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## A LIST OF ACRONYMS

AR	Academic Registrar
CLK	Chek Lap Kok
ID	Identification
IT	Information and Technology
LAN	Local Area Network
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
RF	Radio Frequency
SD	Secure Digital
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
TFT	Thin Film Transistor
TKO	Tseug Kwan O
UID	Unique Identifier
WAN	Wide Area Network
Wi-Fi	Wireless Fidelity

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## **ABSTRACT**

The multi-purpose RFID based Identity verification system was basically designed and tested using ARDUINO 1.6.5 software which makes it possible to acquire UIDs from the cards, Lab View which picks the UIDs and basic electronic components.

The system is capable of detecting RFID cards and distinguishing between registered and nonregistered cards. The reader transmits signals to the ARDUINO board which are sent to the application.

The circuit is being powered with a power supply of 5v since a power supply is the computer.

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## **CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background**

The Education Institutions have always kept themselves in-sync with the latest technological advances. In the age of Information Technology, Institutions in Uganda have equipped themselves with excellent IT Infrastructure with good PC penetration. These institutions have well equipped IT laboratories with LAN/WAN/Wi-Fi network along with high speed connectivity. It has been observed that there are hardly any applications running on this IT infrastructure. Even though some Institutions are using online systems and software for applications like admissions, attendance, library etc. there is a need of a single integrated system. There may be high level of computerization of the process but there is further scope for automation to minimize the manual intervention and eliminate duplication of effort at various levels [1].

To achieve this, the use of a single multi-purpose RFID card to every student of the education institute to automate its process is developed. The RFID card can be used for the following applications:

- Student ID card from admissions to alumni
- Library card
- Attendance Card
- Physical access Card (hostel)
- Examination card

Every student at Busitema University is required to have an Identification card to prove that he or she is a student of the university. In order for this student to sit for exams, he or she has to be cleared by the university. Clearance is given when a student who has fully paid tuition and furthermore, one has to have registered for the course units to be done in a given semester hence issued with a registration card which leads to the issue of an examination permit that gives information about the course units registered. All these permits give clearance for a student to sit for an exam and also control access to other facilities that require these permits. The process of acquiring these permits is time consuming in addition to being tiresome. At the entrance of the examination room, invigilators have to go through a process of manually checking the permits to

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