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# Automated Pet Feeder

## Motivation

- Greater than 89 million household dogs in the United States.
- Feeding pets may not always happen on schedule.
- Emergencies occur; eating schedule disrupted.
- Ownership of multiple dogs



# Goals & Objectives

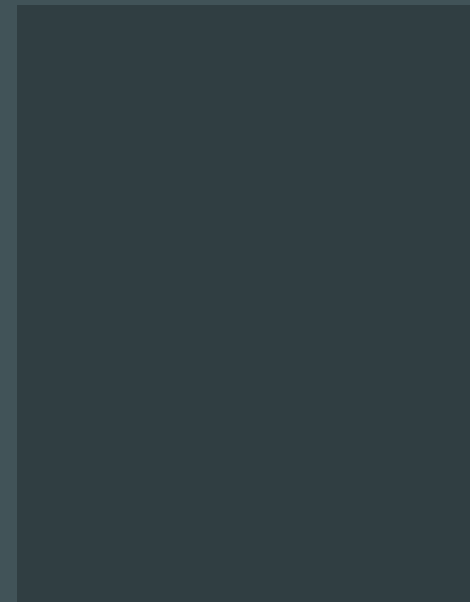
- Store two days quantity of food.
- Allow access to intended pet only.
- Specify quantity of food through mobile application.
- Up to two day operational time without household power.
- Analytics of pet eating behaviors available to user through mobile application.



# Currently on the Market: FunPaw and PetNet

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- ❖ Provides Portion Control for pets
- ❖ Able to dispense food via app
- ❖ They send push notifications of when food is dispensed
- ❖ Set scheduled feeding times
- ❖ FunPaw provides video stream
- ❖ None of these feeders incorporate water feature

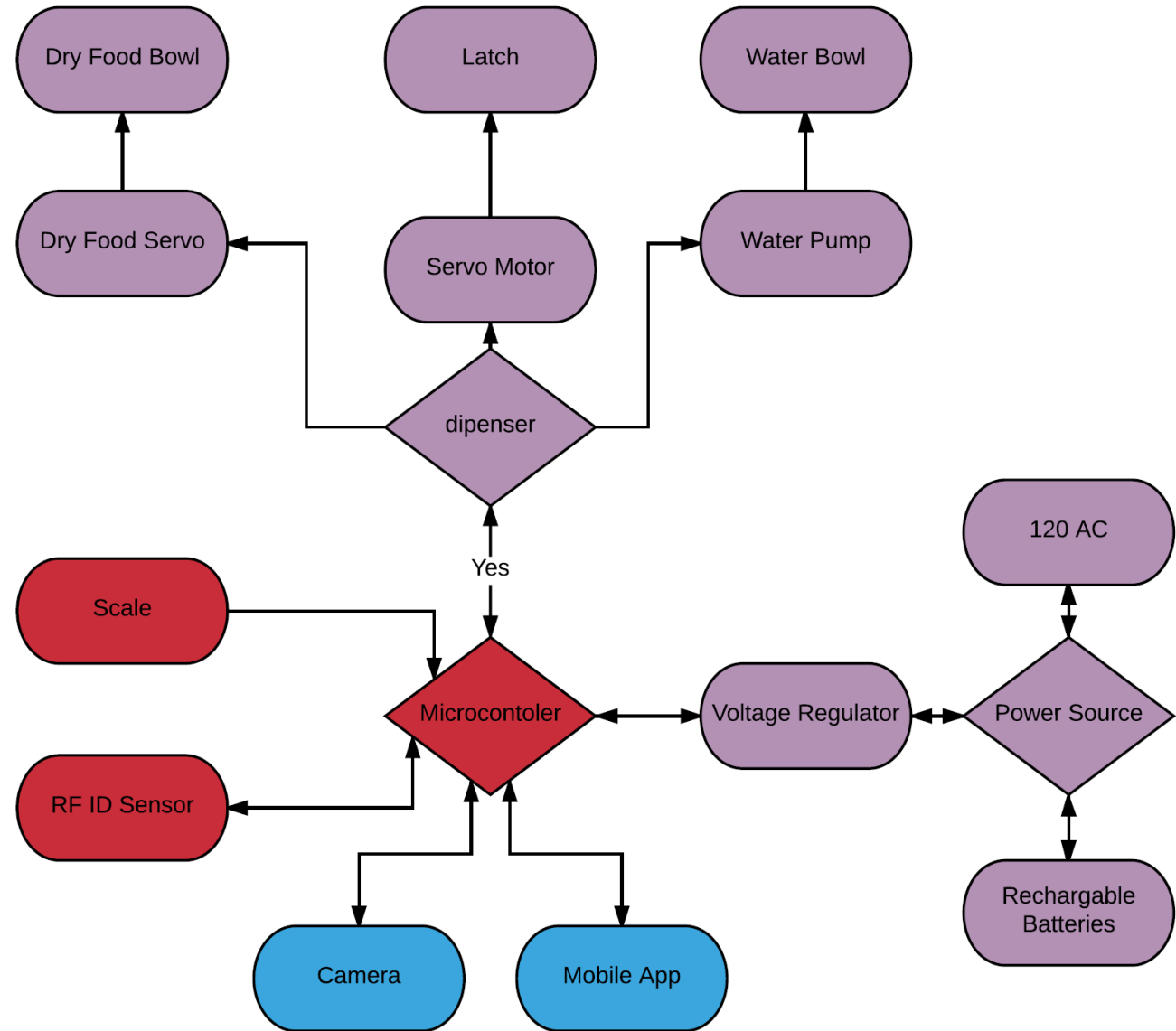


# Hardware Block Diagram

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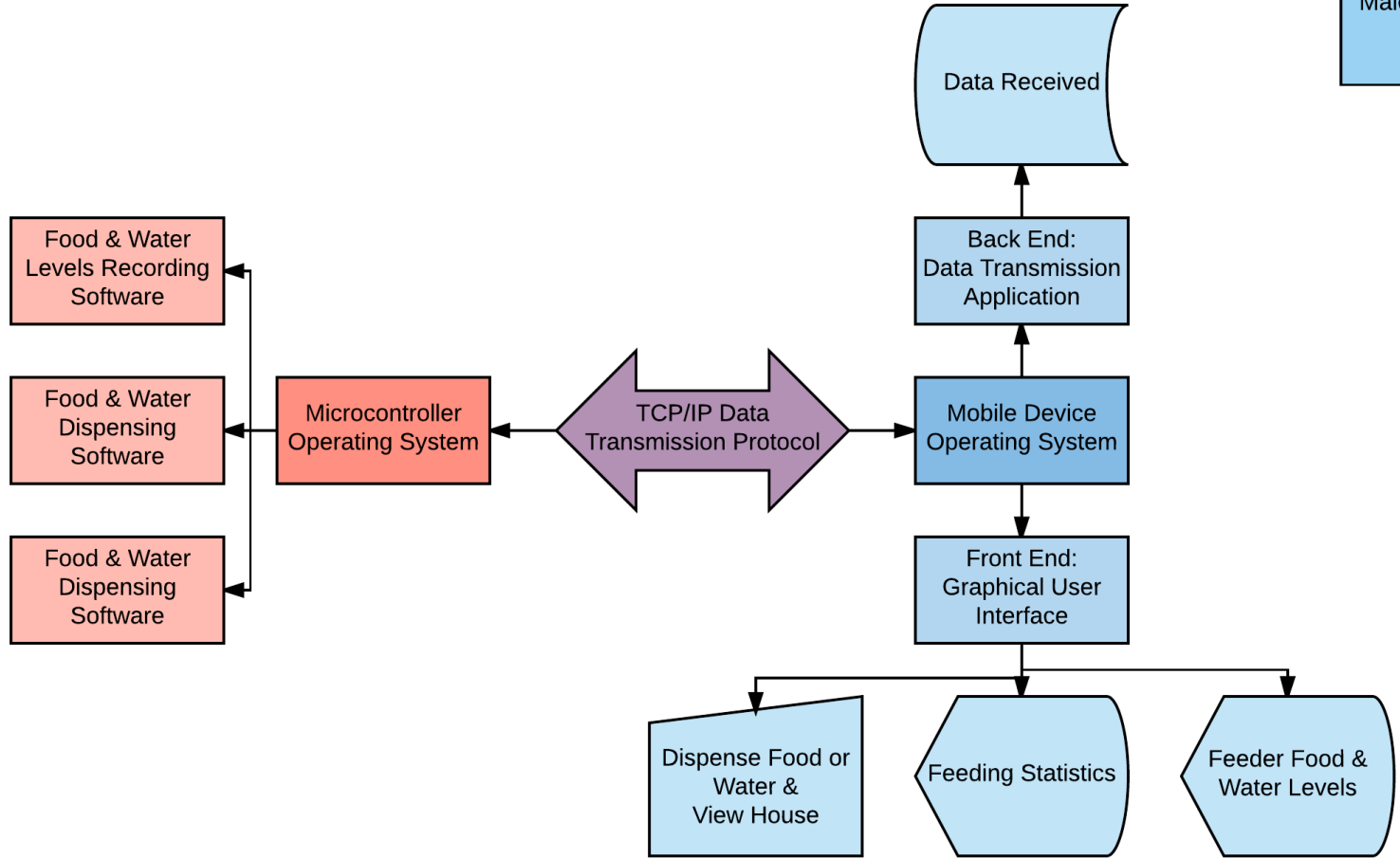
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# Software Block Diagram

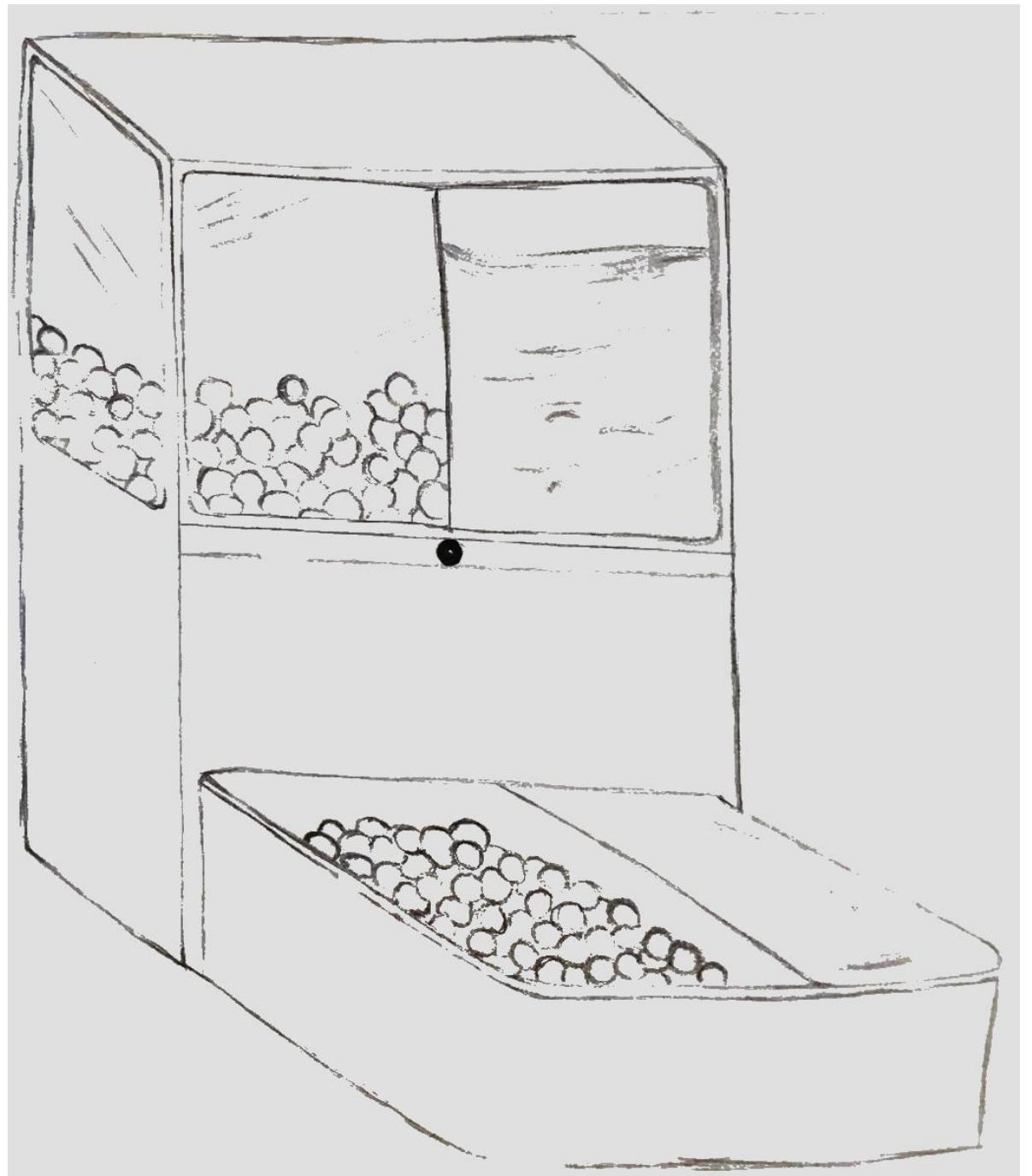
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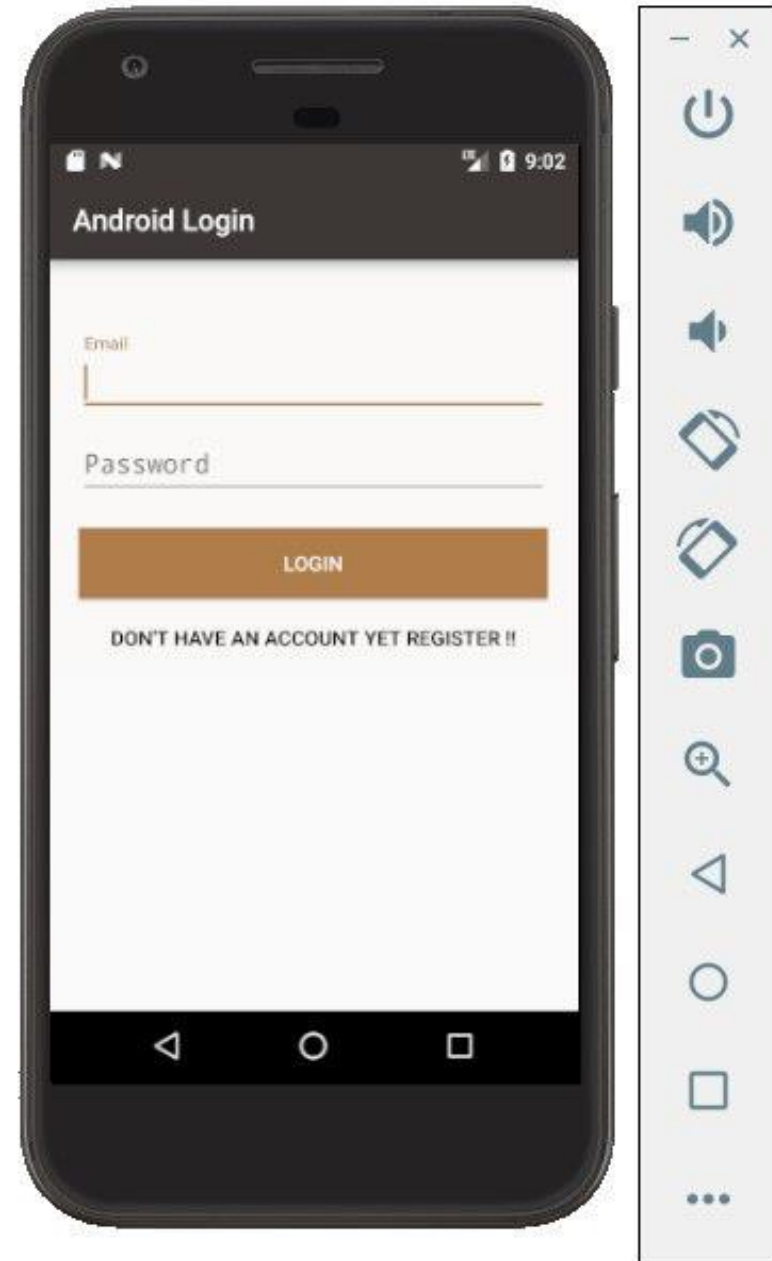
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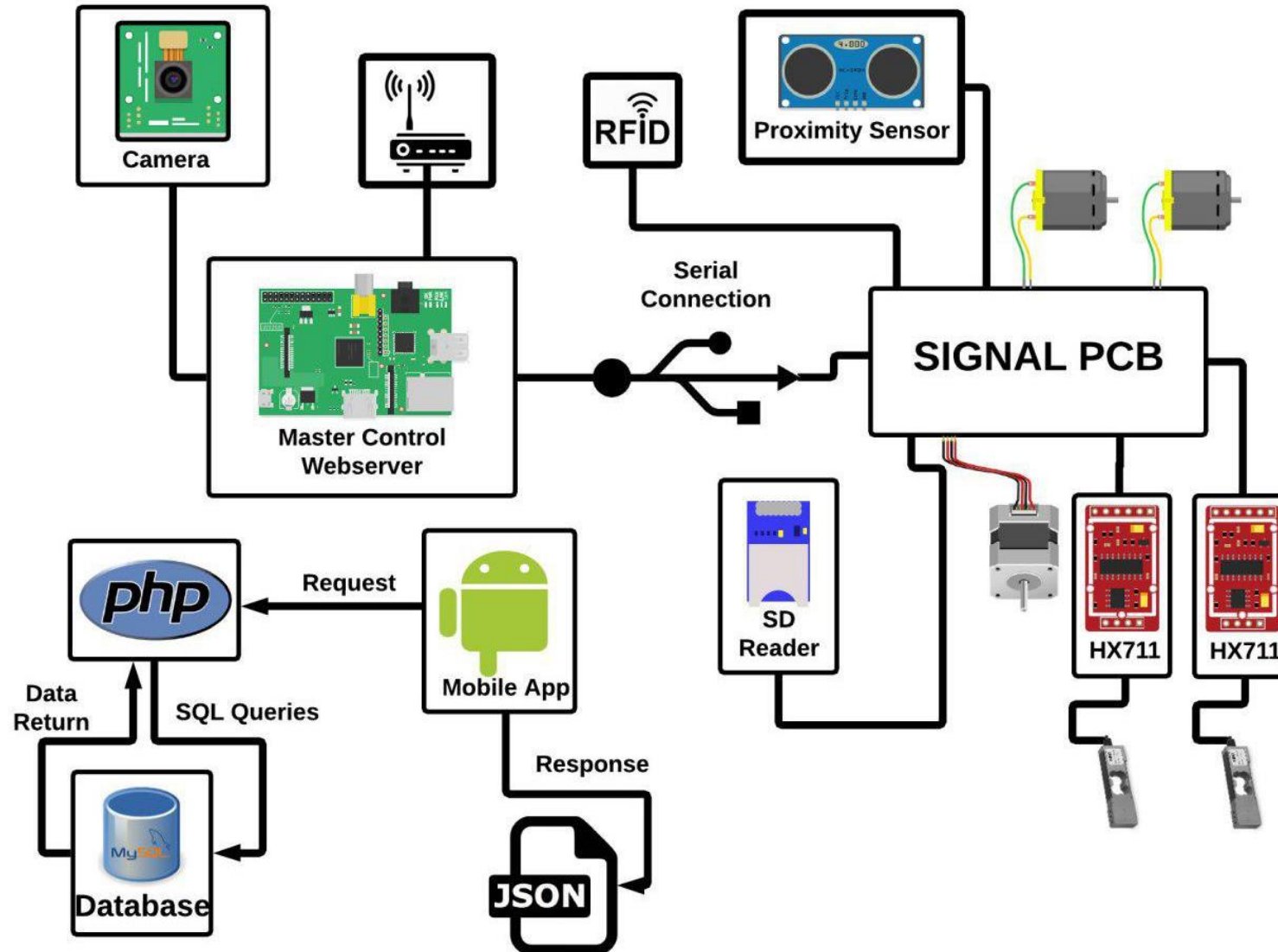
# Mobile Application

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# Overall System

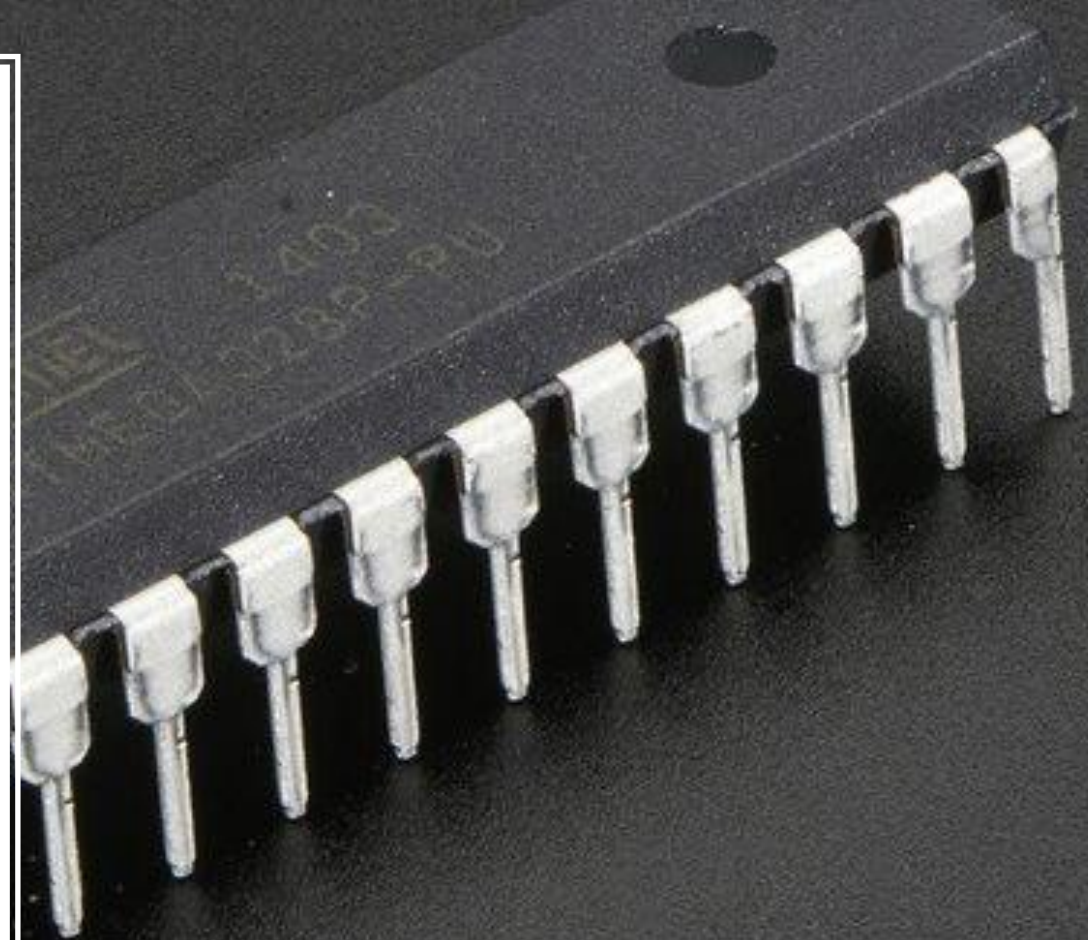


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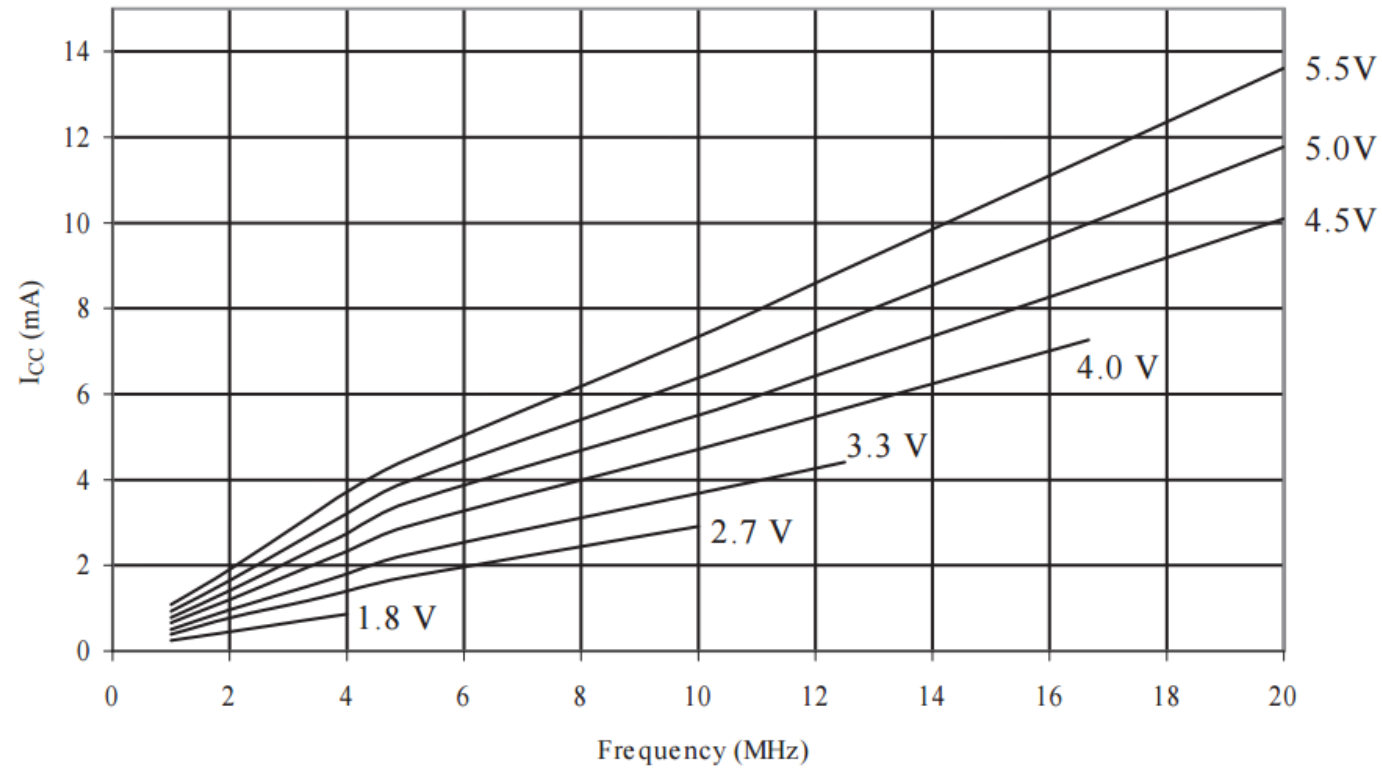
# Major Components

# Atmega328P-PU

- Reasons for Choice:
  - Extensive documentation.
  - Numerous add-ons.
  - Low cost.
  - Low power.
- Limitations:
  - Moderate amount of GPIOs.
  - Low processing power.
  - Limited RAM.
  - Limited storage.



### re 33-2. ATmega328: Active Supply Current vs. Frequency (1MHz - 20MHz)



- 5V at 16MHz -> ~10mA
- Using 16MHz Uxcell Quartz Crystal Oscillator
- ~50mW Power
- Low Power Mode Available
- \*Datasheet list 0.2A at 1MHz

Atmega328P-PU – Power Consumption

# Atmega328P-PU – I/O

- 12 Digital GPIOs
- 6 Analog GPIOs
- 2 5V VCC

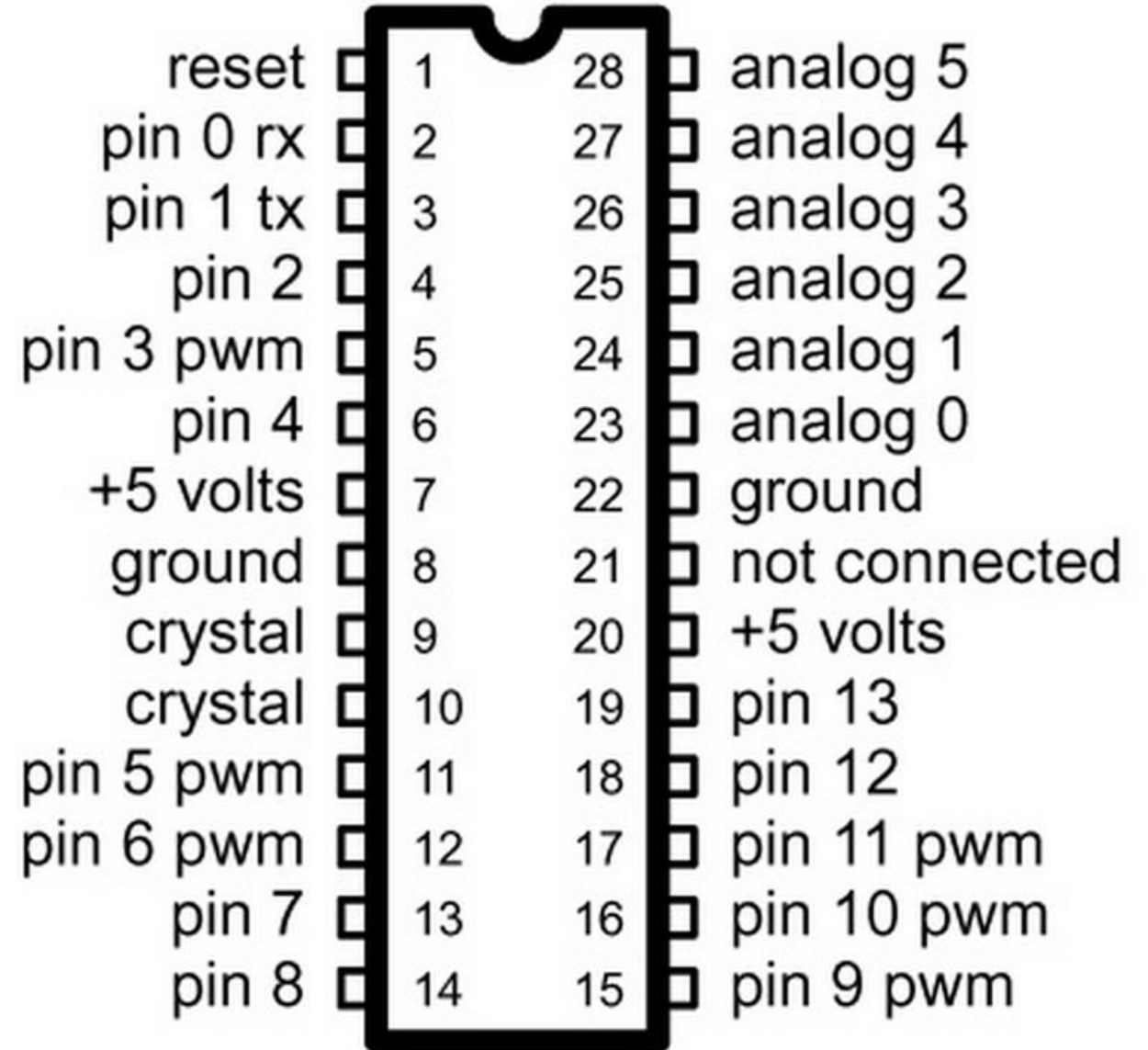
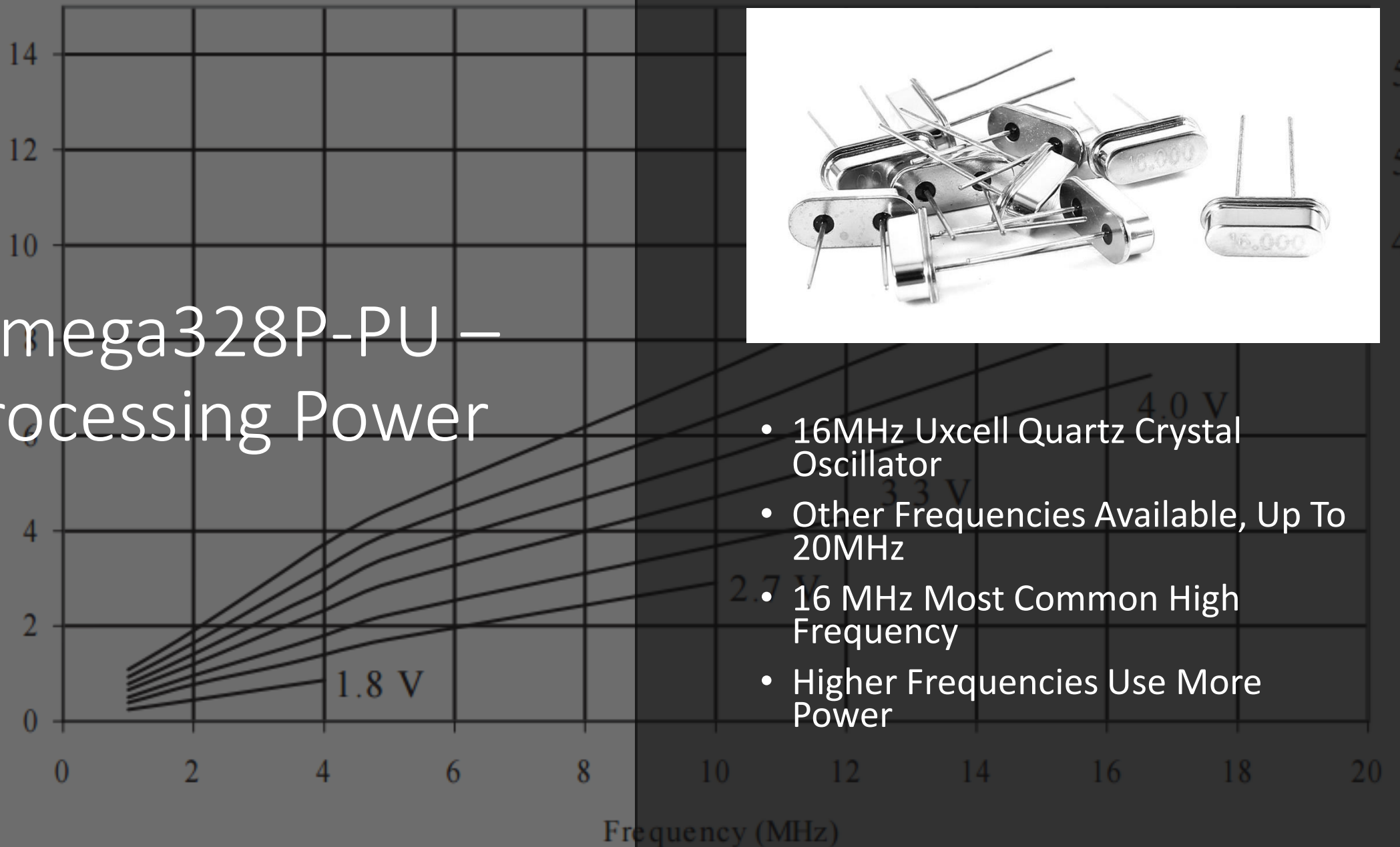


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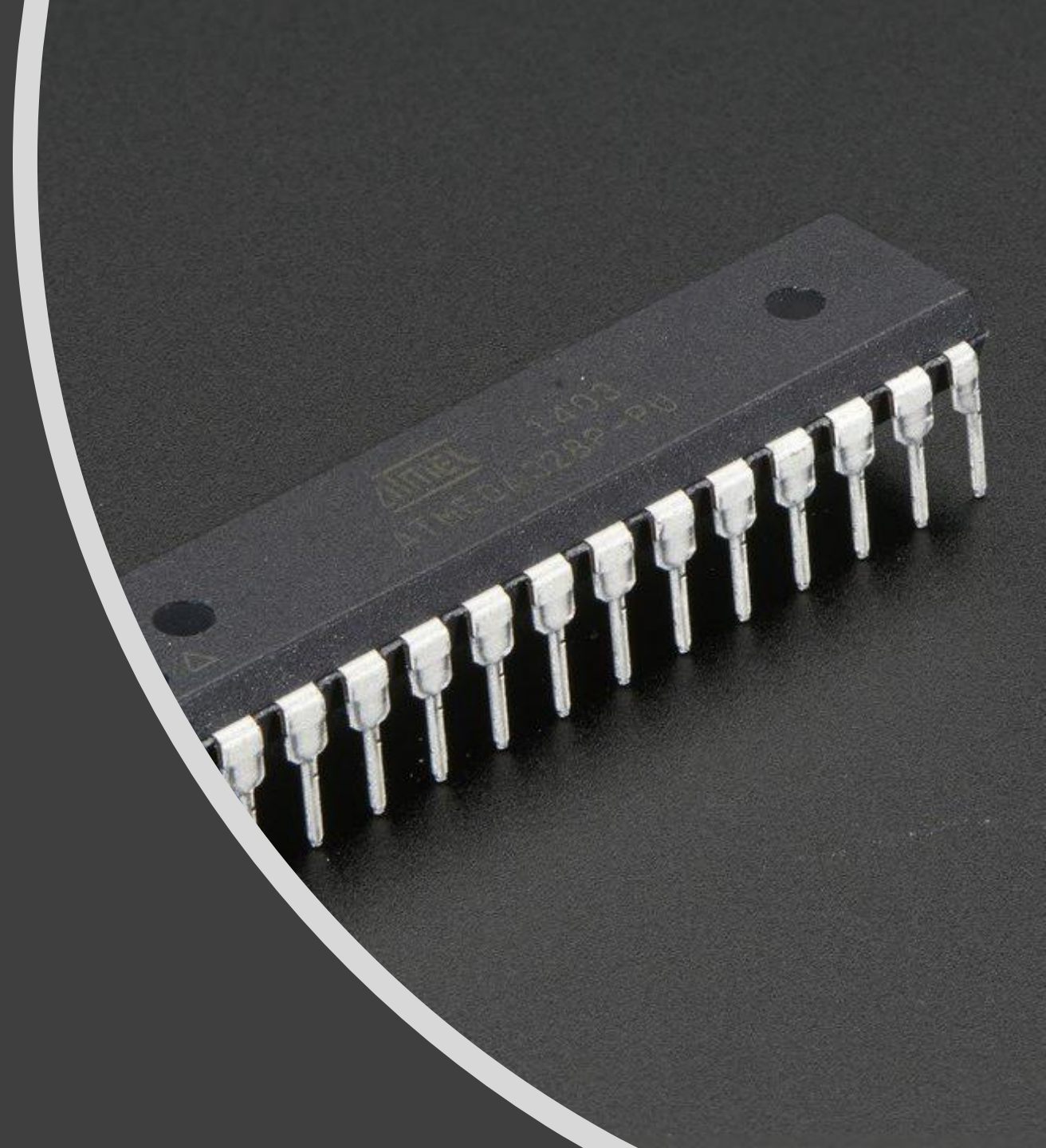
# Atmega328P-PU – Processing Power



- 16MHz Uxcell Quartz Crystal Oscillator
- Other Frequencies Available, Up To 20MHz
- 16 MHz Most Common High Frequency
- Higher Frequencies Use More Power

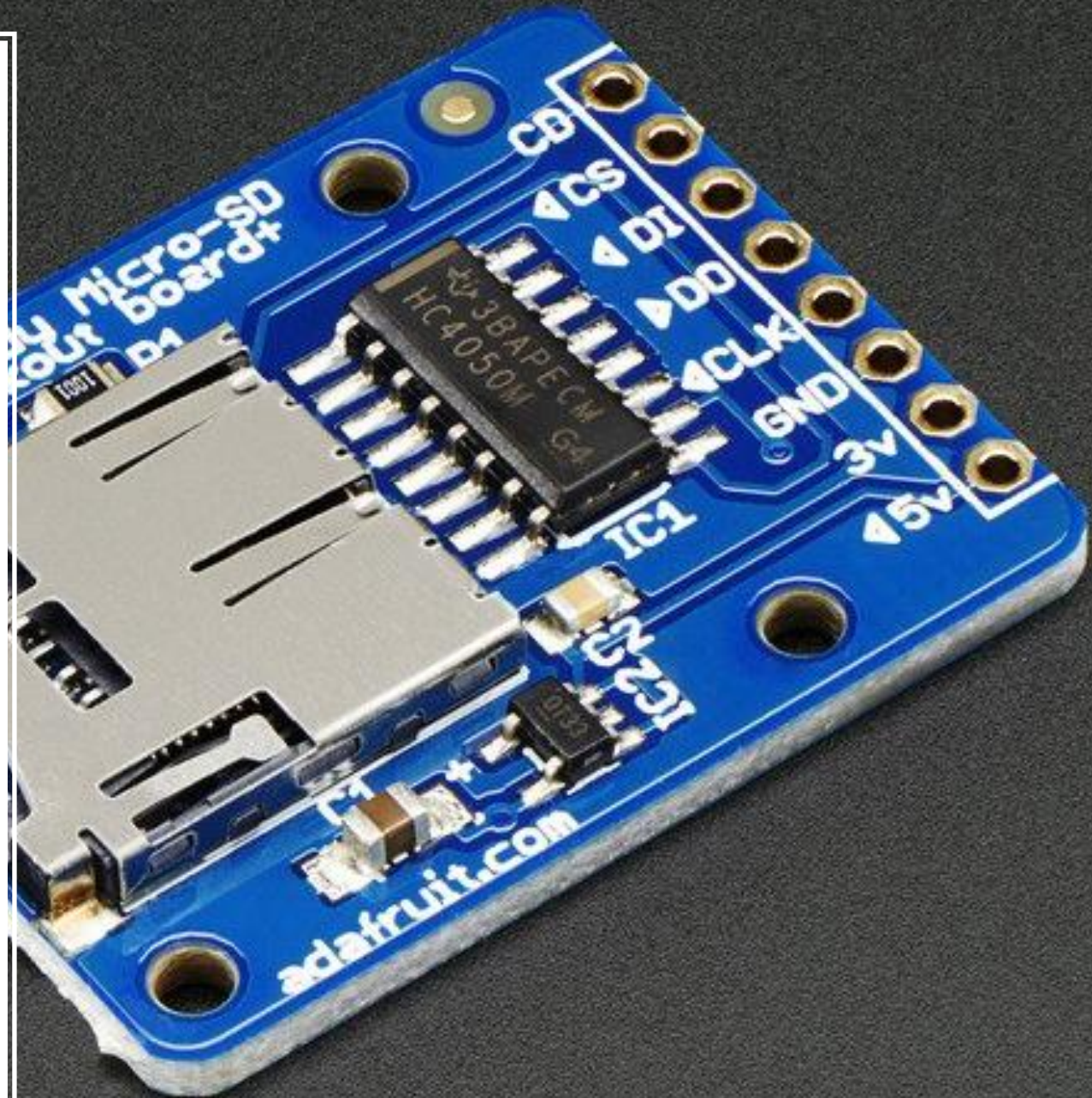
# Atmega328P-PU – Program Memory & RAM

- 32 kB Program Memory Size
- 2 kB RAM Size
- 1 kB Config File Current Size
- Will not use program memory for data storage



# MicroSD Card Breakout Board+

- Expands Atmega328P-PU storage.
- Used for storing incoming configuration files.
- Used for temporarily storing outgoing data.
- Used along with 16GB Patriot LX SERIES MICRO SDHC/SDXC
- 150mA max current draw for power hungry micro SD cards.
- Operates at 3V and 5V.







## RASPBERRY PI 3 MODEL B

- Enables support for camera module.
- Provides additional bandwidth for image processing.
- WIFI functionality allows communication between feeder, database, and mobile application.
- Connects Atmega328P-PU to entire system.

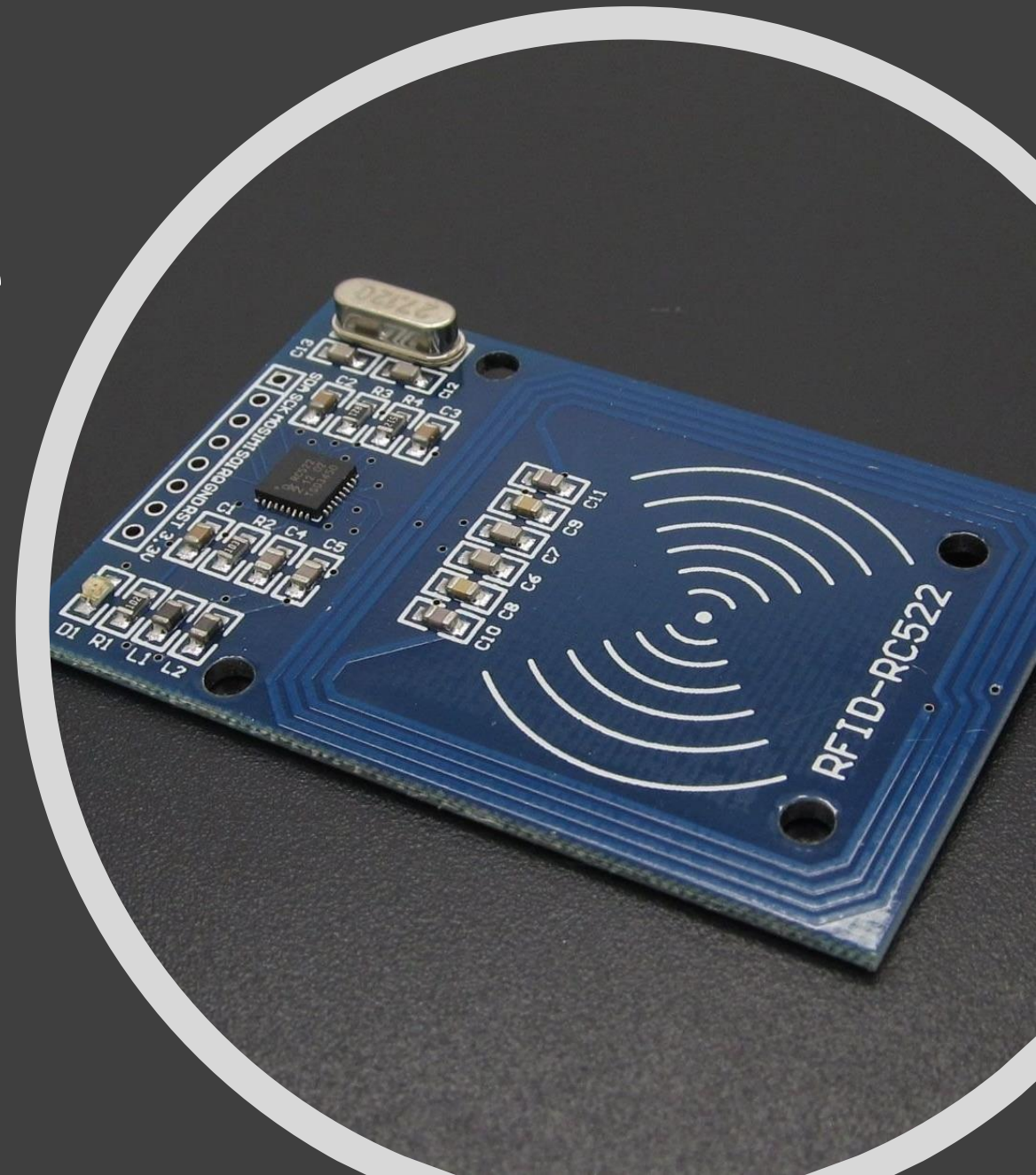


# RASPBERRY PI 3 MODEL B

- Quad Core 1.2GHz Broadcom BCM2837 64bit CPU.
- 1GB RAM.
- BCM43438 wireless LAN and Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) on board.
- 40-pin extended GPIO.
- 4 USB 2 ports.
- 4 Pole stereo output and composite video port.
- Full size HDMI.
- CSI camera port for connecting a Raspberry Pi camera.
- DSI display port for connecting a Raspberry Pi touchscreen display.
- Micro SD port for loading your operating system and storing data.
- Upgraded switched Micro USB power source up to 2.5A.
- Micro USB power supply (2.1 A).

# Mifare MF522-AN RFID Module

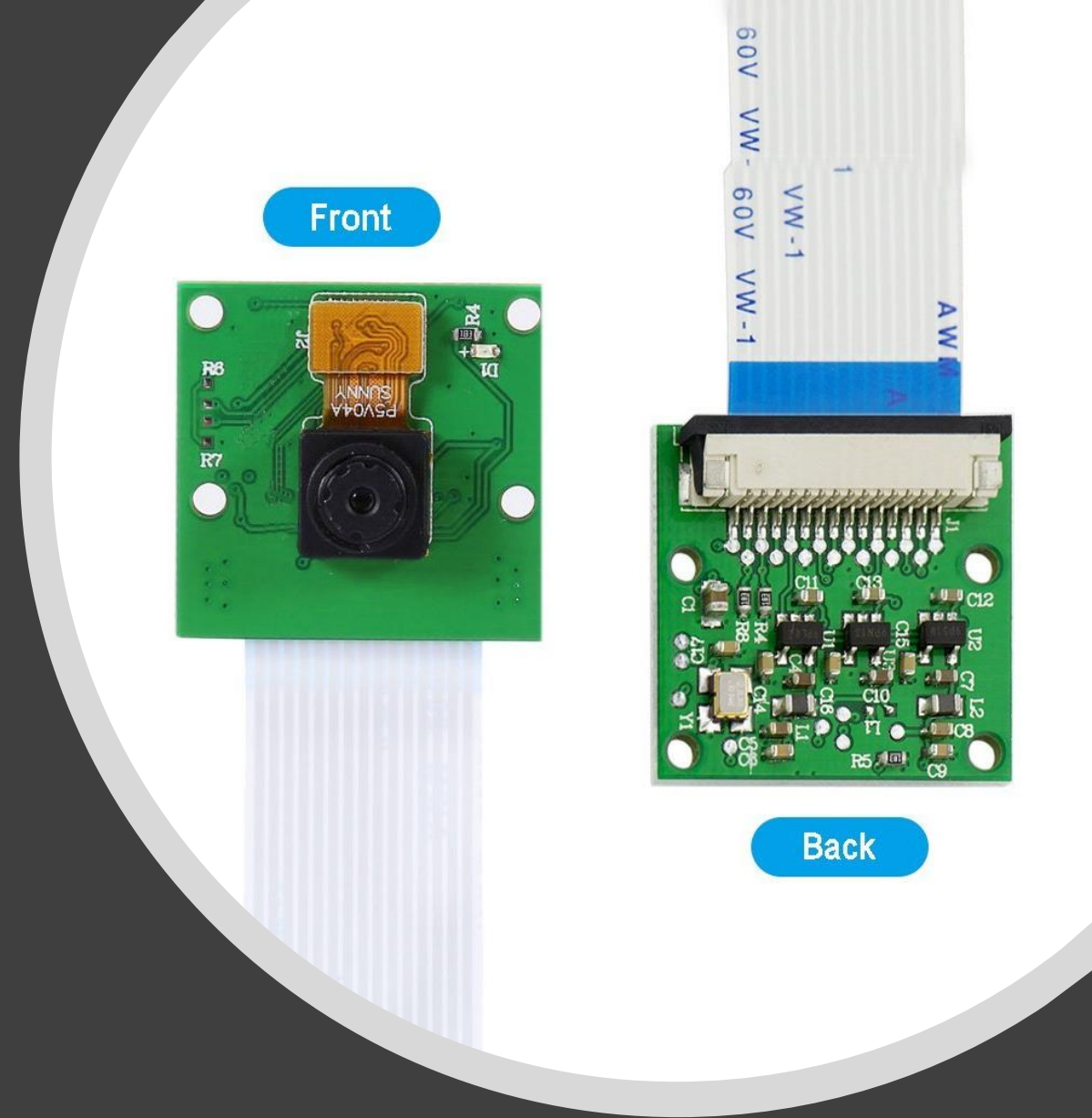
- 3.3V Operating voltage.
- 13-26mA Operating current.
- 10-13mA Idle current.
- <80uA Sleep current.
- <30mA Peak current.
- 13.56MHz Operating Frequency.
- ~3" - 8" Limited Range.

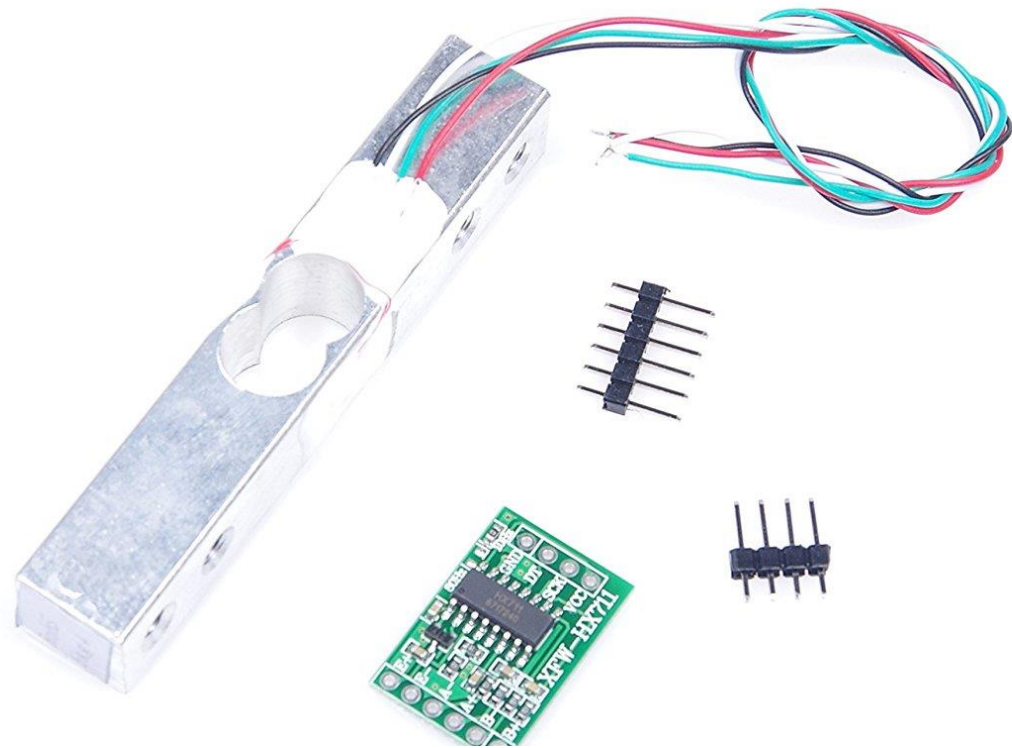




# Keystudio Camera Module

- OV5647 Image Sensor.
- 2592 × 1944 pixel Maximum Photo Resolution.
- 1080p30, 720p60 and 640x480p90 Supported Video Resolution.
- 25mm x 24mm x 9mm Physical Dimensions.
- CSI MINI Connector Interface.
- Raspbian Supported OS.





## Digital Load Cell Weight Sensor

- Used for tracking food usage.
- Used for tracking water usage.
- 5kg Max mass quantity.
- 5VDC Operating voltage.
- <math><1.5\text{mA}</math> Normal operation.
- Requires 2 GPIOs.

# Digital Load Cell Weight Sensor Example



# ZJchao Peristaltic Liquid Pump

- Used for water dispensation.
- 12VDC Motor voltage.
- 300mA Motor current.
- 100 mL/min Flow rate.
- Limited flowrate.





Specifications	LM2596	MIC4576
Voltage Range	1.2V – 37V	1.2V – 33V
Efficiency	N/A	75%
Frequency	150kHz	200kHz
Protection Features	Thermal/Current Limiter	Thermal/Current Limiter
Price	\$4.70	\$3.58



## Power Supply – Voltage Regulator

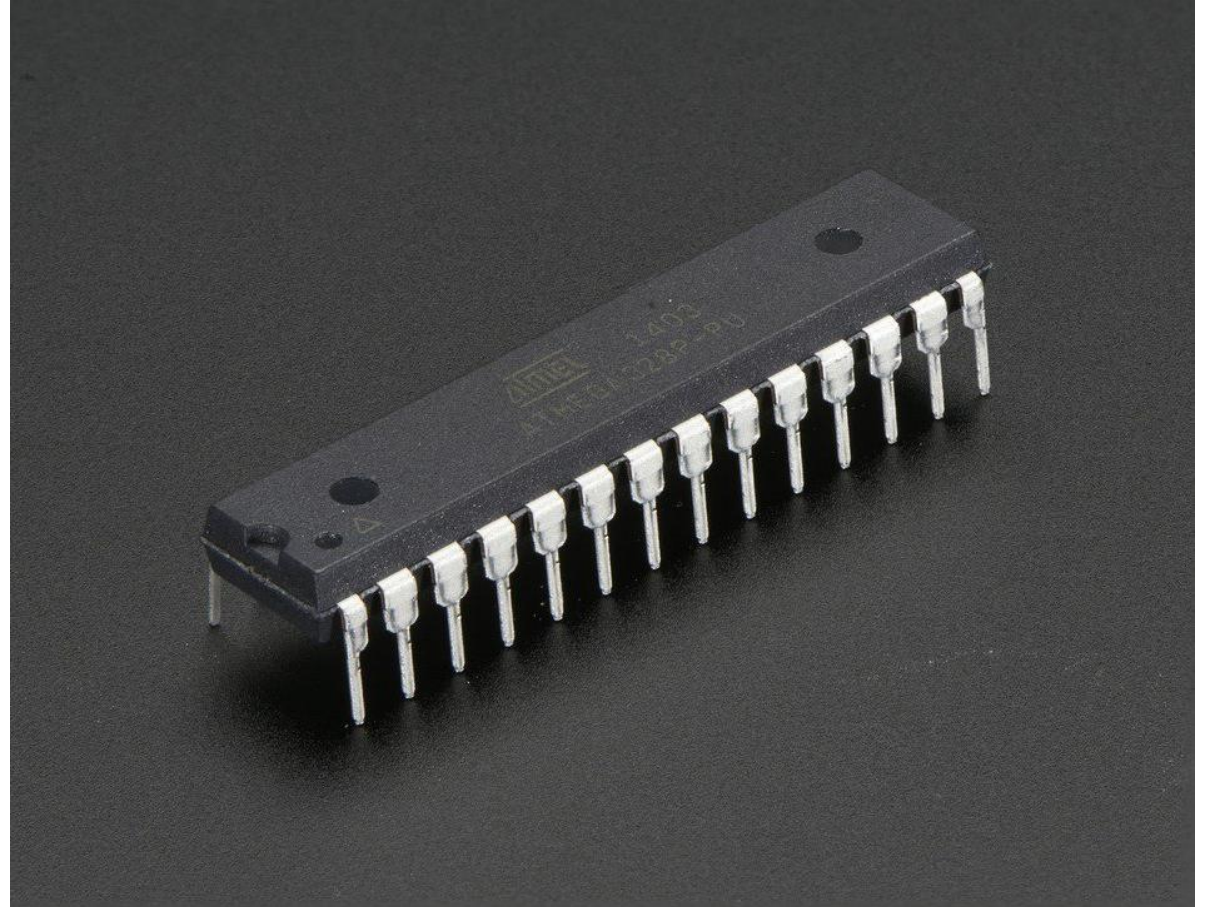
# Reasons for Choosing LM2596

- Original design and testing performed using LM7805 and LM7812.
- Too many issues with implementing original design.
- Decided switching regulators would be ideal for our application.
- Top two choices were TI's LM2596 and the MIC4576BT by Farnell.
- Specs almost identical based decision on available documentation and product reputation.



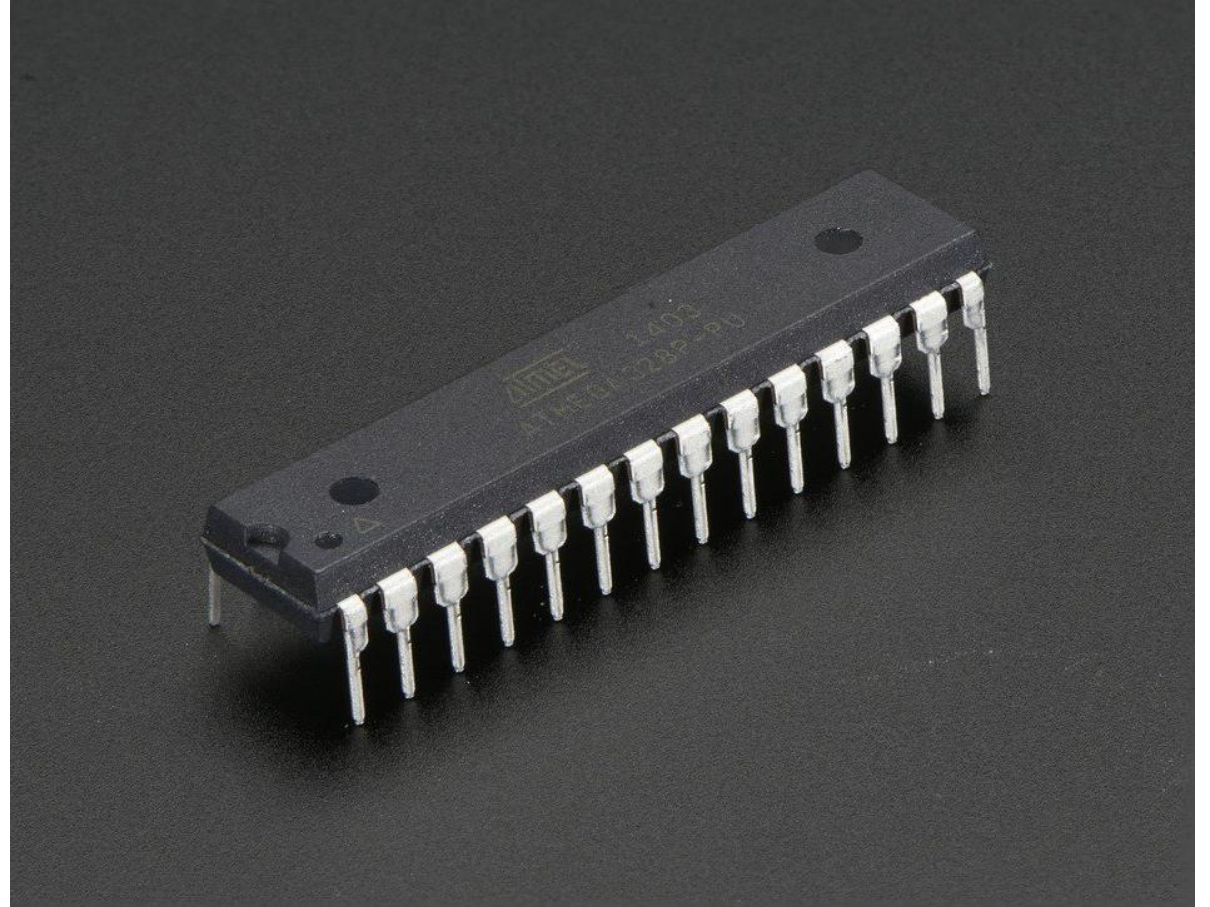
## ATMEGA PWM LIMITATION ISSUES

- ATMEGA328P-PU only consist of 6 PWM pins.
- Current design layout consists of using two ATMEGA328P-PU chips.
- Original design with all peripherals consisted of too many PWM pins.
- Already purchased and designed around the ATMEGA328P-PU.
- Forced to design a more efficient design that consisted of less PWM pins.



# Solving PWM Issue

- Currently looking into ways to minimized number of PWM pins.
- Limited to output current from Arduino pins.
- Possible solution would be to use a relay system to power on and off motors instead of use of motor drivers.
- In process of choosing best relay and associated components to implement for our application
- Needs to be able to take in 12VDC to power DC motor.
- If this works, we may possibly use to power and control both food dispensing and water dispensing motors.



# Futaba S3003 Standard Servo

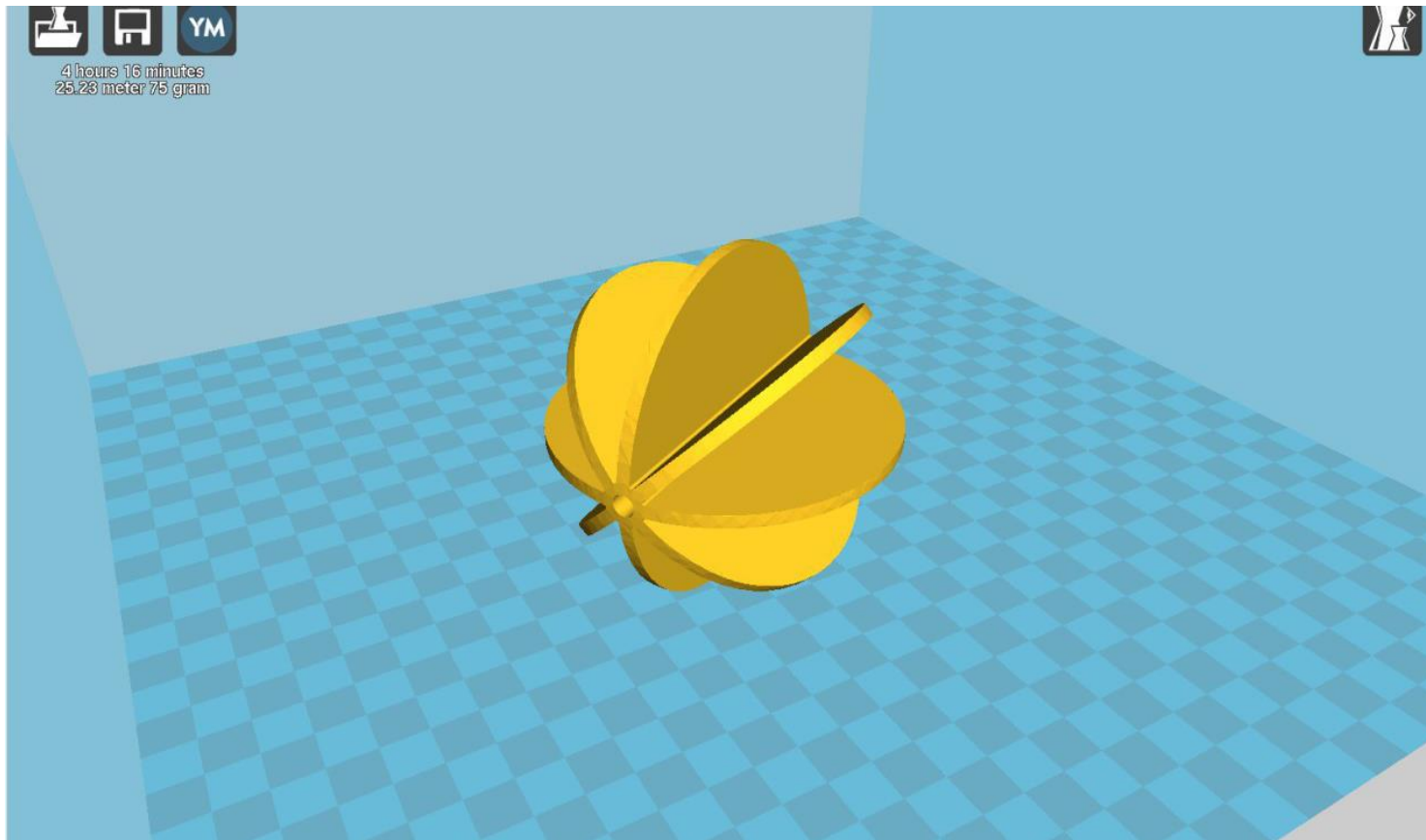
- Allows single 360° revolution.
- Tracks position.
- Used for door.
- 0.23 sec/60° @ 4.8V Speed.
- 0.19 sec/60° @ 6V Speed.
- 44 oz-in (3.2 kg-cm) @ 4.8V Torque.
- 57 oz-in (4.1 kg-cm) @ 6V Torque.
- 25mA Idle current.
- 100mA Operational current.
- 400mA Stall current.



# Nextrox High Torque Electric Motor

- 30 N\*cm Torque
- 12VDC Voltage
- 60RPM
- Allows unlimited revolutions.
- High torque for turning food pedal.





# Food Dispensing Pedal

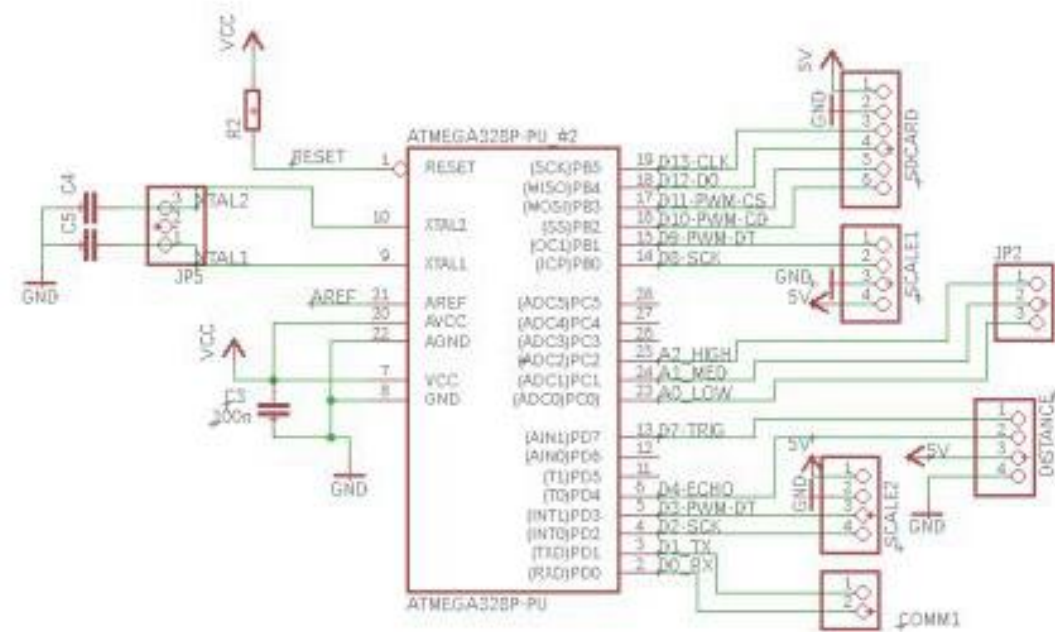
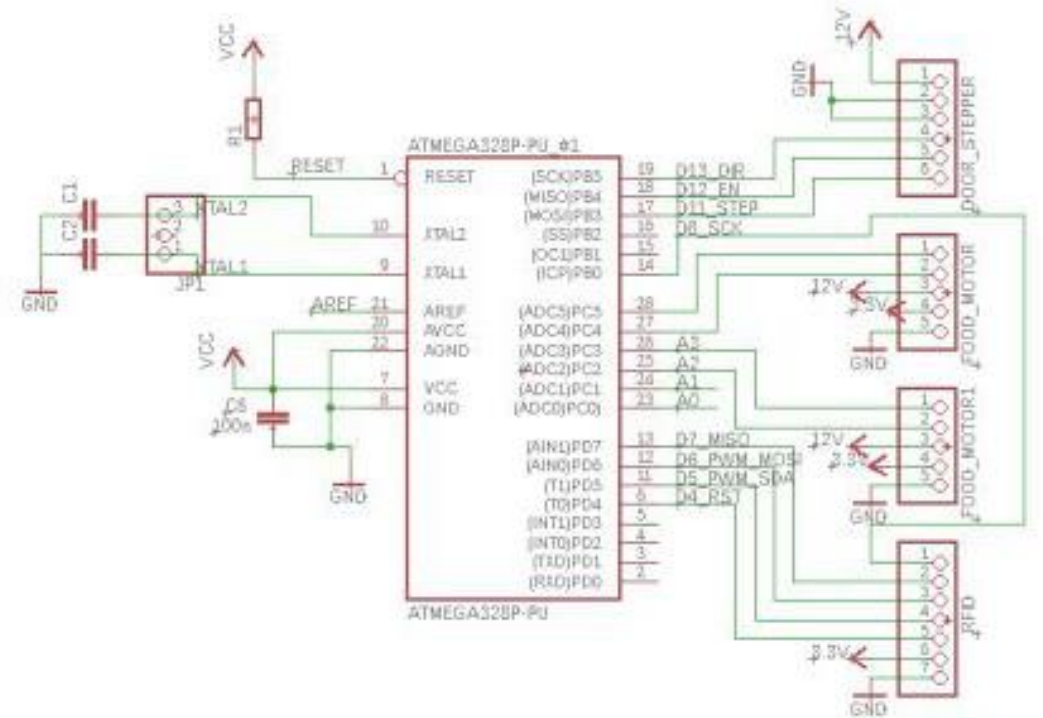
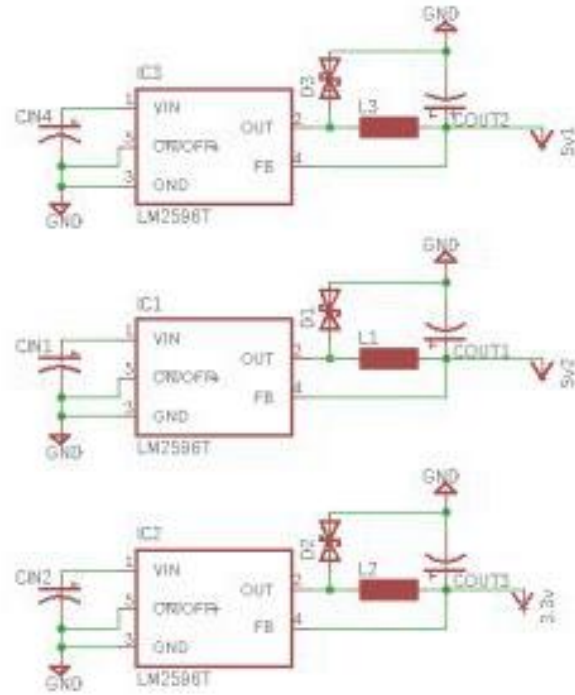
- Used in conjunction with high torque DC motor.

# PCB and Schematics Designs

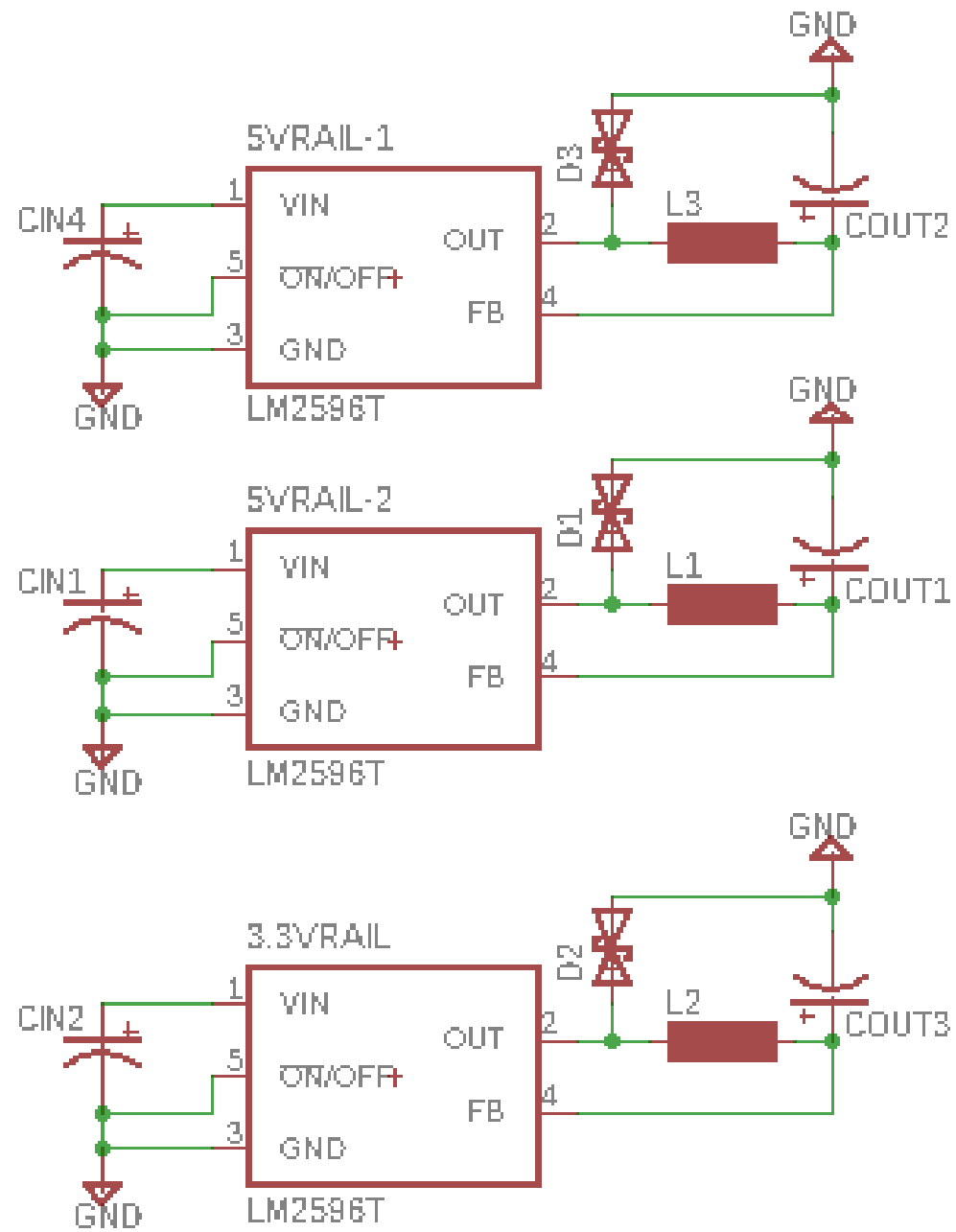




# Overall Schematic

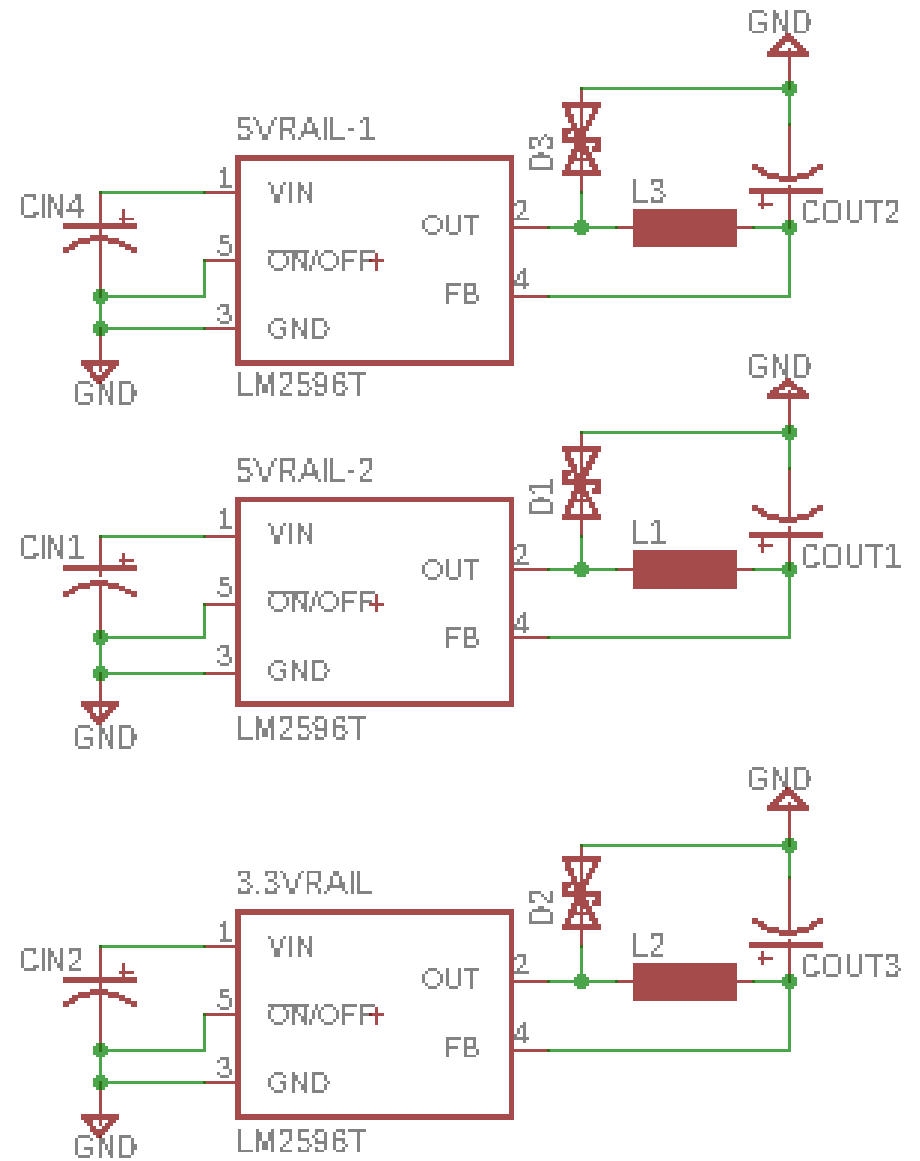


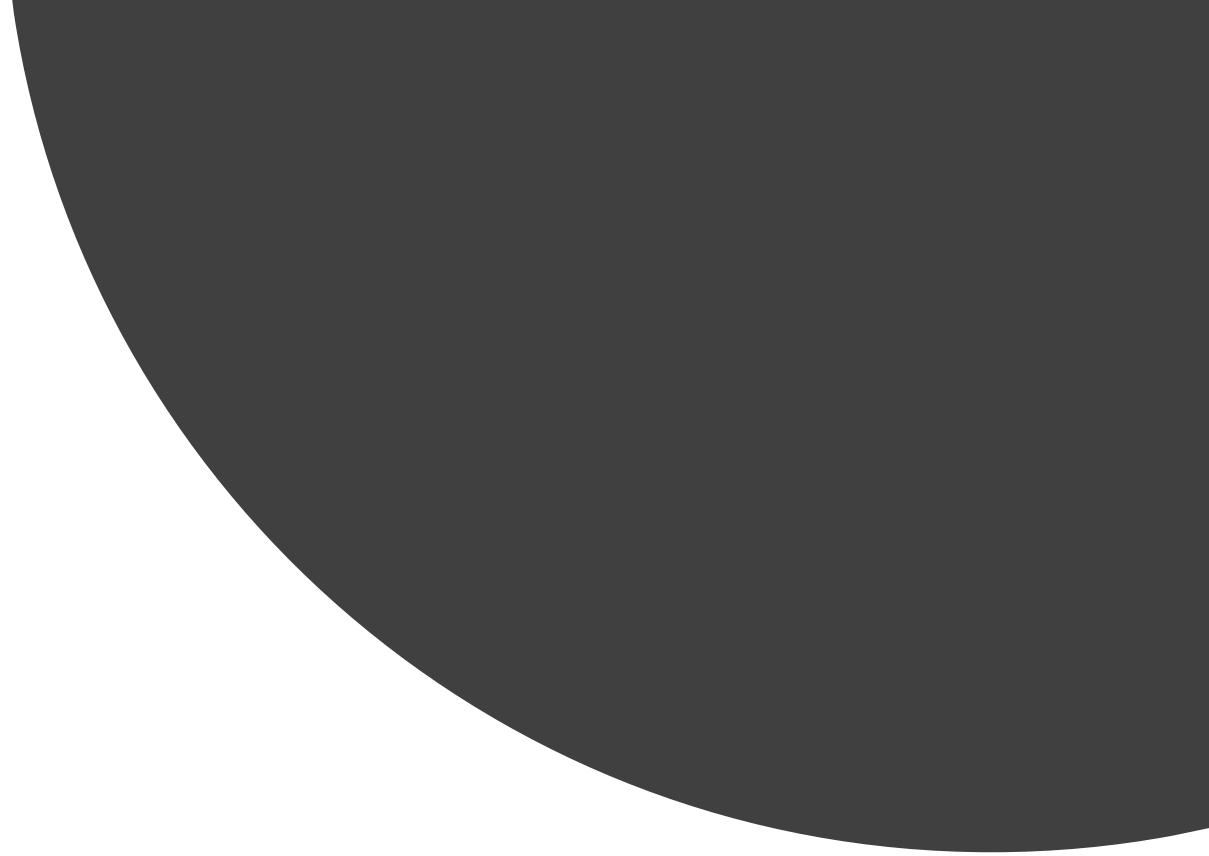
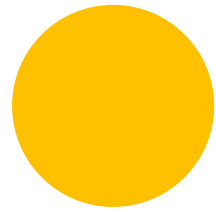
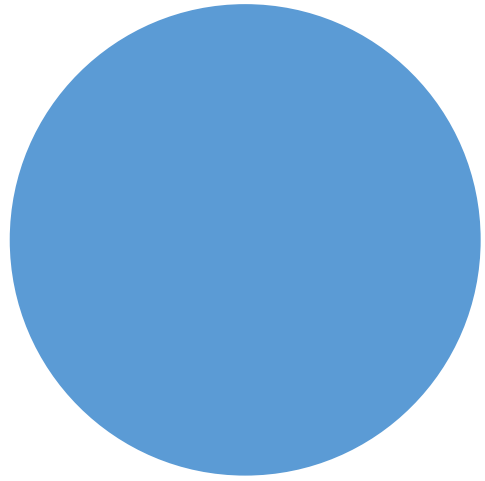
# Power Supply – PCB



# Power Supply – PCB

- One 12V rail.  
Primarily for motors.
- Two 5V rails.  
Primarily for larger electronics.
- One 3.3V rail.  
Primarily for smaller electronics.





Software



# Raspberry Pi Webserver

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- It's like owning your own personal cloud which means free storage.
- Free self web-hosting.
- Ability to setup site content quick and easy with allowing quick changes to content.
- Allowed to use Let's Encrypt for free SSL Certificates unlike.



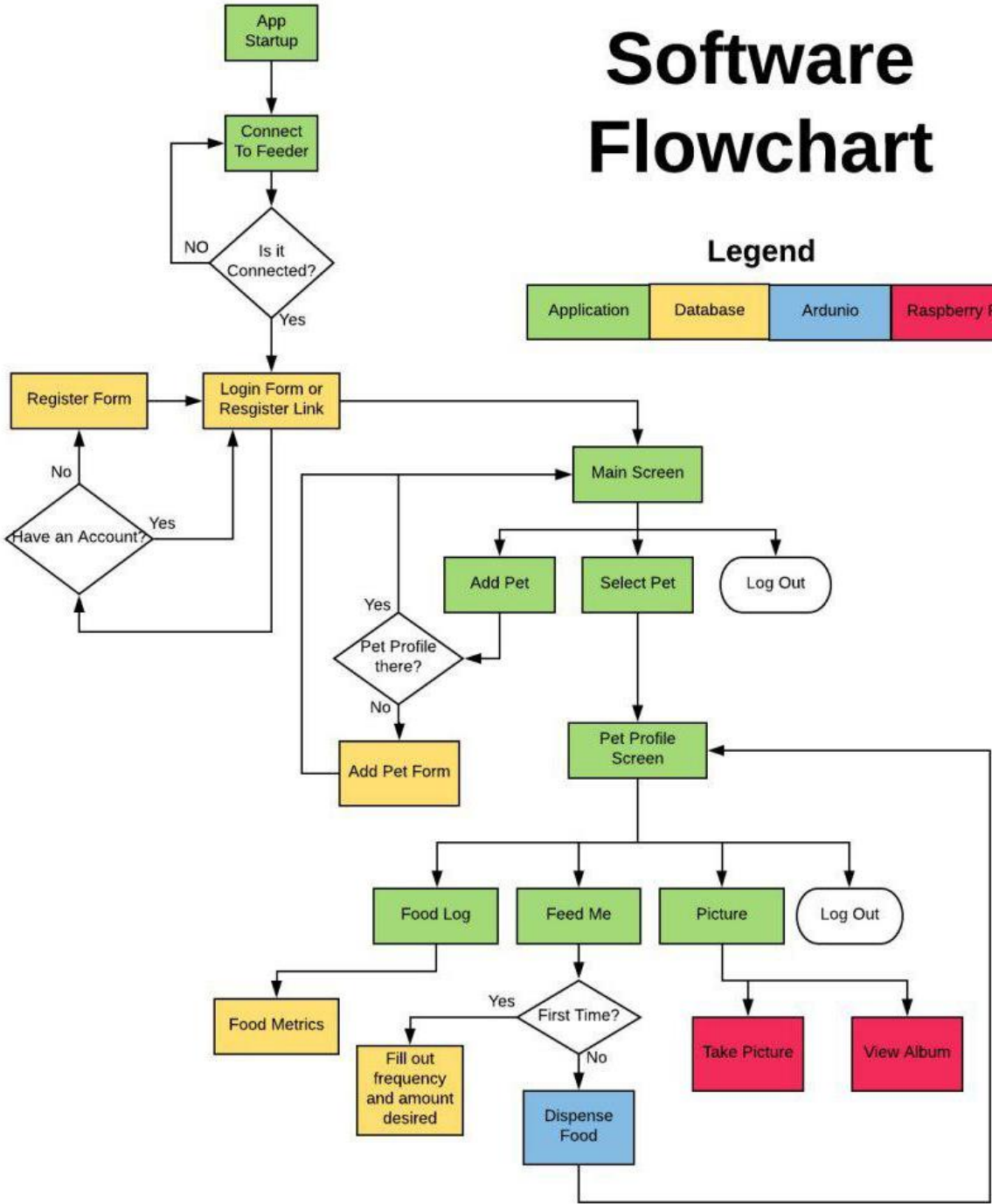
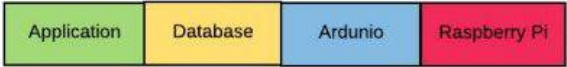


- Stands for : Linux, Apache, MySql and PHP
- Will be Used for creating and maintaining the backend and API of the app
- Will be using PHP mysqli API to connect to the Database
- Reliable and plenty of documentation
- Easy to setup on the Raspberry Pi

## LAMP Stack

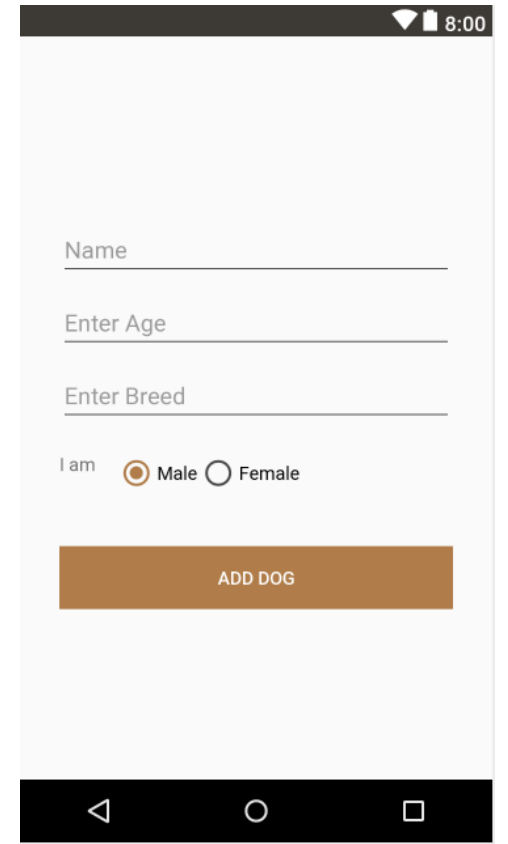
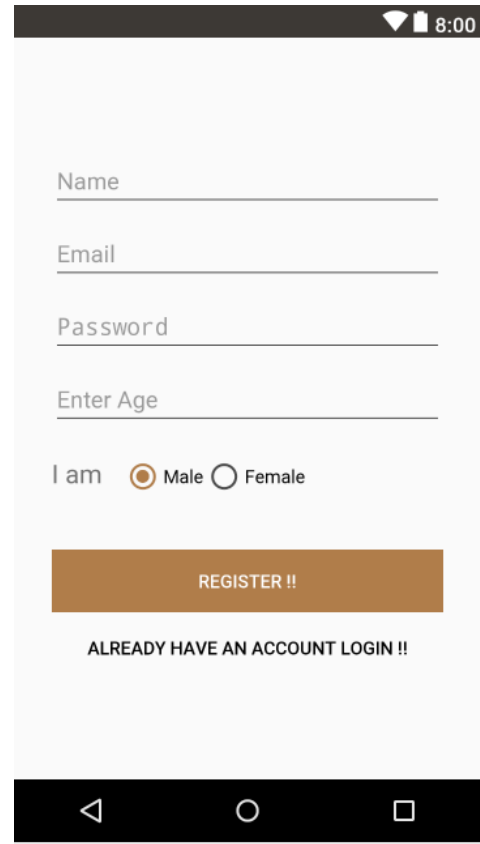
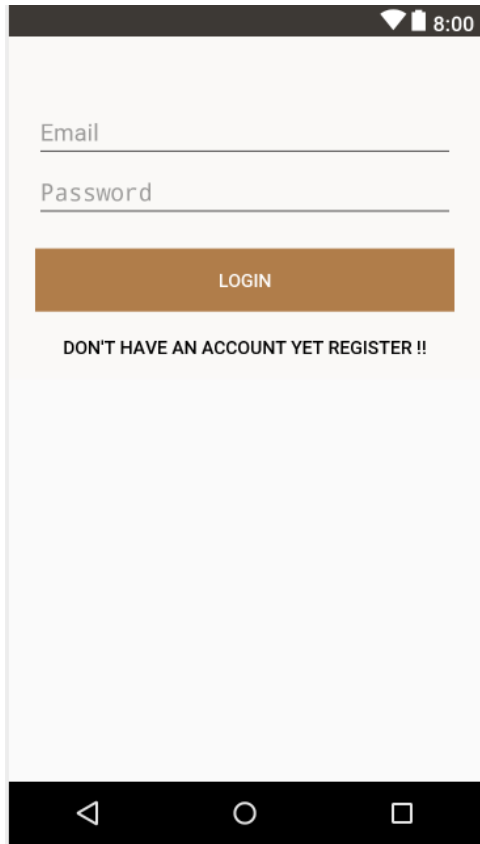
# Software Flowchart

## Legend



Ability to receive PUSH notifications such as:

- Pet has been fed
- When food is low
- When water level is low



# Mobile Application GUI

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# Setting up the Configuration File

- There are two configuration files: Raspberry Pi and Signal PCB
  - Raspberry Pi = Master and Signal PCB = Slave
  - Configuration file updated on Pi
  - Pi sends configuration file to Signal PCB
- \*Important for manual feeding override

# Mobile App Development

## Reasons for using Android Studio

- Free and Open Source
- Reduces Developers cost (One time registration fee)
- Using Java with an abundance of libraries
- Testing Emulator
- Documentation



**Android**  
Studio

# Signal PCB Programming

Programming the ATMEGA328P-PU is  
done with Arduino Sketch IDE

- Very easy to use
- Open Source Software
- Can be expanded to use C++ libraries
- Much easier to incorporate objects and functions





# Work Distribution

Name	Electrical	Embedded Software	Application Frontend	Application Backend	Webserver	Enclosure
Paola Buitrago		Secondary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
Malcolm Morgan	Secondary	Primary		Secondary		Primary
Hector Rodriguez	Primary					Primary

# Administrative Content - Cost

Parts	Price	Multiplier	Subtotal
16MHz Crystal	\$0.46	2	0.92
Proximity Sensor	\$0.99	1	0.99
ATMEGA328P-PU	\$2.50	2	5
SD Card	\$5.99	1	5.99
Motor Drivers	\$6.59	1	6.59
RFID Sensor	\$7.98	1	7.98
SD Card Reader	\$8.45	1	8.45
Camera Module	\$9.99	1	9.99
AC DC 12V Adapter	\$10	1	10
Miscellaneous	\$10	1	10
DC Water Motor	\$12.59	1	12.59
DC Food Motor	\$12.98	1	12.98
Load Cell Scale	\$8.50	2	17
LM2596S	\$5.71	3	17.13
Printer Filament	\$20.00	1	20
Raspberry Pi	\$35	1	35
Total			180.61

Questions?

