Vehicle Security and Accident Information System

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Abstract

The main aim of this project is to offer an advanced security system in CAR, which consists of a face detection subsystem, a GPS module, a GSM module and a control platform. The face detection subsystem can detect faces in cars during the period in which nobody should be in the car, and make an alarm loudly or soundlessly. The other modules transmit necessary information to users and help to keep eyes on cars all the time, even when the car is lost. In today’s world, many new techniques such as biometric recognition technique, image processing technique, communication technique and so on, have been integrated into car security systems. At the same time, the amount of car lost is also increasing. Traditional car security systems depend on many sensors and cost is also high. When one car is lost, no more feedback could be available to help people to find it back. This system prototype is built on the base of one embedded platform ARM7 which controls all the processes. Experimental results illuminate the validity of this car security system.

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Introduction

In this proposed embedded car security system, FDS (Face Detection System) is used to detect the face of the driver and compare it with the predefined faces. For example, in the night when the car’s owner is sleeping and someone theft the car then FDS obtains images by one tiny web camera which can be hidden in the car. FDS compares the obtained image with the predefined image if the image doesn’t match, then the information is sent to the owner through MMS. So now owner can obtain the image of the thief in his mobile as well as he can trace the location through GPS.

With ARM7 as the core, the new intelligent vehicle security system integrated a lot of hardware modules such as video capture, GPS positioning and wireless transmission, the design of the system software used the embedded software developing platform on. By the hardware/software co-design, the new intelligent vehicle security system implemented the functions of video capturing, GPS positioning and wireless transmission, met the needs of vehicle owners about Vehicle Security.

System components

As shown in the figure 1, this system builds a new intelligent vehicle checking system based on ARM7 embedded processing technology, processing technology of digital videos, vehicle identification technology, GSM wireless mobile telecommunication technology, GPS positioning technique, implements the security to vehicles. This system has the following features:

1) IMAGE CAPTURE: When the system works, the camera in the car capture the Image of driver automatically and saves it in the video buffer.

ARM7-based embedded system (AES): The AES is termed to the heart of System. It is designed based on a low power 32-bit ARM7. It is a high performance and low cost solution for network applications.

2) GPS MODULE: The system can correctly send the position of vehicle to the server center by GPS positioning. The GPS module obtains the precise locality by parsing received GPS signal.

3) GSM MODULE: A GSM modem is a wireless modem that works with a GSM wireless network. A wireless modem behaves like a dial-up modem. The main difference between them is that a dial-up modem sends and receives data through a fixed telephone line while wireless modem sends and receives data through radio waves. The GSM module can send the information through SMS message, including real-time position of the “lost” car and even the images of “the driver”
face in the car during the time in which nobody should be in the car. FDS obtains images by one tiny digital camera which can be hidden easily in somewhere in one car.

FDS is used to detect the face of the driver and compare it with the predefined face, whenever person enters in car FDS obtains images of that person by one web camera. FDS compares the obtained image with the predefined images if the image doesn’t match then the information is send to the owner through MMS.

C. GPS MODULE
The GPS module can receive the data by connected to ARM7 development-board URAT0 through RS232 port. When the ARM7 chip sends the instruction AT to GPS module, the GPS module starts receiving the data and saves it into memory. This instruction sends the region information with the vehicle license information to the support-server center through GSM net. Because the system is based on GPS data which is sent through GPRS net, it must be initialed at first. The initial instructions are following: Reset User settings initialized Following are the some instructions that are associated with GPS module and are useful in the system design. AT+ID=X: this instruction is used to set the terminal address. Each device must be set the address which indicates its ID, the default ID is 139XXXXXXXX. The default address is the SIM card mobile phone number which contains 11 numbers, the address can be changed as required. AT+IP=? This instruction is used to inquire the IP address.

AT+PORT=X: This instruction is used to set the port number of the application software in surveillance center server. AT+PORT=? This instruction is used to inquire the port number.

AT+HTH=X AT+HTH=? This instruction is used to set and inquire the time intervals of the GPS positioning information which the terminals send automatically. The unit of the time interval is second. AT+BAUD=X, AT+BAUD=? This instruction is used to set and inquire the initial baud rate. The default is 4800 and does not need changing usually.

AT+APN=X, AT+APN=? This instruction is used to set and inquire the connect port of GPRS telecommunication. The default value is CMNET. AT+AGREE=X, AT+AGREE=? This instruction is used to set and inquire the net communication protocol. The default value is TCP protocol.
terminal on car supports the UDP and the TCP protocol. Users can change the protocol as needs.

**D. GSM MODEM**

A GSM modem is a wireless modem that works with a GSM wireless network. A wireless modem behaves like a dial-up modem. The main difference between them is that a dial-up modem sends and receives data through a fixed telephone line while a wireless modem sends and receives data through radio waves.

A GSM modem can be an external device or a PC Card / PCMCIA Card. Typically, an external GSM modem is connected to a computer through a serial cable or a USB cable. A GSM modem in the form of a PC Card / PCMCIA Card is designed for use with a laptop computer. It should be inserted into one of the PC Card / PCMCIA Card slots of a laptop computer. Like a GSM mobile phone, a GSM modem requires a SIM card from a wireless carrier in order to operate.

As mentioned in earlier sections of this SMS tutorial, computers use AT commands to control modems. Both GSM modems and dial-up modems support a common set of standard AT commands. You can use a GSM modem just like a dial-up modem.

In addition to the standard AT commands, GSM modems support an extended set of AT commands. These extended AT commands are defined in the GSM standards. With the extended AT commands, you can do things like:

**Reading, writing and deleting SMS messages**

- Sending SMS/MMS messages.
- Monitoring the signal strength.
- Monitoring the charging status and charge level of the battery.
- Reading, writing and searching phone book entries.

**Software design**

Following are the different softwares used to design a smart car security system

**A. FLASH MAGIC**

Flash magic can control the entry into ISP mode of some microcontroller devices by using the COM port handshaking signals to control the device. Typically the handshaking signals are used to control such pins as Reset, PSEN and VCC. The exact pins used depend on the specific device.

When this feature is supported, Flash Magic will automatically place the device into ISP mode at the beginning of an ISP operation. Flash Magic will then automatically cause the device to execute code at the end of the ISP operation.

**B. MATLAB**

This is the tool used for the image recognition and image processing. Using this code captured image is compared with the previously stored images and the result is given to processor whether person is authenticate or not.

**Conclusion**

From this we implement image-recognition techniques that can provide the important functions required by advanced intelligent Car Security, to avoid vehicle theft and protect the usage of unauthenticated users. Secured and safety environment system for automobile users and also key points for the investigators can easily find out the hijackers image. We can predict the theft by using this system in our day to day life. This project will help to reduce the complexity and improve security, also much cheaper and ‘smarter’ than traditional ones.

Because of the flexibility of embedded system, the embedded smart car security system is extendable for special purposes. The System offers a widely communication bandwidth with the car control system to change data and information, and new functional modules can be easily added to the system to upgrade and enhance it.

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