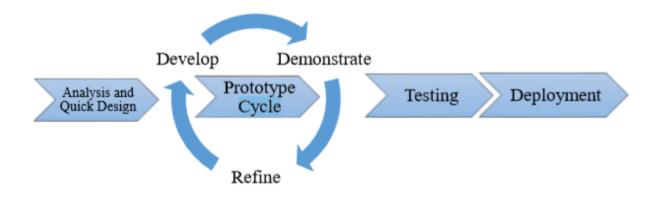


Figure 1. 1: Rapid Application Development Methodology

(adapted from Wanda, 2014)

The problem statement and objectives of developing the Automated Mobile Board sign are determined in the analysis and quick design phase. The requirements for developing the project is obtained in this phase, there will be a study of the similar project. It helps to gather valuable information for this project. A detailed plan or proposal is created to explain how the automated mobile board sign can bring benefits to the target visitors. A quick design of the automated mobile board sign will be designed, sketched and shown upon completion of analysis phase. The system architecture will be designed. It is the part of the overview of the system structure. A series of diagrams will be drawn to create a better understanding of the system design foundation. In order to prepare the materials, all materials needed are being listed down. Some of them are borrowed from the faculty and some are buying online. Raspberry Pi is a necessity to make the prototype more functional. The prototype of this project also includes a lot of material such as display screen, sensors, motor and power supply.

The next step is the prototype cycle where the prototyping process begins with the creation of the prototype based on the system design. The prototype cycle is an iterative step where once the first prototype is created, feedback is collected from visitors after presenting to the visitors. The collected feedback will be analysed and the previous prototype will be refined. This phase will be repeated until the refinement results are acceptable.

It will continue to the next phase which is the critical testing phase after the prototype is completed. It will test in the real environment once the design is successfully developed. Testing is a technique used to evaluate the prototype by testing it with the users. The Automated Mobile

Board Sign is being checked during this process to ensure it meets the targets and also performs well. The final phase is the period of deployment in which the completed Automated Mobile Board Sign is ready for deployment.

1.7 Significant of Project

By having the proposed project, the visitors will be able to know the place by viewing the information provided on the IoT based automated mobile board sign. It can also cover a specific area and catch the attention of the visitor to view the information.

1.8 Project Schedule

The following figure 1.2 shows the Gantt plan graphs for both semesters. The software will give feedback on the progress of this project.

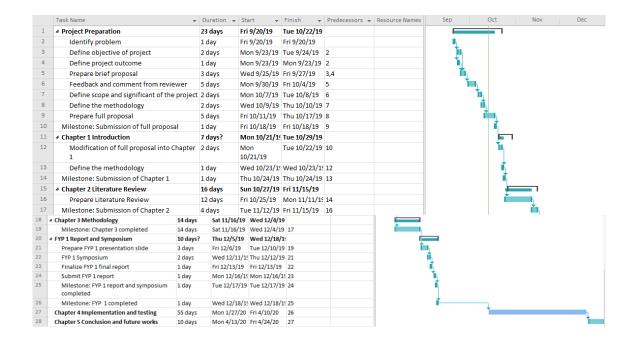


Figure 1. 2: Gantt Chart

1.9 Expected Outcome:

The automated mobile board sign will be able to move in a specified route. The visitor also can view information on the display screen.

1.10 Project Report Outline

This report consists of five different chapters, which are as follows:

(i) Chapter 1 - Introduction

This chapter provides a general understanding of this task. This chapter outlines the problem statement, the objective, the methodology used, the scope of the project, the significance of the project, the project schedule and the project's expected outcome.

(ii) Chapter 2 - Literature Review

This section provides a description of the research sources used in similar projects. It is an analysis and review based on the current project-related processes or structures. This chapter illuminates the reader regarding existing project shortcomings and how it can be enhanced. It will define the strengths and weaknesses of each project or research to be used as the project's basic foundation and expertise.

(iii) Chapter 3 - Requirement Analysis and Design

The chapter outlines the basic concept and approach to be used to fulfill the requirements of the project throughout the project development. The waterfall model will be used as a guide for the development of the proposed project. In this chapter, further explanation will be given to the design.

(iv) Chapter 4 – Implementation

This chapter provides the specifics of this project's implementation. The section provides further analysis of the technology and methods used to build the project and how the project can be applied to meet the project requirements.

(v) Chapter 5 – Testing

The prototype must check whether or not it fulfills the requirement from chapter one. Unit, functional and non-functional testing should all be conducted for prototype testing.

(vi) Chapter 6 – Conclusion and Future Work

This chapter concludes the progress made in this project and discusses future potential improvements for future use. Future work is the change that can be made in the nearest time to come for the existing design.

CHAPTER 2: Literature Review

2.1 Introduction

This chapter provides an explanation on related works applicable literature reviews. The literature review is described as a text body that reviews a particular topic's critical point of current knowledge. Therefore, the aim of the literature review is to classify, read and evaluate the literature or any studies relevant to the IoT based automated mobile board sign for tourism attraction. These references include the articles from any website, papers, journals and magazines.

2.2 Review of Related Existing Project

A good understanding of the information flow is needed for the related existing project before designing a project. In this chapter, the related existing project will be discussed. There are few examples of related existing projects and they have their own purpose and function:

2.2.1 Traditional Wayfinding Signage at Bluport Hua Hin Resort Mall

Wayfinding signage is a solution that helps users navigate through a physical environment. For example, this space may be inside a complex building like a shopping centre. Signage is a broad term that includes detailed maps, signs of direction, kiosks, and others. It also requires careful planning and an in-depth understanding of the function of a building or landscape. Visitors experience is focused on the most effective wayfinding solutions and appreciate how different visitors have different needs for wayfinding. Traditional signage for wayfinding is based on