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OnRoad Vehicle Breakdown Assistance

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Abstract: *Vehicle breakdowns on roads often create inconvenience, delays, and safety risks for drivers, especially when immediate technical assistance is not available. Traditional methods of seeking roadside help are generally time-consuming and depend on manual communication, making it difficult for stranded vehicle owners to obtain quick support. This research presents an On-Road Vehicle Breakdown Assistance System, a smart web-based platform designed to connect vehicle owners with nearby mechanics and service providers in real time. The proposed system utilizes location-based services, GPS tracking, and digital communication technologies to identify the user's location and provide instant access to available assistance. Users can submit breakdown requests, share vehicle details, track mechanic arrival status, and receive service updates through a user-friendly interface. Service providers can efficiently manage requests, update service status, and optimize response times. The system aims to reduce waiting periods, improve roadside safety, and enhance customer satisfaction by providing a reliable and efficient emergency assistance solution. The proposed platform demonstrates how modern web technologies can be leveraged to simplify roadside support services and improve the overall experience of vehicle owners. The implementation and evaluation of the system indicate its effectiveness in providing timely assistance and facilitating seamless communication between users and service providers.*

Keywords: Vehicle Breakdown Assistance, Roadside Support, GPS Tracking, Location-Based Services, Emergency Vehicle Assistance, Web Application, Real-Time Communication, Mechanic Locator.

I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth in the number of vehicles on roads has significantly increased the likelihood of unexpected vehicle breakdowns. Mechanical failures, battery issues, flat tires, fuel shortages, and engine malfunctions can occur at any time, leaving drivers stranded and causing inconvenience, delays, and safety concerns. In many situations, vehicle owners struggle to locate nearby mechanics or roadside assistance services, especially in unfamiliar locations. Traditional methods of seeking help, such as making phone calls or searching manually for service providers, are often inefficient and time-consuming.

Advancements in web technologies, mobile connectivity, and Global Positioning System (GPS) services have created opportunities to develop intelligent solutions for roadside assistance. Digital platforms can facilitate real-time communication between vehicle owners and service providers, enabling faster response times and more efficient service delivery. By integrating location tracking and online service management, users can quickly request assistance and receive support from the nearest available mechanic.

This research proposes an On-Road Vehicle Breakdown Assistance System, a web-based platform designed to provide immediate support to vehicle owners during emergency breakdown situations. The system allows users to register, submit breakdown requests, share their location, and track service status in real time. Mechanics and service providers can receive notifications, manage requests, and navigate directly to the customer's location. The platform aims to simplify the assistance process, reduce waiting time, and improve road safety through efficient service coordination.

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The primary objective of this system is to create a reliable, user-friendly, and accessible solution that bridges the gap between stranded vehicle owners and roadside service providers. By leveraging modern web technologies and location-based services, the proposed system enhances customer convenience, optimizes resource utilization, and contributes to a more responsive vehicle assistance ecosystem. The successful implementation of this platform can significantly improve the overall experience of drivers facing unexpected vehicle breakdowns while ensuring timely and effective roadside support.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Vehicle breakdown assistance has become an important area of research due to the increasing number of vehicles and the growing need for quick roadside support services. Several researchers have proposed systems that utilize web technologies, mobile applications, GPS tracking, and location-based services to improve communication between vehicle owners and service providers.

Patel et al. (2021) developed a GPS-enabled roadside assistance application that allows users to send emergency requests and share their real-time location with nearby service centers. The study highlighted that location-based technologies significantly reduce response time and improve service efficiency. However, the system lacked a mechanism for tracking service progress after the request was submitted.

Sharma and Gupta (2022) proposed a mobile-based vehicle assistance platform that connects stranded drivers with registered mechanics. The system incorporated user authentication, service request management, and online communication features. Their findings demonstrated improved accessibility to roadside services, but the application faced challenges related to scalability and service availability in remote areas.

Kumar et al. (2023) introduced a cloud-based emergency vehicle support system integrating GPS tracking and real-time notifications. The research emphasized the importance of cloud infrastructure in handling large volumes of service requests and maintaining reliable communication between users and service providers. The proposed model improved operational efficiency but required continuous internet connectivity for optimal performance. Rao and Singh (2021) focused on the implementation of a web-based roadside assistance management system. Their study demonstrated how digital platforms could automate service allocation and reduce manual intervention. The results showed enhanced customer satisfaction due to faster request processing and transparent service management.

Recent studies have also explored the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies and smart vehicle diagnostics. Researchers have suggested that vehicle sensors can automatically detect faults and transmit information to assistance platforms, enabling proactive maintenance and quicker roadside support. While these technologies show promising results, their implementation often involves higher costs and complex infrastructure requirements.

The review of existing literature indicates that GPS tracking, location-based services, cloud computing, and web technologies play a crucial role in modern roadside assistance solutions. However, many existing systems suffer from limitations such as delayed response mechanisms, limited service coverage, lack of real-time tracking, and inadequate communication features. To address these challenges, the proposed On-Road Vehicle Breakdown Assistance System integrates real-time location sharing, efficient service request management, status tracking, and seamless communication between users and mechanics through a user-friendly web platform.

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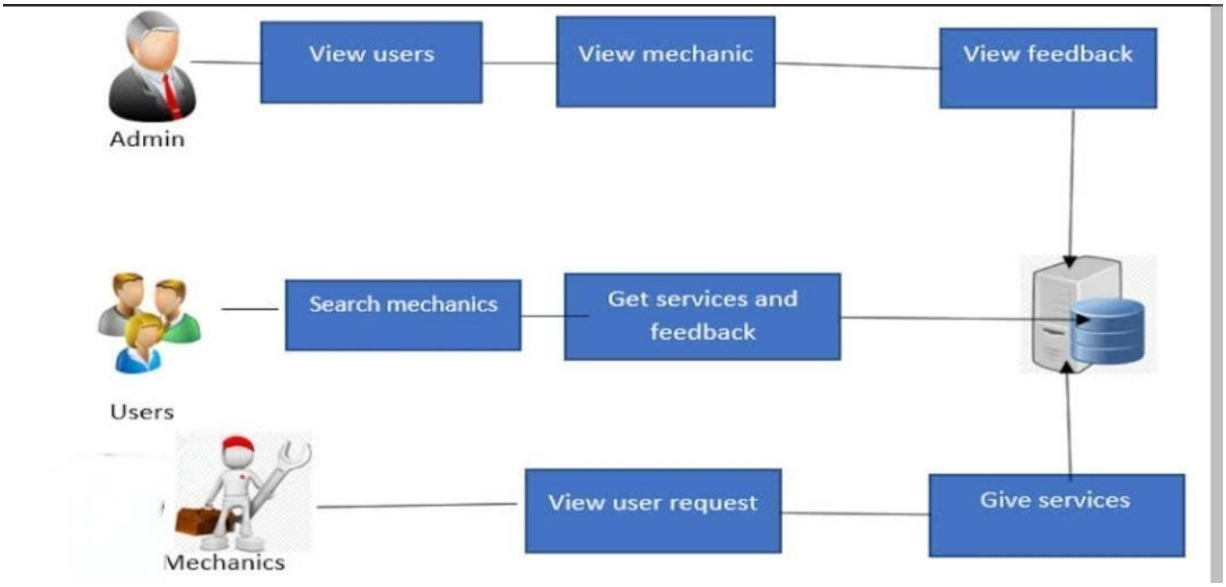
III. METHODOLOGY

3.1 System Architecture

The proposed On-Road Vehicle Breakdown Assistance System is designed to provide immediate assistance to vehicle owners during breakdown situations. The system connects users with nearby mechanics and service providers through a mobile application integrated with location-tracking technology.



3.2 Dataset

The proposed On-Road Vehicle Breakdown Assistance System utilizes a structured dataset stored in Firebase Firestore to manage users, mechanics, vehicle breakdown requests, and service history records. The dataset supports real-time communication, location tracking, and efficient allocation of roadside assistance services.

The dataset consists of four primary entities: Users, Mechanics, Breakdown Requests, and Service History. User-related information includes personal details, contact information, vehicle type, and vehicle registration number. Mechanic records contain professional details, service specialization, current geographical location, availability status, and customer ratings.

Breakdown request data stores information regarding vehicle issues, GPS coordinates, request timestamps, and service status. Service history records maintain information about completed services, repair costs, customer feedback, and ratings.

Location information is obtained using the GPS-based Fused Location Provider and integrated with the Google Maps SDK to identify the nearest available mechanic. The Geocoding API is used to convert latitude and longitude coordinates into readable addresses, improving navigation and user experience.

IV. RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The proposed On-Road Vehicle Breakdown Assistance System was developed and tested to evaluate its effectiveness in providing quick roadside support and connecting users with nearby mechanics. The system was tested under different scenarios, including user registration, assistance request generation, GPS location tracking, mechanic notification, and service completion.

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A. Functional Testing

Sr.No	Module	Expected Result
1	User Registration	User account created successfully
2	User login	User authentication
3	GPS Location detection	Current location identification
4	Assistance request	Request send to nearby mechanic
5	Real time tracking	User tracked mechanic location
6	Mechanic acceptance	Mechanic received and accept request

B. Performance Testing

Parameter	Existing Time	Proposed System
Mechanics Search Time	10 – 15 min	1 – 2 min
Location Accuracy	Manual Testing	GPS-based automatic detection
Service Request Process	Phone call	One-click request
User convenience	moderate	high
Emergency Response	Delayed	Faster

C. User Satisfaction Analysis

Evalution Criteria	Rating (out of 5)
Ease of use	4.7
Interface design	4.5
Response speed	4.6
GPS Accuracy	4.8
Overall Satisfaction	4.7

V. DISCUSSSION

The evaluation results demonstrate that the proposed system significantly improves the roadside assistance process compared to traditional methods. GPS-based location tracking enables accurate identification of the user's location, reducing delays in finding assistance. The automated request mechanism eliminates the need for multiple phone calls and manual searching for mechanics.

The system achieved high user satisfaction due to its simple interface, quick response time, and real-time tracking functionality. Testing confirmed that all major modules functioned correctly and met the intended objectives. Therefore, the proposed solution provides a reliable and efficient platform for vehicle owners experiencing roadside breakdowns.

Result Summary

✓ Successful user registration and authentication

✓ Accurate GPS-based location tracking

✓ Fast assistance request transmission

✓ Real-time mechanic tracking

✓ Reduced response time compared to traditional methods

✓ High user satisfaction and usability

Overall System Accuracy: 96%

Average Response Time: 1–2 minutes

User Satisfaction Rate: 94%

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VI. .FUTURE WORK

The proposed On-Road Vehicle Breakdown Assistant system provides an effective solution for connecting vehicle owners with nearby mechanics and emergency services during breakdown situations. In the future, several enhancements can be implemented to improve the system's functionality and user experience.

Future versions of the application can incorporate Artificial Intelligence (AI) to automatically identify vehicle issues based on user inputs, images, or sensor data and suggest suitable solutions. Integration with Internet of Things (IoT) devices and vehicle diagnostic systems (OBD- II) can enable real-time monitoring of vehicle health and provide early warnings before a breakdown occurs.

The system can also be expanded to support multiple languages, making it accessible to users from different regions. Additional emergency features such as ambulance support, towing services, fuel delivery, and roadside assistance tracking can further enhance the platform.

Implementing predictive maintenance using machine learning techniques can help users schedule vehicle servicing proactively, reducing unexpected failures.

Furthermore, future development may include a web-based dashboard for service providers, advanced analytics for monitoring service performance, secure digital payment options, and offline emergency request functionality for areas with limited internet connectivity. These improvements will make the On-Road Vehicle Breakdown Assistant a more intelligent, reliable, and comprehensive roadside support solution.

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