APPLYING APPLICATION-BASED NEAR FIELD COMMUNICATION (NFC) PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN INDONESIA (CASE STUDY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN JAKARTA)

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Abstract: Nowadays, a massive transportation payment system in DKI Jakarta is yet able to help the movement of public transportation easily and quickly. Card, as a payment device, is expected to be able to make people use public transportation instead of personal vehicle. However, the result is not as expected for until recently, this card hasn’t reduced the difficulty of payment process. So, there are still a lot of people prefer to use personal vehicle. NFC is suggested as an application based system which can help people in ticket buying process and can identify the passenger in the public transportation. When NFC is used, it will automatically reduce the passenger’s balance in accordance with the distance tariff that has been determined by the transportation company. In addition, a passenger can directly get the information of mode of transport. In this research, the authors conduct a qualitative study in which the data is obtained through literary review, interview method, and observation. The results of this research are; (1.) NFC System gives the easiness and comfort for the people in using public transportation; (2.) Some advanced countries that have applied NFC System are successful on helping the people in transportation activity; and (3.) NFC System makes a more simple payment transaction.

Keywords: Payment System, Ticketing, Near Field Communication (NFC), Public Transportation.

Introduction

Transportation in DKI Jakarta has an important role in supporting the activity of the passengers. Generally, transportation is divided into 2 types; personal transportation and public transportation. Sustainable transportation system is a system that can meet the sense of justice, namely by accommodating the needs of accessibility or demand for all users of the road to the safe and comfortable eisiensi; meet the level of natural resources, both in terms of the use of energy and resources of the utilization of the; can be managed in a transparent and participatory manner; as well as guarantee the continuity for future generations (Kadarisman, Gunawan, & Ismiyati, 2017). However, the number of personal transportation and public transportation in DKI Jakarta is not balanced. Most people prefer to use public transportation...
due to the slow and difficult payment system. The diagram below shows the passenger data for Commuter Line and Trans Jakarta:

Table 1. A Passenger Data of Transjakarta and Commuter Line

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<td>Trans Jakarta</td>
<td>111,630,000</td>
<td>102,950,000</td>
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<td>Commuter Line</td>
<td>208,494,094</td>
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Source: (BPS Province of DKI Jakarta, 2016)

Application-based payment system is one of the efforts made to reduce the problems of transportation in DKI Jakarta. The payment system currently used hasn’t made it easy for the people using transportation. For the airlines, a tariff that is too low may jeopardize the sustainability of an air carrier’s operations, while a tariff is too expensive may make it unaffordable for travelers to travel (Rafi & Rifni, n.d.). There are a lot of people using card as a payment device, but it hasn’t helped the people’s movement in using public transportation. If services are received or is felt (perceived service) as expected, the quality of services and satisfying perceived good, so that it will impact raise the loyalty consumers. But if services they received is more lower than expected, the quality of services perceived bad that would have an impact reduce the loyalty consumers (Siregar, Manajemen, Trisakti, Manajemen, & Trisakti, n.d.). Some disadvantages of using a card as a payment device are; (1) it is hard to top up the balance because it needs a special machine and (2) it is not safe, because the card cannot be block if it is lost, making it easy to be used by other people. In this modern era, most people use smartphone and there are many applications which can be used as a payment system, such as NFC (Near Field Communication). Below is the percentage of household that has a cellular phone:
Figure 1. Percentage of Household that has Cellular Phone

Source: (BPS Province of DKI Jakarta, 2016)

The data above shows that there are a lot of smartphone users especially in Jakarta area. Smartphone also provides all kind of features including payment system, such as NFC (Near Field Communication). NFC is a standard device that enables smartphone and other devices to communicate when they are brought close. NFC works like RFID, but NFC has a shorter reach than RFID. NFC Application as a payment device has been applied in many countries. One of the advantages of NFC is that it makes it easy to do a transaction without credit card or prepay system. Development of transportation aimed to improve the service transportation service efficient, effective, reliable, quality, safe, affordable (K. Martono & Marina, n.d.). The existence of NFC can reduce the problem of transportation in DKI Jakarta; especially for the payment system.

**Purposes**

The purposes of this research are:

1. To know the benefits of technology for public transportation in reducing the problems of transportation in DKI Jakarta,
2. To know the use of the application NFC (Near Field Communication) technology system in a few countries,
3. To know the potential of adopting NFC System in DKI Jakarta.
### Previous Research

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Implementation of NFC as the Media of Mobile-based Payment Transaction (2013)</td>
<td>Violitta Yesmaya, Dion Darmawan</td>
<td>Cash payment is replaced by electronic payment based on Near Field Communication that is due to the guaranteed safety. (Yesmaya &amp; Darmawan, 2013).</td>
<td>Qualitative Approach Method</td>
<td>Using an income presupposition result of NFC on Global Market</td>
<td>NFC (Near Field Communication) in Indonesia is one of the efficient devices in doing a payment transaction especially a quick ticketing in the process. By NFC, the payment transaction process is more secured.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Payment Application System Electronic Payment on Point of Sales (POS) based on Near Field Communication (NFC) (2016)</td>
<td>Saeful Bahri, Satia Suhada</td>
<td>NFC Technology Research is one of payment media alternative to increase flexibility in business process especially for selling system or point of sales (Bahri &amp; Suhada, 2016).</td>
<td>Qualitative Approach Method</td>
<td>Using a payment system plan of NFC then it is implemented in Point of Sales</td>
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<td>NFC tickets help in identifying people travelling in the bus providing security.</td>
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<td>Application of Near Field Communication Technology for Mobile Airline Ticketing (2012)</td>
<td>Wayan Suparta</td>
<td>Qualitative Approach Method</td>
<td>The study describes the characteristics and advantages of NFC technology offers for the development of mobile airline ticketing (Suparta, 2012).</td>
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<td>By checking in and checking out description at International Airport Yogyakarta.</td>
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<td>NFC System is impossible for not realizing NFC Technology in International Airport Yogyakarta, at least in the new airport location in Kulon Progo, Yogyakarta.</td>
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### Literature Review

**Near Field Communication**

NFC is based on standard, short distance, near-cable connectivity technology that enable two simple and intuitive ways among Electronic Device (NFC Forum, 2011). Near Field Communication (NFC) can make the s’ life easier and more comfortable by making it easier to do transaction, exchange digital content and connect their electronic device only by touching.
NFC designed to build RFID by enabling a complex exchanging among the direct participants can be operated in a few models. Communication model is differentiated whether the device creates communication model by its own power or the device takes the power from a field is resulted by other device. If a device results in its own field, then it is called an active device, if it doesn’t, it is called a passive device. An active device usually has supply power (smartphone), but a passive device usually doesn’t.

Near Field Communication Technology has been applied in many developed countries. The advantage of this technology is the wireless communication that has a short enough distance and communication can go on quickly. This superiority can reduce the security problem risk that becomes the biggest problem in mobile communication technology. The relatively close communication distance is disabled if there is a man-in-the-middle attack (a third side that steals or changes the data) or eavesdropping (tapping of data). The existence of an attack is probably smaller than using other communication. Near-field communication technology itself can be applied to all kinds of application models such as: payment media (ticketing/micro payment), smart board for university, contactless token, and device pairing (device communication). Below is the description of Near Field Communication System Architecture:

Method

The used research method is qualitative method where qualitative research investigates participants’ perspective by flexible and interactive strategies. Qualitative Research is referred to understanding a social phenomenon from a viewpoint of the participants. Therefore, qualitative research is a research that is used to research the natural condition of the object where researcher is the instrument of key (Sugiyono, 2013). There are some methods of collecting data in qualitative research, which are interview method, observation method, documentation method and literature study method.

Result and Discussion

Benefit of Technology on Transportation

Social media and information service have substantial role for transportation users in knowing current traffic condition (K.; M.; S. Martono, 2002). The benefits of technology have been advanced and developed. So far, public transportation payment has been done by an electronic card. Moreover, the reservation of a long distance ticket for public transportation is done online. In the last five years, the most country with the increase internet users is the Philippine, in which it has increased for 531 percent. The second is Indonesia with 430 percent, followed by South Africa and India (Global Web Index, 2013). NFC System itself also has started developing in Indonesia. However, until now, Indonesia hasn’t showed any kind of international reports as other countries which use NFC. Telkomsel Channel Management states that they want to do a test on NFC. NFC Device from Telkomsel has been installed in Circle-K Kelapa Gading. Nevertheless, there is no official statement from Telkomsel related to the technology adoption. Even though operators haven’t organized NFC yet, some local application makers have been ready to enliven the presence of this technology. For example, Menoo! TAP Tap, and Smash Mania are ready to support NFC Nokia. InTouch also has been ready to provide NFC application for Blackberry user.
Public Transportation Payment in Indonesia

Indonesia has been using electronic card as a payment system for public transportation payment. Almost all public transportation in Jakarta has been using an electronic card, such as Trans Jakarta and Commuter Line. Below is the payment system for Commuter Line and Trans Jakarta:

**Trans Jakarta**

The payment system:

1. Ticket card is tapped on the machine that is located in the gate of the bus shelter.
2. If the balance is sufficient, the green light on the gate will be turned on, and the gate will be opened. If the balance is not enough, the passenger can top up or refill the balance in the ticket counter with nominal starts from Rp 10,000. The top up can be done using cash, debit card, or through ATM Machine.
3. At the destination shelter, the passenger must tap back on the gate to go out.
4. The card will not be expired if there is still balance left on it.
5. The card can be used like a debit card. It can be used to shop in the stores that cooperate with the bank that serve payment using it.
6. The card can be used by more than 1 person in a day with flat tariff of Rp 3,500.

**Commuter Line**

Commuter Line has 2 types of card for payment; daily ticket (THB) and Multi Trip Card (KMT).

Daily ticket card system:

1. Daily ticket card (THB) works by deposit. It will not prevail if a passenger only taps through the entrance and doesn’t go out through an official gate.
2. A passenger can’t use the ticket back as well as get the deposit back if the ticket is broken or can’t be read in KRL e-ticketing system.
3. The deposit can be retrieved if the passenger cancels the trip and hasn’t done tapping in to gate in yet.
4. The deposit will be given back without tariff if a passenger cancels the trip but has gone into the *gate in*.

Multi Trip Card (KMT) system:

1. KMT only can be used for Commuter Line transportation facility.
2. KMT can be transferred to a person who is not a previous owner.
3. KMT for Commuter Line can’t be used for 2 persons in once tapping.
4. There is no expiry date for KMT, and the minimal balance is Rp 14.000.
5. KMT that is lost or stolen can’t be blocked like ATM. Everything that happens to KTM is the responsibility of the card owner.

**NFC Comparison with Other Technology**

It can be seen that Indonesia has been using electronic card instead of NFC for the public transportation. The table below shows the difference between using electronic card and NFC:

**Table. 3. NFC Comparison with Electronic Card**

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>It is easy to do transaction without using credit or prepay card. It can be done only by using smartphone that is integrated with NFC.</td>
<td>The balance can be topped up in the ATM Machine or in the counter that is available and passengers must queue.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>The connection with other devices is easy, with only one touch. The NFC frequency is stronger than Bluetooth.</td>
<td>It can’t be well detected if there are more than 1 RFID chips in one card.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>It is safer and more comfortable because NFC has a good security system</td>
<td>It is not equipped by pin and the name of the owner is not printed. So, it is easy to be accidentally exchanged or lost. Also, the procedure to get the money back is difficult.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>The checking of the balance is faster.</td>
<td>The transaction is faster but the checking of the balance is not really efficient because it must be checked every day in a special machine.</td>
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Table 4. NFC Comparison with Short Distance Communication Technology

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<th>RFID</th>
<th>IrDA</th>
<th>Bluetooth</th>
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<td><strong>Setup Time</strong></td>
<td>&lt;0.1 ms</td>
<td>&lt;0.1 ms</td>
<td>~0.5 sec</td>
<td>~6 sec</td>
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<td><strong>Range</strong></td>
<td>Up to 10 cm</td>
<td>Up to 3 m</td>
<td>Up to 5 m</td>
<td>Up to 30 m</td>
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<td><strong>Usability</strong></td>
<td>Human centric, easy, intuitive, fast</td>
<td>Item centric, easy</td>
<td>Data centric, easy</td>
<td>Data centric, medium</td>
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<td><strong>Selectivity</strong></td>
<td>High, given, security</td>
<td>Partly given</td>
<td>Line of sight</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Use Cases</strong></td>
<td>Pay, get access, share, initiate service, easy set up</td>
<td>Item Tracking</td>
<td>Control and exchange data</td>
<td>Network for data exchange, headset</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Consumer Experience</strong></td>
<td>Touch, wave and simple, connect</td>
<td>Get information</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>Configuration needed</td>
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Source: (Suparta, 2012)

**NFC Application in Some Countries**

Near Field Communication Application has been implemented for public transportation in some cities in other countries. They are:

1. **London - NFC Mobile Phones**

   In 2007, London did a test for transportation ticket payment through NFC and mobile phone. The cost offered was from the highest to the lowest. The transport authority in London has cooperated with companies such as O2, Nokia, Barclaycard, and Visa. Cooperation was done to examine the ’s request to be able to have an easy card to be brought and used such as; Oyster card, (Transportation Card of UK), or *Credit card* that is available in Nokia 613.

2. **San Francisco – NFC Mobile Phones**

   In 2008, VIVO-tech, a non-cash payment system provider activated the test for mobile payment of NFC BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) in San Francisco. BART cooperated with Sprint, First Data, and fast food Jack in the Box to enable hundreds of passengers get on BART only by using their NFC cellphone in the gate to get an access in the station.

3. **Frankfurt – NFC for Public Transportation**
On July to November, 2007, Transportation Institute in Germany Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund GmbH (RMV) tested RMV-HandyTicket für NFC-Handys in Frankfurt. The device used was mobile phone with Java application. In that test, the most visited 59 shelters were equipped with NFC radio chip (ConTag). Around 270 costumers examined the ticket system. Besides buying ticket, the costumer also could call the departure schedule in a certain shelter with their NFC phones and get the real time information through ConTag.

Table 5. Advantages and Disvantage on a Payment System

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| 1.  | NFC and mobile phone | • Costumer is interested in using mobile phone to reserve ticket  
      • Ticket can easily be reserved online | • Requires a sophisticated mobile phone system  
      • TFL only cooperates with the Nokia, O2, Barclaycard, and Visa |
| 2.  | RMV – Handy Ticket (Mobile Ticket) | • Helps the costumer find the shelter  
      • Gives the delay information of quickly  
      • Uses a debit, so it is easy and quick  
      • Individual journey invoice is available | • The cost can only be retrieved at the end of the month  
      • Requires a high power mobile phone system  
      • The result of research only came from 270 costumers that examined the ticket system |

**NFC Technology Adoption Potential**

Near Field Communication makes the payment system easy and simple where the data is exchanged through near cable by a short distance between devices. Near Field Communication is also a connectivity technology device based on RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology that makes a payment system through smartphone. Some Near Field Communication (NFC) Technology adoption potential are:

1. Public transportation service payment: Trans Jakarta, Commuter Line
3. Loyalty + e-Coupon: Community card or membership that provides discount and coupon for loyal members by certain rules.

![Diagram of Mobile Phone Optimization for Micro Payment](image)

**Figure 3. Mobile Phone Optimization for Micro Payment**

*Source: (Krisnanda, 2011)*

The superiority possessed by NFC is its role as a technology that makes it easy for costumer to open any kind of communication and transaction. NFC enables costumer to do things only by touching or putting their smartphone device near the service that they need. NFC should be adopted for future public transportation in Jakarta because it will make it easy for passengers to buy ticket and it will reduce the queue for topping up the balance. By using this system, passengers can easily top up the balance through m-Banking and it is integrated directly. Almost all people have smartphone these days, so it is very possible to use this NFC system in Indonesia, especially in Jakarta. In the future, NFC keeps making innovation in developing its technology. NFC development is divided into 3 categories. For the airlines, a tariff that is too low may jeopardize the sustainability of an air carrier’s operations, while a tariff is too expensive may make it unaffordable for travelers to travel. They are *service initiation, peer to peer* and *ticketing payment*. The applying of Near Field Communication can be realized for public transportation payment system:
Conclusion

Based on what has been discussed above, there are some conclusions that can be drawn:

1. The utilization of NFC System Technology is really feasible because it can be used by the passengers. NFC system can do a data exchange with near cable by a short distance between devices. Besides, this NFC system is safer and more comfortable to be used because of its security system. NFC is designed for the easiness of public transportation payment and therefore should be applied in DKI Jakarta.

2. NFC System has given the easiness of payment system in transportation activity in London, San Francisco, and Frankfurt. The methods of applying the system are various, but resulting in the easiness for the people to use public transportation. NFC is better than electronic card.

3. Because of its superiority, NFC system adoption is potential for the future use for public transportation in Jakarta. It makes it easy and comfortable for costumer to open any kind of communication and transaction model.
References


