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# A Multimodal Wireless System for Instant Quizzing and Feedback

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**ABSTRACT** 

This paper presents a wireless system for instant quizzing in the classroom and collecting students' feedback on teachers performance. This system is integrated with a student attendance management system to facilitate management of quizzing and quiz marking in addition to questionnaires about Quizzes. Such a system is very essential for following attendance and student learning progress in addition to formative assessment. The system uses two communication technologies: Wi-Fi, and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). Such a low-cost system assures attendance follow up to assure abiding by the university bylaws, avoid spoofing and cheating, and enhance both teaching and learning. A student recommendation system is also implemented to increase student retention and enhance students success rate.

#### **Keywords**

Educational Platform, Student Attendance Management, Quiz Management System, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Face Verification, Students Alert System.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The advancement of higher education systems requires immediate implementation of effective teaching, learning, and assessment strategies. This paper focuses on the implantation of a formative assessment methodology that transforms formative assessment to assessment for learning.

Frequent assessment of student learning (formative assessment) by the end of each lecture is vital at all levels of education. It can significantly enhance the quality of learning process, improve student retention, and continuously inform the teaching process by identification of different learning needs and adaptively guiding the lecturer to adjust his teaching method accordingly. This leads to better student success. Instant quizzing and providing effective feedback helps in engaging all students in the learning process and helping them succeed. Supporting the culture of learning and building engagement is facilitated by providing students with tools to support them in owning their learning [1].

End of semester assessment (summative assessment) and end of semester student questionnaires fail to enhance learning and inform teaching. To simplify the process of formative assessment of large numbers of students, modern communication and educational technologies are presented in this paper.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the current related work. Section 3 describes the proposed educational business intelligence system modules in more detail. In Section 4, the evaluation of the proposed system's performance is discussed. Finally, the conclusions and future work are given in Section 5.

#### 2. RELATED WORK

The development of student assessment and teacher evaluation systems is considered an active research topic in elearning field. There are many trails to develop student assessment systems in order to improve the learning quality. For example, Vilas et al. [2] presented a mobile quizzing system for formative assessment during lectures using Bluetooth. Bluetooth is used together with a Raspberry Pi microcontroller to send quizzes to the students and collect their answers. Hosein [3] presented a system for wireless delivery of learning resources and messages to students.

Hosein and Bigram [4] presented a Bluetooth quizzing mobile client-server system to administer quizzes to students of a university. The quiz is managed by a queue system to allow many mobile clients to connect simultaneously to the server. A registered mobile client can complete a quiz assigned by the lecturer. Results are automatically sent when the quiz is done on the client application. Analytics of received quiz answers were used to review students' progress.

There are many approaches in the literature for Student Attendance Management System (SAMS) [5], radio frequency identification (RFID) based SAMS [6], fingerprint system for SAM [7], a self-organizing map for attendance management based on face recognition [8], and SAM using clickers [9]. SAM is still one of the most challenging problems until the moment.

Also, it is noted that some of the previous literature used the RFID technology in the attendance system. The most challenging problems in this field are RFID data filtering, tag collision, and handing some students their tags to their colleagues out. Many approaches solved the problem but not completely, such as a sliding window for de-noising and duplicate elimination [10-12], data redundancy reduction [13], Bloom approach for duplicate data elimination [14], and multiple RFID tag readers approach in [15]. In addition, many approaches are very complex and need much processing time [16]. There are no approaches specializing in RFID data filtering in the SAMS. The system presented in this paper combined the power of both the traditional RIFD approach

with face verification to solve this problem and get student's attendance in the real time. The matching is done dynamically. It starts to check the student EPC in the data warehouse and complete matching to make verification of the student's face depending on student EPC. The Quiz Management System (QMS) allows entering the students to quiz while avoid all the previous limitations.

# 3. EDUCATIONAL BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM (EBIS)

Fig 1 shows the architecture of the EBIS which consists of:

Student Attendance Management (SAM) module: It registers student attendance in a database using multiple modalities, such as RFID, and face verification.

Formative Assessment Module (FAM): It manages instant quizzing during lectures in order to focus student's attention during lecture time and gives hints to the lecturer in case there are any misconceptions of difficulties in understanding some lecture parts. In the following subsection, the main building stages of our proposed system are discussed in detail.

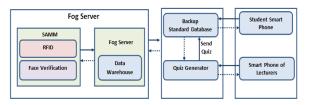


Fig 1: The EBIS Architecture.

To solve the latency problems encountered by the cloud based systems, a Fog Computing system is implemented on a local server. The Fog server is responsible for students' attendance management using SAM through their identification of both students tag and verification of their faces in addition to executing the tag filtering, and collision algorithms instantly. A local data warehouse is hosted on the fog server. Management of the quizzing process is also done locally. Students access the quiz and receive their marks through the Fog server.

# **3.1 Student Attendance Management Module (SAMM)**

The primary aim of this module is to record the attendance of the students automatically by using a multimodal approach. Fig 2 shows the multimodal approach for student identification that combined the power of both the traditional RIFD approach with face verification module. Algorithm 1 shows the combination of the RFID technology and face verification technologies. The verification algorithm works under two conditions. The first condition is making sure that the tag ID is registered in students' RFID data warehouse. The second condition is matching the student's facial picture based on a similarity index with the pictured stored in the database for the identified tag ID.

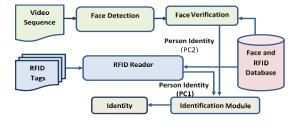


Fig 2: The multimodal student identification system.

#### Algorithm 1: Multimodal approach for student identification

Input: Students' tag ID Outputs: Student' identity

- 1. Do
- 2. Capture tag ID and detect reading time.
- 3. IF the tag ID is not registered in students' RFID data warehouse then

Ignore it.

Else

- 4. Matching the student's picture of tag ID with the facial frames that come from the video camera.
- 5. IF the similarity index >= threshold then
- Register it in the attendance table andSave the time of reading
- 8. End if;
- End if;
- 10. While time <= end of attendance registration time.

Fig 3 shows the real-time students' attendance using RFID with face detection and Verification (HaarCascade, PCA, and MS-SSIM) approaches depend on the structural similarity index, period of attendance, threshold counter, and threshold time.

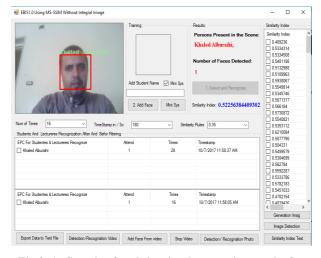


Fig 3. A: Sample of real time implementation results for attendance management.

### 3.2 RFID Data Filtering Module (RFID-DFM)

### Algorithm 2: Tag-based Student identification

Input: Students' tag ID Input: Students' tags

Outputs: Students' identities

- 1. Do
- 2. Capture tag ID and detect reading time.
- 3. IF the tag ID is not registered in students' RFID database then
- 4. Ignore it.
- 5. Else IF RFID tag Reading within attendance period
- IF RFID tag is not registered before in attendance table then
- 7. Register it in the attendance table and
- 8. Save the time of reading
- End if:
- 10. End if:

- 11. End if;
- 12. While time <= end of attendance registration time.

Fig 4 shows the RFID system layout. Fig 5 shows the real-time test results of the system.



Fig 4: The RFID system layout [17].

The output attendance sheet for a group of students shows the Electronic Product Code (EPC) for each attendant, his name, and the date and time of lecture hall entry. The RFID system automatically gets the accuracy, error rate in real time.

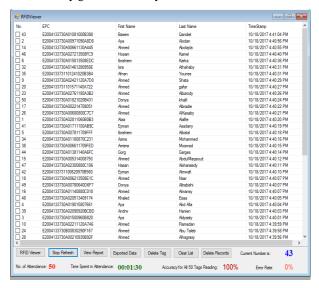


Fig 5: The student's RFID based sample attendance sheet.

# 3.3 RFID Tag Anti Collision (RTAC) Algorithm

The RTAC Algorithm works under several limitations. The first one is verification of Card Number Indexing (CNI) for every tag, if the CNI has the same length of student EPC then good capture. The second limitation is making sure that substring the student's EPCs to 24 bits for every tag and saving them in the inventory list. A final limitation is acknowledging the student's EPCs and saving them in the Access list. The RTAC has applied Q algorithm [18] rules to solve the anti-collision problem. t using SAM through their identification of both students tag and verification The different between RTAC and Q algorithm has been in the length of EPC and how to split the data and save it in inventory list depending on the new equation (m \* 2 + 2, EPC length \* 2) where m= 12 bit.

#### Algorithm 3: Tag-based Student identification

Input: Students EPC, EPC Length=12 bit, m=0, Counter=0;

Outputs: Elimination of Tag Collision

- 1. Do
- Capture tag ID and save the tag's EPC in new Select List
- 3. Check Card Number Indexing for every Tag
- 4. IF Card Number Indexing!= EPC Length then
- Ignore it
- 6. Else
- 7. For m=0:SelectList Length
- 8. Student EPC= Substring Access list using the Equation (m \* 2 +
  - 2, EPClength \* 2);
- 9. Save the Student EPC in Inventory list
  - m = m + EPC length + 1
- 11. End For:
- 12. End IF;

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- 13. For I = 0 to Inventory list length
- 14. IF the Student EPC has not been read before then
- Add the Student EPC in Access list with Timestamp
- 16. Increment the Counter by one
- 17. Else
- 18. Increment the Student EPC Counter by one
- 19. End IF;
- 20. End For;
- 21. Until the reader get closed

# 3.4 Students Notification Management Module (SNMM)

In Egypt, university regulations ensure that students attend at least 75% of lectures. The SNMM follows students attendance during a complete semester and issues regular alerts to students before reaching the critical absence ratio of 25% to avoid course dropping out. Fig 6 shows the number of absence times for each student. The SNMM algorithm is given below:

### **Algorithm 4: Students Notification Management**

Input: Students EPC, Lecturer ID, Subject ID, Period ID, Location ID, Department ID, Semester ID, Attendance ID.

Outputs: Students Alert.

- 1. Do
- 2. IF alerts table contains data then
- 3. Delete previous data in alert table.
- 4. Else
- 5. Select the data depend on input ID's to the List.
- 6. End if;
- 7. Counter Threshold = the number of Lecture / 4.
- 8. IF the number of Lecture <= counter Threshold then
- The student is well attended and not send alert to student.
- 10. Else
- 11. Send student alert.
- 12. End if;
- 13. Add the data to the Alert Viewer Listin runtime.
- 14. Until close the system.

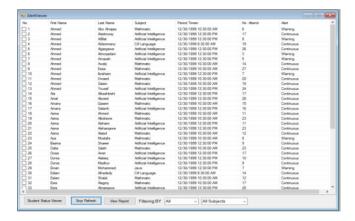


Fig 6: The SNM system sample sheet.

### 3.5 Instant Quizzing Module (IQM)



Fig 7: Instant quizzing module.

Fig 7 shows the instant quizzing module. The students access the quiz through their smartphone, and their answers are received, evaluated, and results are stored in the Formative Assessment Database (FAD). A dashboard presents a summarized report about student's results, and answers will also be sent to students after the quiz. Pointers are also given to the teacher about the difficulties facing the students such that he can emphasize on difficult concepts and enhance his teaching approach.

# **3.6 Students Quiz Management Algorithm** (SOMA)

The SQMA is listed in Algorithm 5. Algorithm 5 works under two limitations. The first one is depends on authenticating students log in using RFID tag attendance. The second limitation, if the student's attendance in lecture is in the same period and gets correct authentication through his name and password. Start the quiz at the specified time and send the results automatically to FAD. Fig 8 shows the Layout of SOMA.

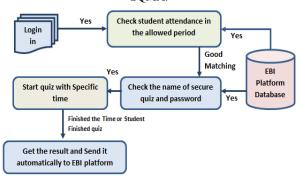


Fig 8: Layout of SQMA.

#### Algorithm 5: Student Quiz Management

Input: Students' NFC tags, RFID Tags, EBIS App Outputs: Quiz Results, Feedback to Students and Lecturer Indicators

- 1. Do
- 2. Authenticate students' login in.
- 3. IF the student attends a lecture in the allowed period
- 4. Check the Quiz name and password then
- 5. IF the matching is correct then
- Start Quiz at the specified time
- 7. IF the Time is finished or Student finished the Ouiz then
- 8. Send results automatically to EBI Platform
- 9. End if;
- 10. End if;
- 11. Else
- 12. Ignore it.
- 13. End if;
- 14. While time <= end of attendance registration time.

# 4. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

To assess the system performance, attendance registration and instant quizzing has been conducted in the lecture halls of the Faculty of Computers and Information Sciences, Mansoura University, Mansoura, Egypt. Fifty RFID tags had been handed out to 50 students each time. The system had been tested in real time to evaluate its performance. It has been found that the system successively identified 100% of the attending students. The major problem, which faced the system, was that the range of the RFID antenna was limited to up to 8 meters. Therefore, the antenna had been placed at the entrance of the lecture hall and students were asked to pass by the system.

### **4.1 Frequency of Tag Reading (FOTR)**

The RBSMS sensitivity to operating parameters had been thoroughly tested. Table 1 shows the system accuracy for four cases which specify the Frequency of Tag Reading (FOTR) by the RFID reader. It is clearly shown that the system accuracy has not been changed with FOTR, but increasing the FOTR leads to increasing the attendance registration time. Table 1 and Fig 9 show the relation between the change of the FOTR with the increase in attendance registration time.

Table 1: Student at a time during attendance checking.

FOTR	Accuracy	Time (Sec)				
1	100%	0.026				
2	100%	0.0272				
3	100%	0.0418				
4	100%	0.0456				

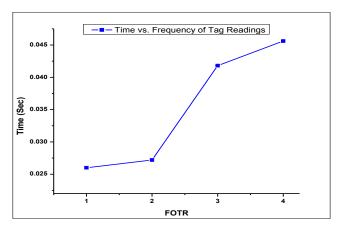


Fig 9: Time vs. frequency of tag readings.

# **4.2** Number of Students Approaching RBSMS at a Time and Tag Collision

We conducted another experiment to show the reliability of the proposed system. It shows the effect of the student's grouping (Tag Collision) on the accuracy of the system, as listed in Table 2. In the first group (Group 1), the system captures the attendance of the students one by one. The accuracy of this system is 100% for four different times of reading an RFID tag. In the second group (Group 2), the system captures the attendance of the students two by two students. The average accuracy of this group is 98.25% for four different times of reading an RFID tag. The attendance of the third group (Group 3) is captured for three by three students, which achieved average accuracy of 95.75%.

The attendance of the fourth group (Group 4) is captured for four by four students, which achieved average accuracy of 95.13%. Finally, the attendance of the fifth group (Group 50) is captured for all students at the same time, which achieved average accuracy of 78.75%.

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All the aforementioned results show that the system is very reliable even if for a large number of students at the same time. Fig 10 shows the system performance with increasing the number of students approaching the tag reader at the same time. It has been dearly concluded that increasing the number of students' tags presented to the system results in RBSMS performance deteriorations as a result of tag collision and in an increase of registration time.

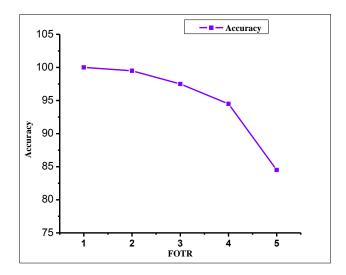


Fig 10: System performance with increasing number of students approaching the tag read.

### 4.3 RFID TAG Anti-Collision

Table 3 shows the system accuracy by using RTAC. It is clearly shown that the system accuracy has been changed to hundred percent compared to Table 2. There is no error rate, but the time has been increased slightly if compared to previous results.

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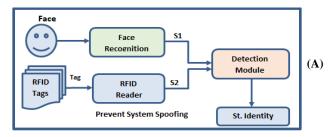
Table 2: Effect of tag collision on system performance.

Table 3: System performance after application of the anti-collision algorithm.

Times of reading	One Student (Group 1)		Two Students (Group 2)		Three Students (Group 3)		Four Students (Group4)			Fifty Students (Group 50)					
in RFID reader	Accurac y (%)	Time (Sec)	Error Rate (%)	Accuracy (%)	Time (Sec)	Error Rate (%)	Accuracy (%)	Time (Sec)	Error Rate (%)	Accurac y (%)	Time (Sec)	Error Rate (%)	Accurac y (%)	Time (Sec)	Error Rate (%)
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2	100	0.027	0.0	100	0.02 9	0.0	100	0.02 8	0.0	100	0.02 76	0.0	100	0.04 34	0.0
4	100	0.041	0.0	100	0.03 12	0.0	100	0.03	0.0	100	0.04 04	0.0	100	0.05 22	0.0
6	100	0.045	0.0	100	0.04 82	0.0	100	0.05 14	0.0	100	0.05 4	0.0	100	0.05 4	0.0

### 4.4 Multimodal Identification using both RFID and Face Verification

Fig 11-A, 11-B show two multimodal identification systems which have been implemented in EBIS: (A) RFID integrated with face recognition, and (B) RFID integrated with face identification. Fig 12 shows the comparison between the response-times of both cases.



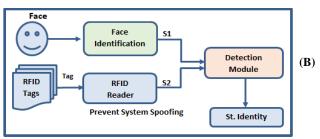


Fig 11: Multimodal System

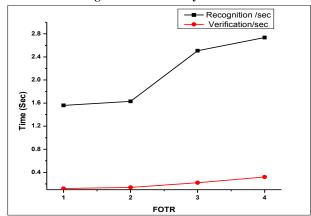


Fig 12: Comparison between the Response-times of both Face Recognition and Face Identification.

Table 4: Comparison of response times of our approach and other approaches.

Performance Indicators	PCA	MS-SSIM	Eigen face with MS-SSIM
Recognition	0.075625	21.9725	0.18 S/ Frame
Time	S/ Frame	S/Frame	0.18 S/ Frame
Verification	0.009375	0.0425	0.0525 S/ Frame
Time	S/ Frame	S/ frame	0.0323 S/ Frame

Although, face recognition has resulted in promising results, face verification had been implemented and its results were compared with these of face recognition. Results of these comparisons shoed that the time required for face verification is only 29% of the time needed for face recognition. Table 4 shows the comparison of response times of our approach and other approaches.

# 5. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

It has been concluded that a multimodal system combining face verification, with RFID technology resulted in a near perfect performance. Face verification based on the multi structural similarity index has speeded up the system by a factor of 3.5 times compared to the traditional PCA approach. The RFID challenges of data filtering and tag collision has been effectively resolved. A dynamic fog based quiz generator sends quizzes to the attending students and their answers are saved to both the fog and the cloud. A student alert system sends a notification in case of violating university attendance bylaws. Feedback is also sent to the students and grades analytic report is sent to the lecture. Our future work will focus on solving the problems related to the range of RFID antenna, the size of the face database, and securing the Quizzes and the student grades.

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