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Implementation of the Algorithm for Checking and Registering Mobile Devices in the Information System Using the IMEI Code

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ABSTRACT: This article provides an algorithm for checking and registering IMEI codes of mobile devices, differentiating IMEI codes into "white", "gray" and "black" lists, comparing the database of registered and monitoring new IMEI codes. To implement an information system for registering mobile devices by IMEI code, hardware and software complexes.

KEY WORDS: IMEI-код, registration, information system, database, mobile device, roaming.

I. INTRODUCTION

Currently, in many countries, research is being carried out aimed at developing the structure and organization of a database of identification codes for mobile devices, methods and algorithms for identifying mobile devices. Systems for streamlining the accounting of mobile devices are beginning to be actively used. In this direction, one of the priority and demanded is the task of developing and implementing a registration system for mobile devices based on the international identification codes of mobile devices IMEI - International Mobile Equipment Identity. IMEI is a number (usually 15-digit decimal) that is unique to each device using it. It is used in cell phones of networks, as well as in some satellite phones. a cardinal approach to the implementation of the task. IMEI number was designed to uniquely identify an individual mobile device, hackers have designed various methods to change the IMEI number of mobile devices so that lost or stolen mobile devices doesn't located by the securities agencies, causing the IMEI scams which had brought loss of data and property. Various hardware flashers devices and software tools are invented designed by the hackers which are easily available on internet. Thus it is important to stop and prevent such theft[1-25].

II. MAIN PART

To implement an information system for registering mobile devices by IMEI code, software and hardware complexes are required located in a data processing center with high performance and fault tolerance.

The developed information system is implemented as a software solution with a single database of mobile devices and with the ability to administer and assign user roles (Fig. 1).

The unified information system of IMEI codes of mobile devices is integrated with cellular operators to accumulate operating mobile devices on the territory of the state with mandatory registration[1-7].

The formation of the database is carried out by import-export of the collected (parsing) data, or by loading from the database of cellular operators. Implemented the ability to integrate the API in the provision of access by the mobile operator with the ability to lock or the user may lock the notification leads to the expected result (Figure 2).

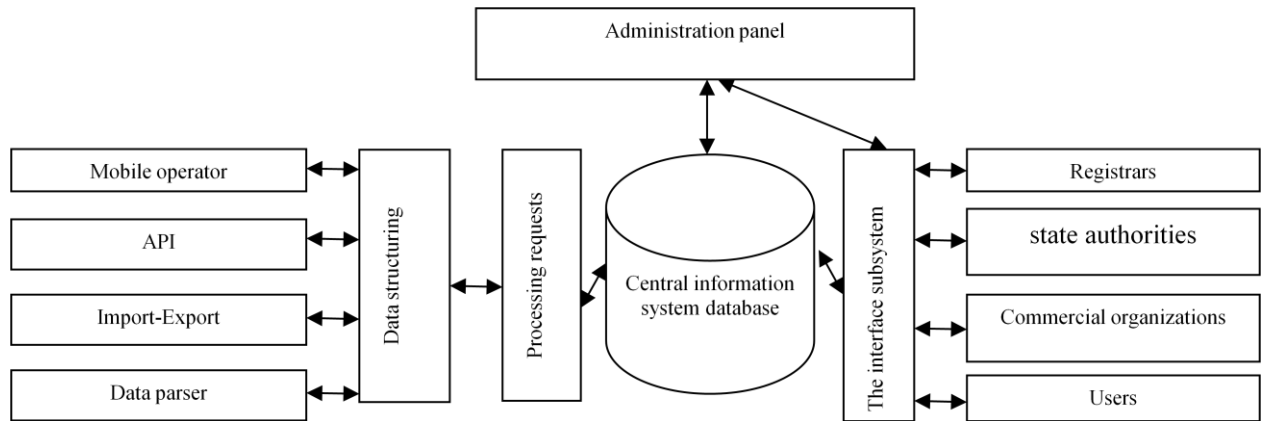


Fig. 1. Information system block diagram

For the implementation of the lock in the system elaborated a mechanism for applying the rules for compliance with international legal IMEI-codes producers. Thus, the IMEI code is placed in the corresponding list, of which there are three in the information system - "white", "gray" and "black" lists.

The information base provides the ability to quickly search for the necessary mobile devices in the networks of mobile networks.

Figure 2 shows a generalized algorithm for checking the IMEI code of mobile devices.

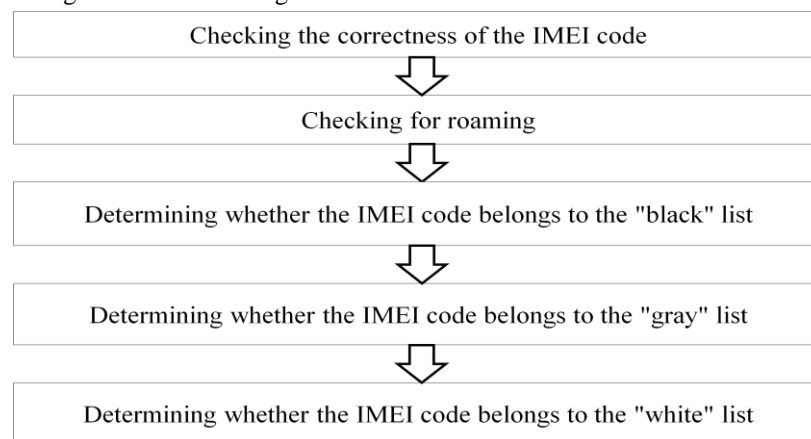


Fig. 2. Generalized algorithm for checking IMEI code

The main lists used to implement IMEI control have the following operating logic:

- checking the IMEI code for correctness during registration;
- checking the IMEI code for "roaming";
- "black" list - denial of service to subscriber devices in the cellular network, except for some special cases, for example, roaming;
- "white" list - full functionality of subscriber devices in the cellular network;
- "gray" list - mobile devices temporarily functioning in cellular networks [1-15].

An algorithm for checking and registering the IMEI code of mobile devices in the information system was developed, which is shown in Fig. 3.

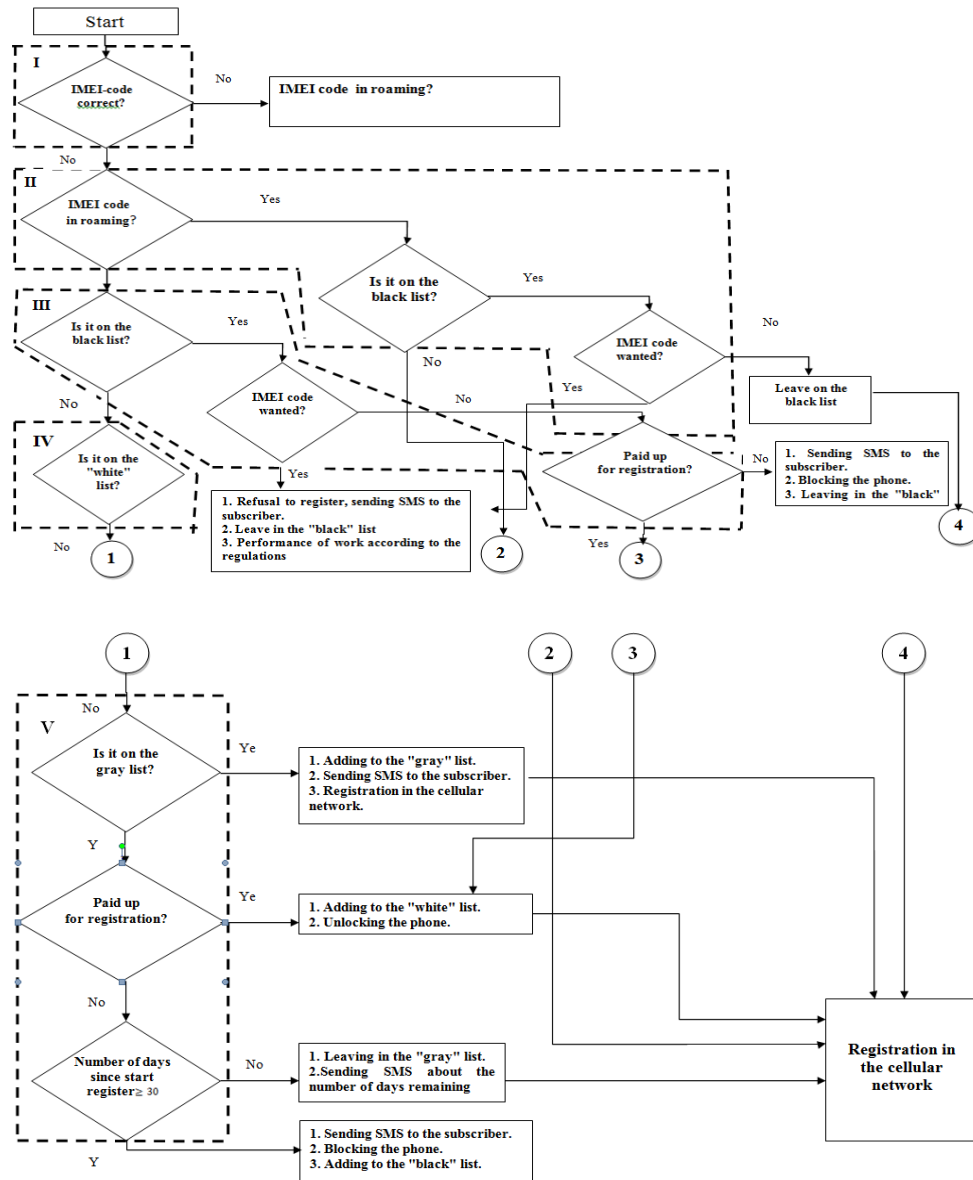


Fig. 3. Algorithm for checking and registering IMEI-code

The algorithm consists of five modules and 20 blocks. The algorithm works as follows.

Module I. Checking the correctness of the IMEI code.

Includes block 1. Here, the correctness of the IMEI code is checked. Mobile device. If the IMEI code is incorrect, then a transition to block 12 occurs.

Block 12 does the following:

1. Sending an SMS to the subscriber about the incorrectness of the IMEI code.
2. The mobile device is blocked.
3. Adding the IMEI code to the black list.

If the IMEI code is correct, then you go to module II, block 2.

Module II. Check if the IMEI code is roaming.

Includes blocks 2, 3, 4.

If the IMEI code is roaming (block 2), then the transition to block 3 occurs.



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The block determines whether the roaming IMEI code is in the black list. If the roaming IMEI code is in the "black" list, it is determined why the IMEI code is there. Two situations are possible (block 4):

- Wanted IMEI code;
- The IMEI code was blacklisted for registration.

If the roaming IMEI code is wanted (block 4), then you go to block 13, where the following actions are performed:

1. Refusal to register a mobile device, sending an SMS to the subscriber about refusal to register.
2. The IMEI code remains on the black list.
3. Work is carried out with wanted IMEI codes according to the regulations.

If the roaming IMEI code is not on the wanted list, then this IMEI code is included in the black list by registration. Then block 14 is executed ("IMEI code remains in the" black "list") and the transition to block 20 ("Registration of IMEI code in the cellular network").

If the IMEI code is not roaming, but the IMEI code of the country of registration, then the transition to Module III takes place.

Module III. Check if the IMEI code is in the black list of the registrar's database.

Includes blocks 5, 6, 7.

In block 5, it is determined whether the IMEI code is in the black list. If the IMEI code is on the black list, then the next step is to determine if the IMEI code is on the wanted list (block 6). If the IMEI code is wanted, then the following actions are performed (block 13):

1. Refusal to register a mobile device, sending an SMS to the subscriber about refusal to register.
2. The IMEI code remains on the black list.
3. Work is carried out with wanted IMEI codes according to the regulations.

If the IMEI code is in the "black" list, but not wanted, then the payment for registration is checked (block 7). If payment for registration is made, then the following actions are performed (block 17):

1. Adding the IMEI code to the "white" list.
2. Unlocking the mobile device and going to block 20 ("Registration in the cellular network").

If the registration has not been paid for, then go to block 16 and the following actions are performed:

1. Sending an SMS to the subscriber about refusal to register.
2. Blocking a mobile device.
3. Leaving the IMEI code in the black list.

If the IMEI code is not in the black list, then the transition to the execution of Module IV takes place.

Module IV. Check if the IMEI code is in the "white" list of the registrar's database.

Includes block 8.

If the IMEI code is in the "white" list, then the transition to block 20 occurs and the registration of the mobile device in the cellular network is performed.

If the IMEI code is not in the "white" list, then the transition to Module V.

Module V. Checking if the IMEI code is in the "gray" list of the registrar's database.

Includes blocks 9, 10, 11.

Block 9 - checking is the IMEI code in the gray list. If the IMEI code is not in the "gray" list, then the IMEI code is added to the "gray" list, since the conditions of the "black" (Module III) and "white" (Module IV) lists were not met before.

The following actions are performed (block 15):

1. Entering the IMEI code into the "gray" list.
2. Sending an SMS to the subscriber about entering the IMEI code into the "gray" list and the need to pay within 30 days.
3. Registration in the cellular network.

If the IMEI code is in the "gray" list, then a check is made about the payment for registration (block 10). If payment for registration is made, then the following actions are performed (block 17):

1. Adding the IMEI code to the "white" list.
2. Unlocking the mobile device and moving to block 20 ("Registration in the cellular network").

If payment for registration has not been made, then a check is performed how much time has passed since the first registration of the IMEI code in the registrar's database (block 11).

If the number of days does not exceed 30 days, then the following actions are performed:

1. The IMEI code remains in the gray list.



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2. An SMS is sent to the subscriber about the number of days left until the end of registration (block 18) and the registration of the mobile device in the cellular network is performed (block 20).

If the number of days from the beginning of the first registration has exceeded 30 days, then the following actions are performed (block 19):

1. An SMS is sent to the subscriber that the number of days after the first registration has exceeded 30.
2. Blocking a mobile device.
3. Adding the IMEI code to the black list[1-25].

III. CONCLUSION

Thus, the developed algorithm and method for checking and registering mobile devices by IMEI code allow you to do the following:

- check the IMEI code during registration for correctness;
- determine the IMEI code of a mobile device in roaming;
- to differentiate IMEI codes into "white", "gray" and "black" lists;
- compare the database of registered and monitor new IMEI codes.

The developed algorithm and methodology for checking and registering mobile devices by IMEI code are implemented practically in the form of a real operating information system.

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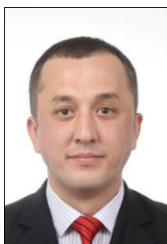
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