

Design of Electric Bike Information System

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Abstract: As the electric bike rental market develops very fast in China, this paper designs a new electric bike data collection, processing and display system. This system combines with wireless communication technology, Internet technology and computer software technology. The SSH framework is used in the design of the server. The client of the system gets the data in the database through the connection with server, analyzes and processes the data to achieve a comprehensive collect and analyze of the status of the bike.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Most of the current vehicle information systems are designed for logistics vehicles and buses, not for electric bikes. Electric bike information system not only allows the bike rental company to grasp the current status of each bike, but also can collect motor and battery data. The data can be processed and analyzed for the future to improve the performance of the bike.

For a particular brand of electric bike, this paper designs an information system. In this system, the information such as speed, power and position of the bike is uploaded to the server through the mobile terminal, and the client downloads the data uploaded by the mobile terminal in the database through the server, and the data is finally displayed on the client.

2. DESIGN THE STRUCTURE OF THE SYSTEM

The system consists of mobile terminal, communication network, server and client. The overall structure of the system is shown in Figure 1.

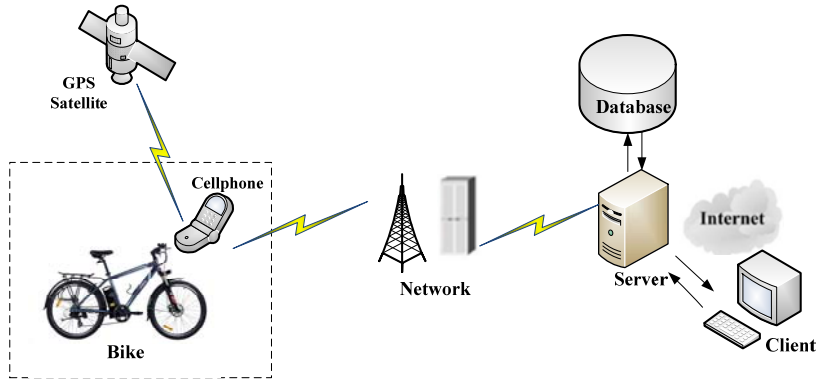


Fig. 1 The overall structure of the system

Using the supporting application in the cellphone to unlock the bike, then the cellphone is able to communicate with the bike's motor controller via Bluetooth^[1]. On one hand, the bike's data will be processed and displayed on the phone, on the other hand, the data will be uploaded to the server through 3G network^[2]. Finally, the data will be stored in the database. The client accesses to the server through the Internet and reads the data in database^[3]. In this way, rental companies can not only know the location of each bike, but also analyze and process the abnormal data timely in order to avoid more serious consequences.

3. DESIGN OF COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

3.1 Communication between mobile terminal and bike

Table 1 The format of the data frame

data byte	function	describe
BYTE0	initial flag	Fixed to 0x64.
BYTE1	voltage state	bit7: 0 indicates the battery is OK, 1 indicates the battery is under voltage. bit6-0: Reserve.
BYTE2	current state	Operating current of the controller.
BYTE3	high-byte of the speed	Wheel rotation cycle, the unit is millisecond.
BYTE4	low-byte of the speed	
BYTE5	remaining capacity	0-100%.
BYTE6	gear	4 gear: 0x00, 0x04, 0x08, 0x09.
BYTE7	power switch status, headlight switch status	bit0: 0 indicates the headlight is off, 1 indicates the headlight is on. bit4: 0 indicates the power is off, 1 indicates the power is on.
BYTE8	fault code	
BYTE9	checksum	
BYTE10	end flag	Fixed to 0x0E.

In order to ensure that the mobile phone can get the bike running data, this paper designs a communication protocol. Bluetooth is used for data transmission between the motor controller and the mobile phone. The Bluetooth module of the motor controller sends a data frame length of 11 bytes, the data frame is sent every 500ms^[4]. The format of the data frame is shown in Table 1.

3.2 Communication network and protocol

Communication network is responsible for the communication between mobile terminal and server. This system chooses 3G network as the communication network. As the communication protocol, this system chooses HTTP protocol which is based on the application layer of TCP^[5]. The process of communication is shown in Figure 2. After encapsulated, the HTTP packet is sent to the server. The server receives the packet, releases the packet and gets the data.

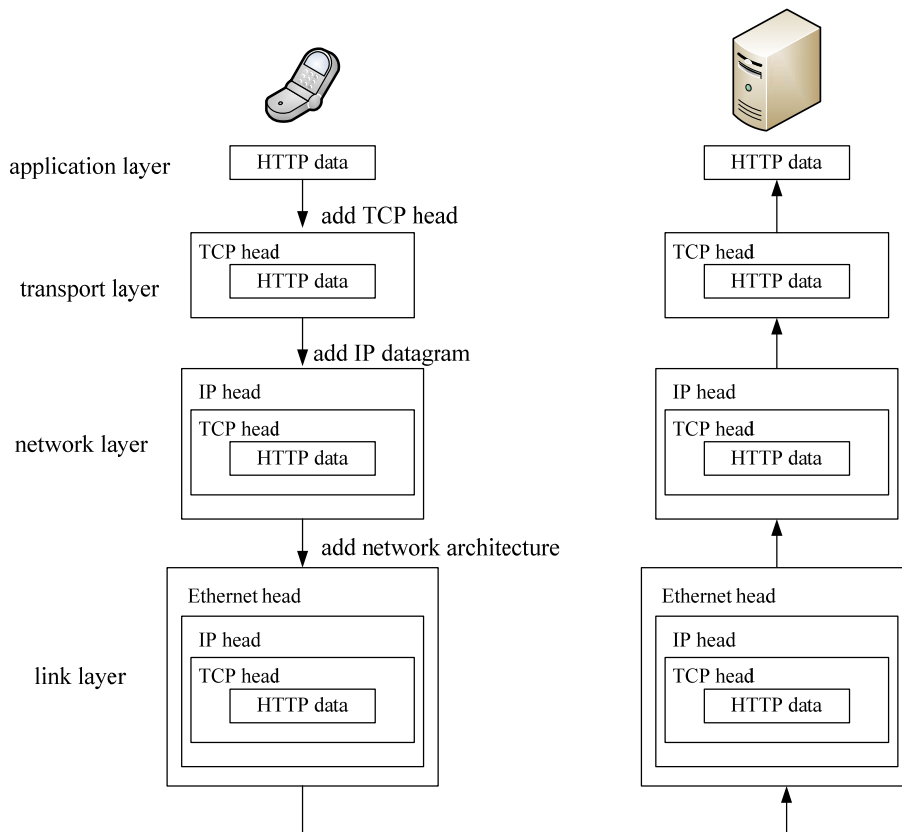


Fig. 2 The process of communication

4. DESIGN OF DATABASE

For the information system designed in this paper, in order to ensure the data reduction and integrity, the data can be divided into three categories, including bike number, bike status information and bike location (GPS)^[6]. The physical model of database is shown in Figure 3.

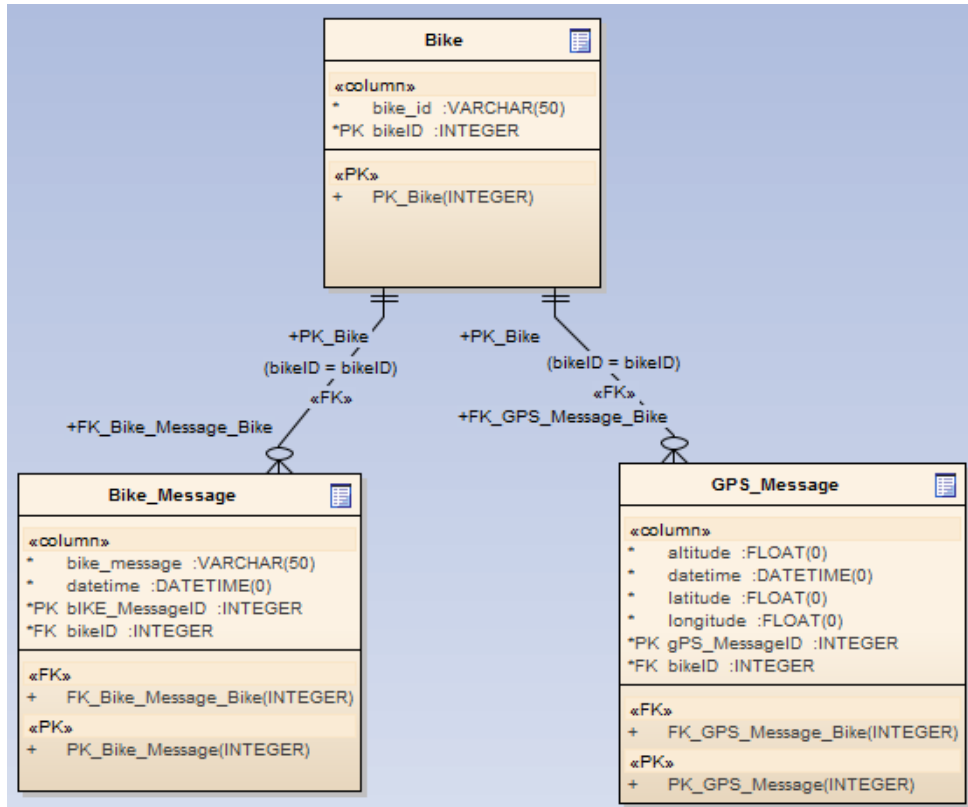


Fig. 3 The physical model of database

In the system, MySQL is used as the database. GPS data and riding data is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 The format of the data

Data	Field	Type	Primary key	Null
GPS	gPS_MessageID	int	yes	no
	time	datetime	no	no
	longitude	float	no	no
	latitude	float	no	no
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Riding	BIKE_MessageID	int	yes	no
	bikeID	int	no	no
	time	datetime	no	no
	speed	float	no	no
	...			

5. DESIGN OF SERVER

In the system, SSH framework is used to build server, it is the integration of struts, spring and hibernate.

In the presentation layer, the JSP page is responsible for receiving the request and transmitting response. Then according to the configuration file struts-config.xml, Struts will send the Request received by ActionServlet to the corresponding Action. In the business layer, the service component managed by Spring IoC container is responsible for providing the Model component and the DAO component to the Action^[7]. In the persistence layer, Hibernate is responsible for object mapping and database interaction, it processes the data requested by the DAO component and returns the results. The design flow of the server framework is shown in figure 4.

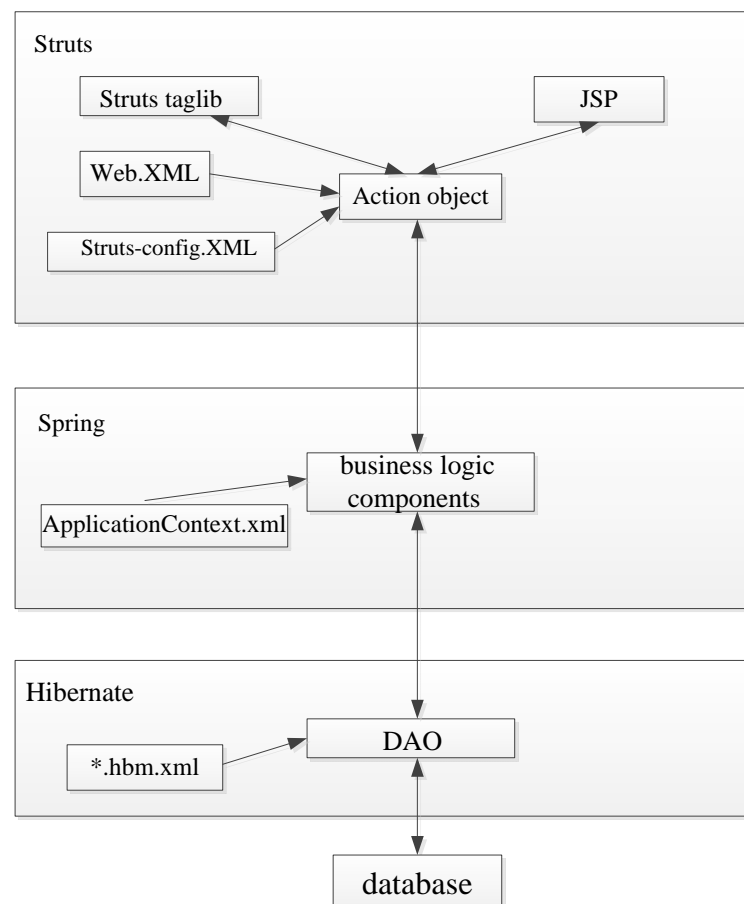


Fig. 4 The design flow of the server framework

6. DESIGN OF CLIENT

In this system, the client accesses to the server database, reads the data and downloads the data to do local processing. When the client requests the GPS data from the server, then the server returns GPS data in JSON format^[8]. After receiving the GPS data, the client parses the data into

multiple arrays and assigns them to the location service system to realize the positioning function^[9]. When the client requests the relevant data of the bike, then the server also returns the data in JSON format, the client receives the data, imports DBC file, puts the data into multiple arrays, the data are assigned to the drawing control and text display control, so the speed, power, gear and other state information can be displayed^[10]. Figure 5 shows the data displayed in the client.

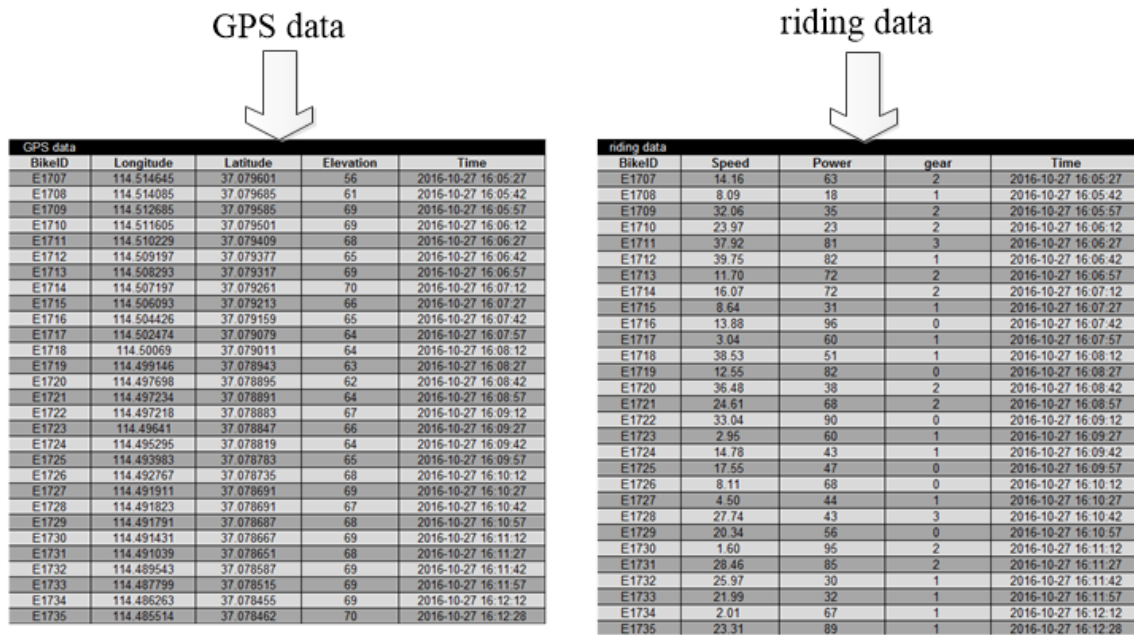


Fig. 5 The data displayed in client

7. CONCLUSION

In this system, the mobile terminal communicates with the remote server through 3G network and uploads the collected data. The client communicates with server, downloads and processes the data. The advantage of this system is that the collected data are all uploaded to the server, so the server can be treated as an information sharing center. The system can provide data support for the later research on bike condition, battery performance, market distribution and so on.

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