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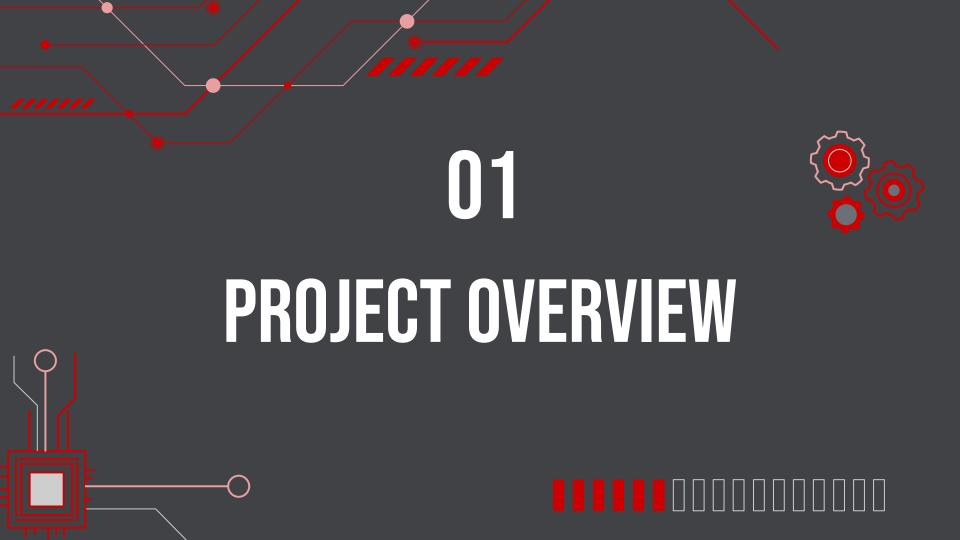
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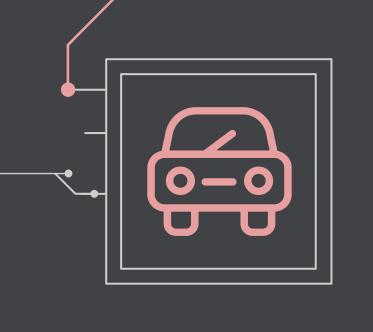
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## **MOTIVATION**

- Driving is a <u>dangerous</u> activity
  - Hit & Run/Reckless Driving
- Difficulty in Memorization
- Wide range of applications
  - Parking
  - o Tolls
  - Grounds Management

#### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**



#### GOAL:

Produce a low-cost, portable license plate scanner for the average day-to-day driver

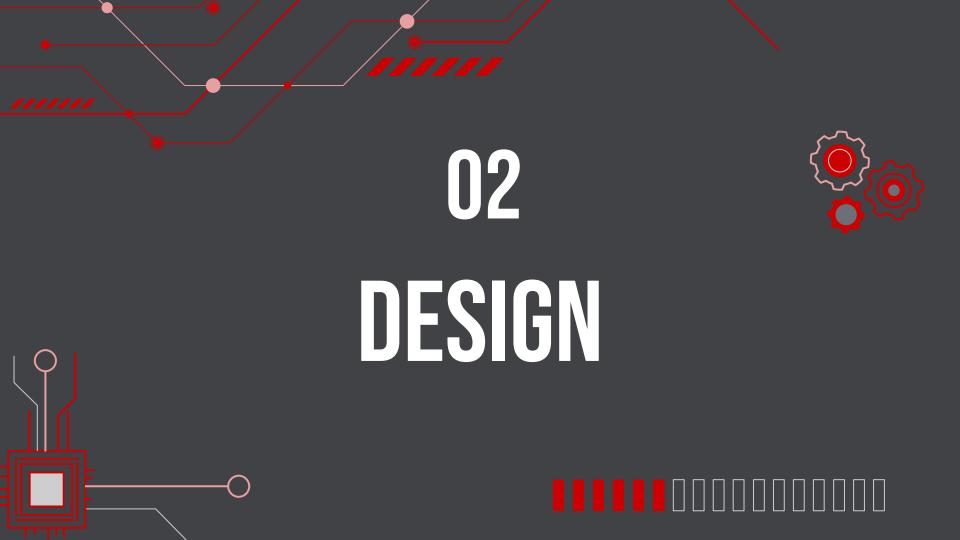
#### **OBJECTIVES**:

- Scan license plate information for enclosed, 4-wheel civilian vehicles
- Plug-and-Play functionality
- Lightweight & Portable Design
- Crash Survivability
- Prevent Obstruction in Driver View
- Build to IEEE/IEC/UL Standards
- Modular codebase
- Accessible and Convenient to Users (Mobile Application)

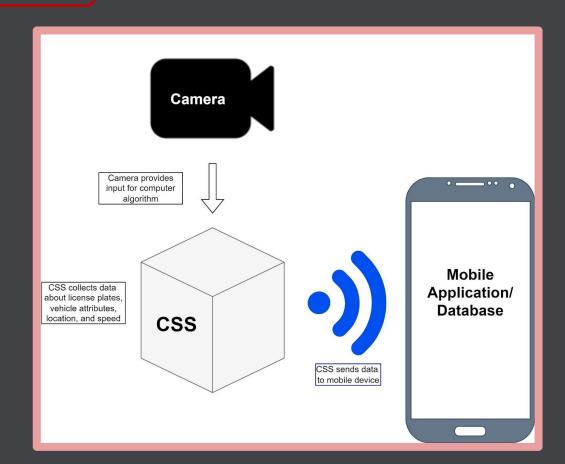
#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Demonstrable

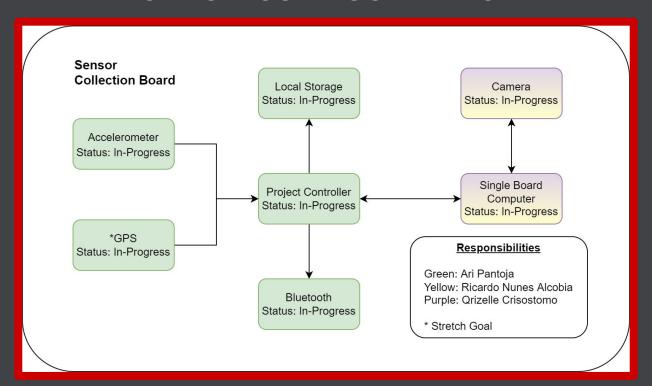
| Component | Parameter      | Design Specification                |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Battery   | Discharge Life | 3-5 days (Avg. 40-60 mins/day)      |
| Camera    | Resolution     | 1080p with accuracy of ≥ 90%        |
| Camera    | Frame Rate     | Process video feed ≥ 20 fps         |
| System    | Dimensions     | Will not exceed 5"x4"x4"            |
| System    | Weight         | < 2lb                               |
| Enclosure | Survivability  | Readable storage after 2-story drop |



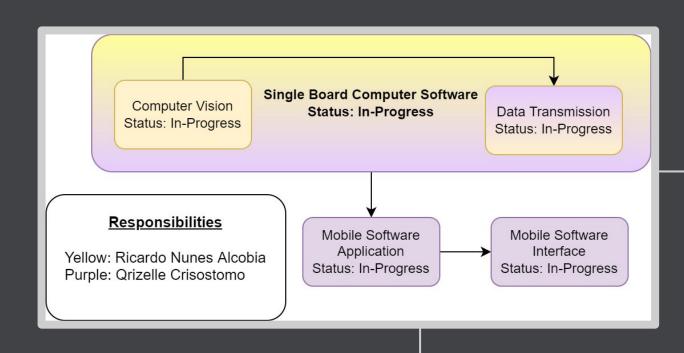
# HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW



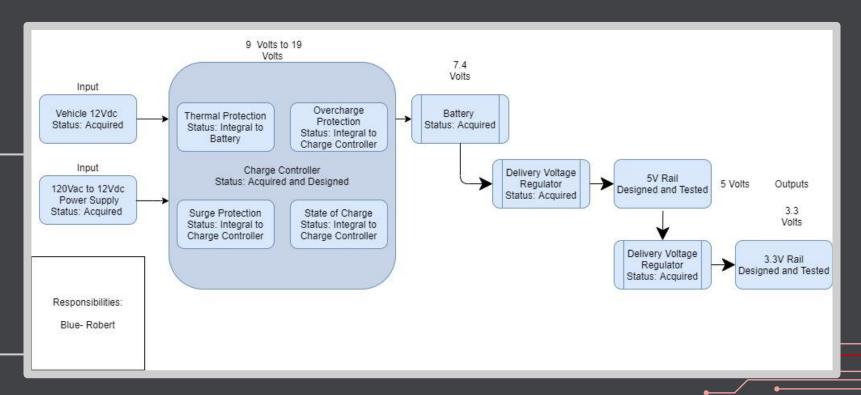
#### **ELECTRONICS BLOCK DIAGRAM**

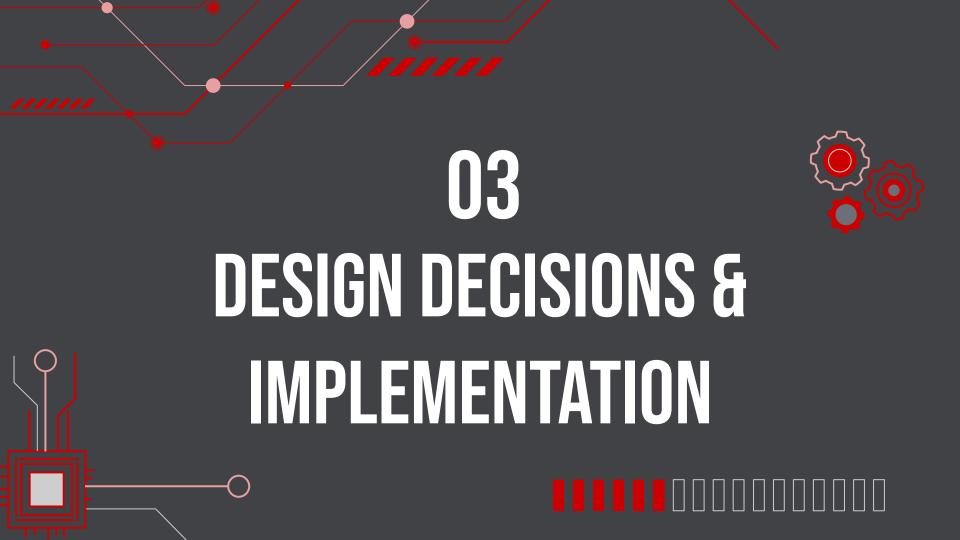


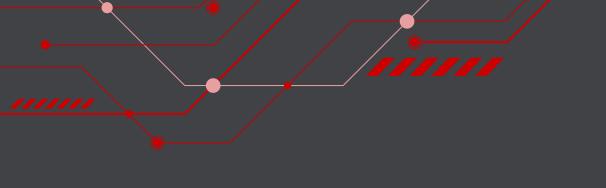
# SOFTWARE BLOCK DIAGRAM



## **POWER BLOCK DIAGRAM**

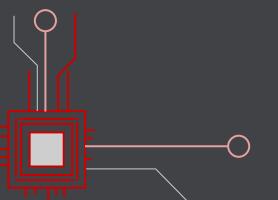








# HARDWARE





### **SBC ANALYSIS**

#### **PROCESSING POWER**

| Single Board Computer     | CPU Clock Frequency<br>(MHz) | GPU Clock Frequency<br>(MHz) |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense | 64 MHz                       | N/A                          |
| Asus Tinker Board S       | 1800 MHz                     | 600 MHz                      |
| NVIDIA Jetson Nano        | 1430 MHz                     | 640 MHz                      |
| Raspberry Pi 4 Model B    | 1500 MHz                     | N/A                          |

#### **MEMORY SIZE**

| Single Board Computer     | Memory (GB)                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense | 0.001 GB FLASH   0.000256 GB SRAM |
| Asus Tinker Board S       | 2GB Dual Channel DDR3             |
| NVIDIA Jetson Nano        | 2 GB LPDDR4                       |
| Raspberry Pi 4 Model B    | 2 GB LPDDR4                       |

#### **ENERGY CONSUMPTION**

| Single Board Computer     | Operating<br>Voltage (V) | DC Current<br>Min - Max<br>(mA) | Power Consumption<br>Min - Max<br>(mW) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense | 3.3V                     | 15 - 330 mA                     | 49.5 - 1089 mW                         |
| Asus Tinker Board S       | 5 V                      | 500 - 1000 mA                   | 2500 - 5000 mW                         |
| NVIDIA Jetson Nano        | 5 V                      | 1000 - 2000 mA                  | 5000 - 10000 mW                        |
| Raspberry Pi 4 Model B    | 5 V                      | 540 - 1280 mA                   | 2700 - 6400 mW                         |

#### **COST ANALYSIS**

| Single Board Computer     | Board Price (\$) | Percentage of System Cost (%) |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense | \$22.50          | 4.5%                          |
| Asus Tinker Board S       | \$199.99         | 40%                           |
| NVIDIA Jetson Nano        | \$62.84          | 12.6%                         |
| Raspberry Pi 4 Model B    | \$83.95          | 16.9%                         |

#### SINGLE-BOARD COMPUTER (SBC)

#### **FEATURES**

Powerful GPU in a compact form factor

#### **OVERALL VALUE**

Great Value Proposition



# WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE

Extensive Developer Community and Resources

#### **COSTS**

Cheaper than comparable alternatives

**JETSON NANO** 

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

|                                    | ATmega2560  | MSP430BT5190 | MSP430FR698x | MSP430F249  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Architecture                       | 8-bit RISC  | 16-bit RISC  | 16-bit RISC  | 16-bit RISC |
| Clock Speed                        | 16 MHz      | 25 MHz       | 16 MHz       | 16 MHz      |
| Voltage Range                      | 2.7V - 5.5V | 1.8V - 3.6V  | 1.8V - 3.6V  | 1.8V - 3.6V |
| Active Power<br>Mode               | 500 μΑ      | 230 μA/MHz   | 100 μA/MHz   | 270 μA/MHz  |
| Standby<br>Power Mode              | 11.85 mA    | 1.2 μΑ       | 0.4 μΑ       | 0.3 μΑ      |
| Wake Time<br>from Sleep/LP<br>Mode | Unknown     | < 5 μs       | б µs         | < 1 μs      |
| Non-Volatile<br>Memory (kB)        | 256         | 256          | 128          | 60          |
| RAM (kB)                           | 8           | 16           | 2            | 2           |
| UART                               | 4           | 0            | 2            | 2           |
| 12C                                | 1           | 4            | 2            | 2           |
| SPI                                | 1           | 4            | 4            | 2           |
| Bluetooth<br>Version               | N/A         | 2.1          | N/A          | N/A         |

# PROJECT CONTROLLER ANALYSIS

| Part                  | Communication Scheme |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Accelerometer         | I2C                  |
| SD Card               | SPI*                 |
| Bluetooth             | UART, I2C, or SPI*   |
| GPS (Stretch Goal)    | UART                 |
| Single Board Computer | SPI                  |

#### >>>>> METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

# PROJECT CONTROLLER TI MSP430FR6989

#### CONVENIENCE

Familiar and Previously Acquired



#### **CAPABLE**

Enough channels to run all communications

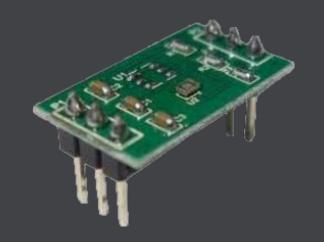
# ACCELEROMETER MEMSIC MXC4005XC-B

#### **IMPACT SURVIVAL**

Maximum Acceleration 200,000g

#### **TINY FOOTPRINT**

6 solder pads 0.25mm wide each underneath chip



#### **INTERRUPTS**

Shake Detection

#### **SOLUTION**

Breakout board will plug directly into PCB

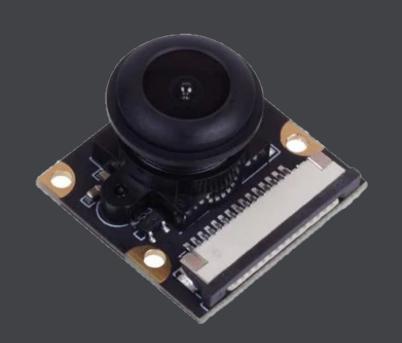
# CAMERA SEEED STUDIO 114992262

#### **8 MEGAPIXELS**

Exceeds 1080p Requirements

#### 130° FIELD OF VIEW

Allows for little distortion



#### MADE FOR US

Designed specifically to interface with Jetson

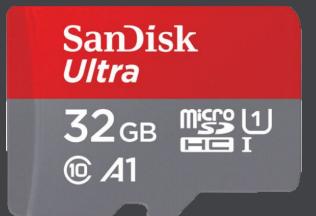
#### **STORAGE UNIT**

#### **MORE PERMANENT**

Less risk of data loss than BT

#### **PORTABILITY**

Can be removed and read in any device that can access uSD Card



#### **MICRO SD CARD**

#### **RELIABLE**

Shown to consistently store .txt files

#### **EASILY ACCESSIBLE**

Large variety of uSD Card compatible with FatFs Library

## BLUETOOTH RAYTAC MDBT42Q-P192

#### **AVAILABILITY**

Readily available on many online retailers

#### **USER SUPPORT**

Plenty of examples to work with



#### **BLUETOOTH 5.0**

Fits our Bluetooth 5.0 requirement

# EASILY PROGRAMMABLE

J-Link via Nordic Dev Kit

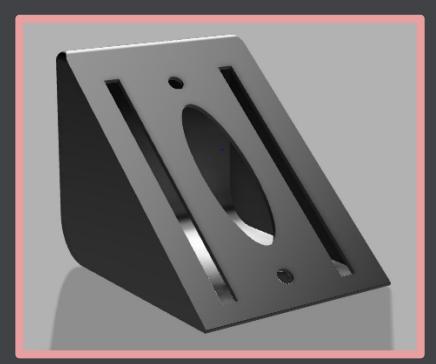
#### **ENCLOSURE**

#### 3D PRINTED

ABS Filament for added strength

# ACETONE VAPOR POLISHING

Added strength and temperature tolerance



# PCB SLIDE SHELVING

PCB will slide and lock into place

# HIGH GRADE SUCTION CUPS

Affixed to Windshield

# BATTERY MAKERFOCUS 9065115

#### **LITHIUM POLYMER**

Low Self-Discharge Resilient to High Temperatures

## PROTECTION CIRCUIT MODULE

Thermal Protection
Overcurrent Protection
Short-Circuit Protection



#### **HIGH CAPACITY**

10,000 mAh 74 Wh = 5.6 Hrs of CSS operation

# STANDARD ADHERENCE

IEEE 1725-2021 IEC/UL 62133

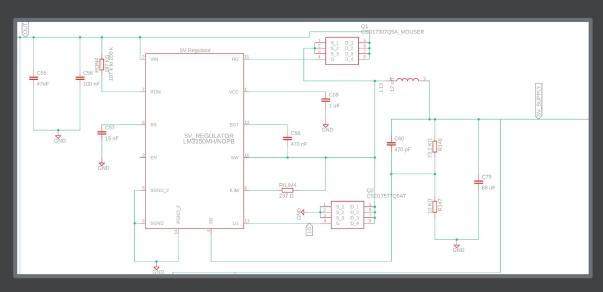
# 5 VOLT REGULATOR TEXAS INSTRUMENTS LM3150

#### **HIGH EFFICIENCY**

96.3% Drives high efficiency external MOSFETs

## OVERCURRENT PROTECTION

Feedback network monitors current



#### **LOW COST**

Only 61% cost of comparably efficient topologies

# ADDITIONAL PROTECTION

Short Circuit Soft Start Thermal

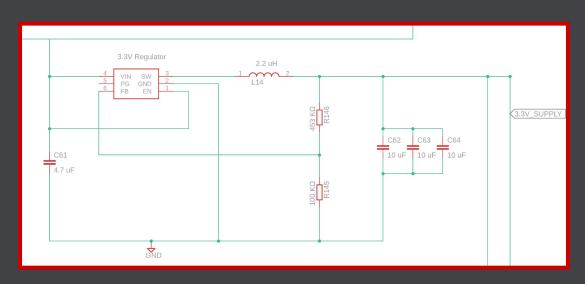
# 3.3 VOLT REGULATOR TEXAS INSTRUMENTS TLV62568

#### **HIGH EFFICIENCY**

96.26 % With Minimal PCB Area and Cost

## OVERCURRENT PROTECTION

Integral current detection with auto shut-off and restart



#### **SOFT START**

Limits dV/dT to protect sensitive downstream devices

# DYNAMIC FREQUENCY

Provides additional efficiency under low load

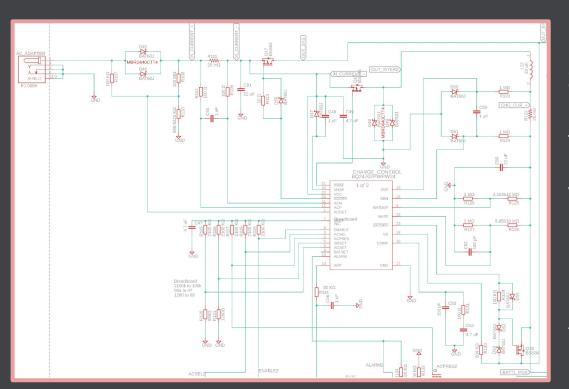
#### **CHARGE CONTROLLER**

#### **HIGH EFFICIENCY**

Low quiescent power consumption when on battery power

# CONCURRENT LOAD/CHARGE

Provides system power from AC while simultaneously charging the batteries



# DYNAMIC SOURCE SWITCHING

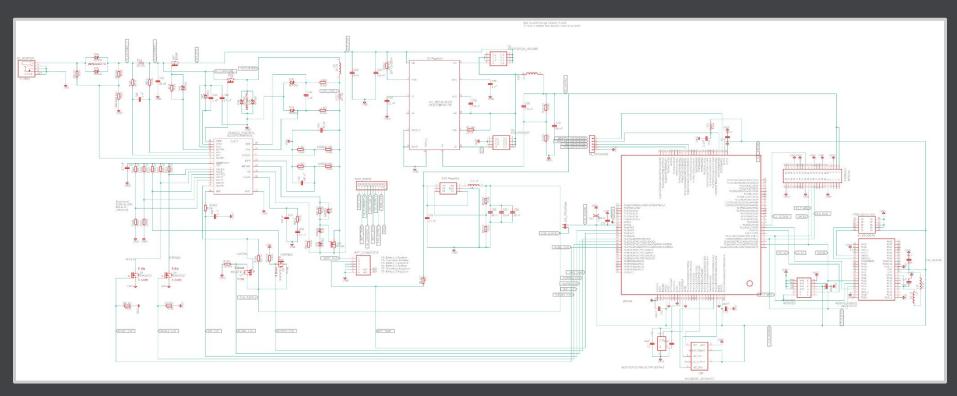
Seamlessly changes from AC supply to battery supply without interruption

#### **PROTECTION**

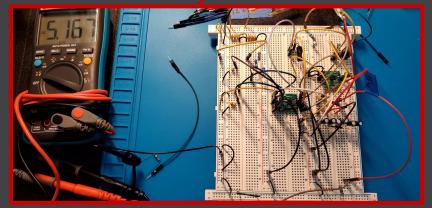
Overcurrent Undervoltage Thermal Short Circuit

#### **TEXAS INSTRUMENTS BQ24702**

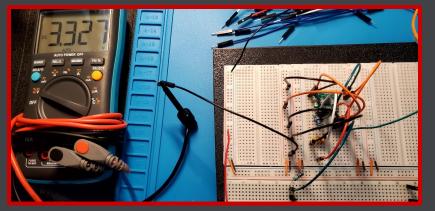
## INTEGRATED SCHEMATIC



#### **5 VOLT RAIL**

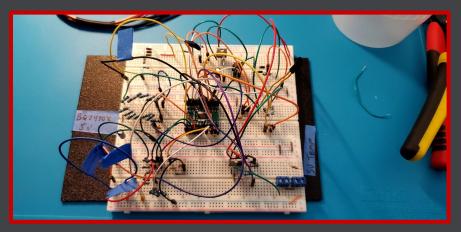


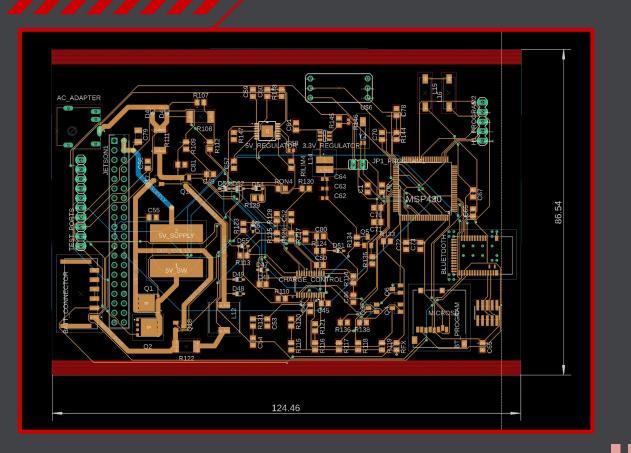
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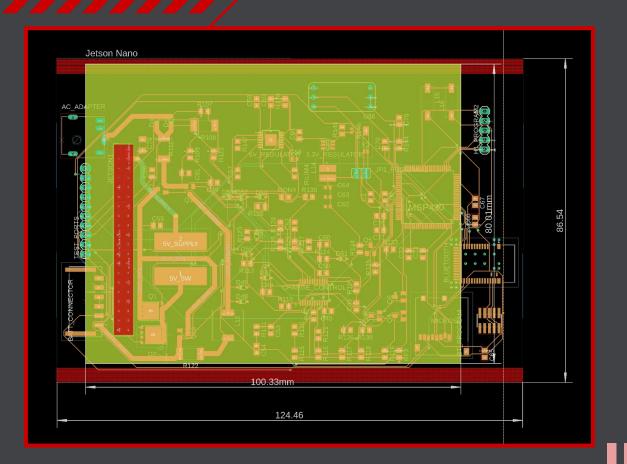
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#### **CHARGE CONTROLLER**

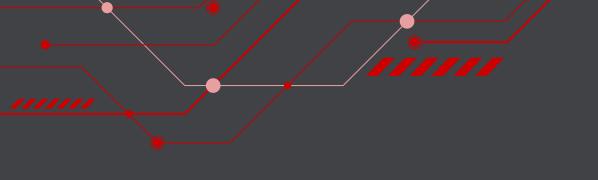




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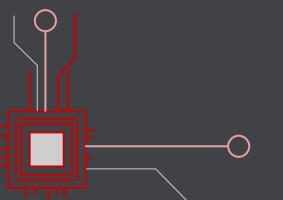


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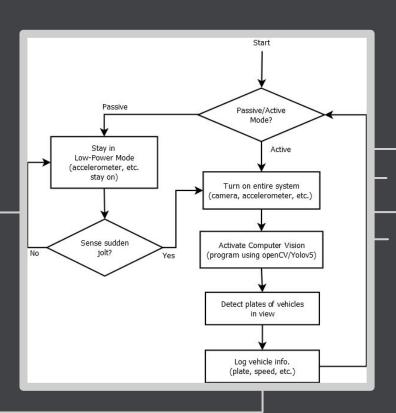




# SOFTWARE/FIRMWARE







# SINGLE BOARD COMPUTER SOFTWARE FLOW

#### **COMPUTER VISION**

#### **OPENALPR**

Easy to get up and running
Used for testing purposes

#### **OBJECT DETECTION**

Identify and isolate license plate area

#### **OPENCV**

Powerful pretrained algorithms

#### **TENSORRT**

Used for training Optimized for Nvidia GPUs

# OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION (OCR)

To recognize characters

#### **EDGE DETECTION**

To isolate characters



# GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE & FEATURES



Users are able to create their own accounts and access License Plate data.

Stretch Goal: Optional attributes can be stored, such as color, make, and model.

## MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Progressive Web Application (PWA)

→ FERN Stack

### **FERN STACK**

### **FIREBASE**

Robust and scalable database system

### **EXPRESS**

Framework for APIs





Tried and true technology stack.
Facilitates faster development



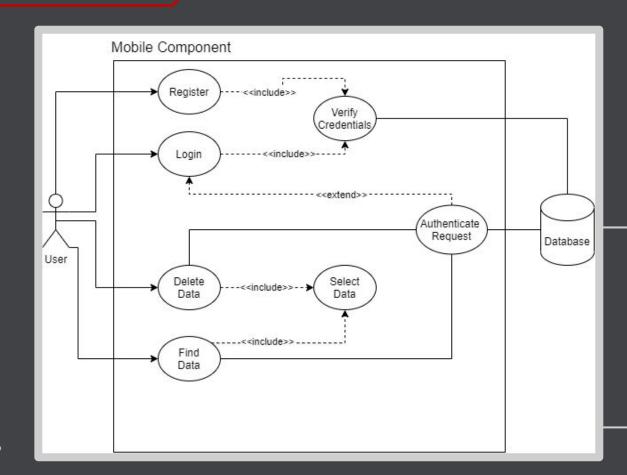
### **REACT**

Team members have experience with REACT frontend dev.

### NODE.JS

Backend environment

## **MOBILE APPLICATION USE CASE DIAGRAM**



### **ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM**

### CSS

CID: integer

SerialNum: string

#### **USERS**

ID: integer

Login: string

Password: string

Email: string

FirstName: string

LastName: string

SerialNum: string

#### **VEHICLES**

VID: integer

Date: date

Time: time

License Plate #: string

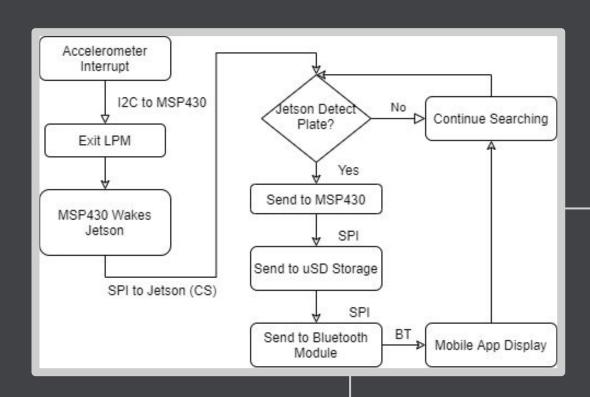
Color\*: string

Make\*: string

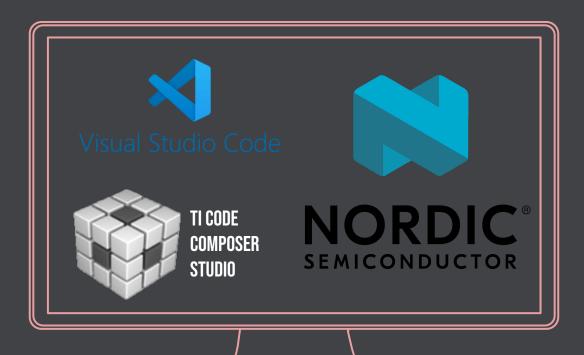
Model\*: string

\* Stretch Goal

## FIRMWARE DATAFLOW



## FIRMWARE DEVELOPMENT





### SUCCESSES

- Getting the Nano to read a license plate
- MSP430FR6989 writing .txt files to uSD card on breadboard
- Raytac BT module programmable
- Breadboarding sensitive switching circuits

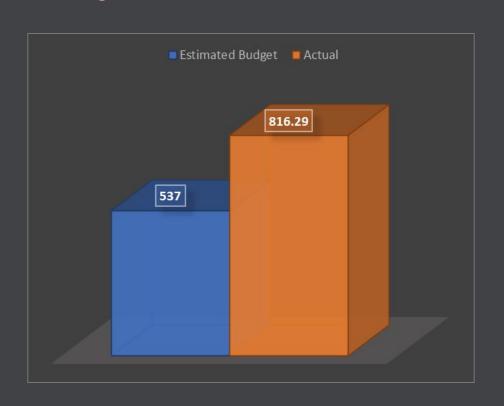
### **CHALLENGES**

- Tackling CV/ML
- Data transmission across all components
- Specced some parts too small to solder by hand
- Nordic Software Bugs





### **BUDGET & FINANCING**



BOUGHT TWO JETSON NANO DEV. KITS FOR TESTING

MISC COMPONENTS WERE ANOTHER MAJOR EXPENSE

PCB ORDER APPROX. \$130



| Item   | Price    | Quantity | Shipping<br>Cost | FL<br>Tax | Total    |
|--|----------|----------|------------------|-----------|----------|
| MSP430FR6989   | \$10.10  | 2        | -                | 1.07      | \$29.50  |
| NVIDIA Jetson Nano   | \$59.00  | 1        | -                | 1.065     | \$62.84  |
| 5V 4A Power Supply   | \$12.59  | 2        | -                | 1.065     | \$26.82  |
| 2.5 to 2.1mm Adapter   | \$8.96   | 2        | -                | 1.065     | \$19.08  |
| 4GB NVIDIA Jetson Nano                                       | \$169.95 | 1        | 127              | 1.065     | \$181.00 |
| GY-521 MPU-6050 MPU6050<br>Module 3 Axis analog gyro sensors | \$2.64   | 1        | •                | 1.00      | \$2.64   |
| WAVGAT Micro SD Storage<br>Expansion Board                   | \$1.83   | 1        | j.               | 1.00      | \$1.83   |
| Accelerometer & uSD expansion                                | \$3.25   | 1        | -                | 1.00      | \$3.25   |
| 10000mAh LiPo Batteries                                      | \$12.00  | 2        | -                | 1.00      | \$24.00  |
| Cooling Unit   | \$24.38  | 2        | \$1.50           | 1.00      | \$50.26  |
| uSD Module   | \$0.20   | 1        | \$1.80           | 1.00      | \$2.00   |
| GPS Module   | \$2.60   | 1        | \$1.65           | 1.00      | \$4.25   |
| Camera Module  | \$19.90  | 1        | 127              | 1.07      | \$21.29  |
| Accelerometers   | \$1.49   | 2        | -                | 1.07      | \$3.19   |
| Mouser Shipping  | \$7.99   | 1        | -                | 1.00      | \$7.99   |
| 10000mAh LiPo Battery  | \$13.82  | 2        | \$0.99           | 1.07      | \$30.56  |
| BL651/BL652 Breakout PCB                                     | \$8.00   | 2        | \$9.98           | 1.065     | \$27.02  |

# COST OF COMPONENTS

### **WORK DISTRIBUTION**

|             | ROLES                          | RESPONSIBILITY                              |  |  |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| QRIZELLE C. | Lead Mobile Developer          | Computer Vision and Mobile<br>Application   |  |  |
| RICARDO N.  | Lead Computer Vision Developer | Computer Vision and Mobile<br>Application   |  |  |
| ARI P.      | Lead Firmware Developer        | Hardware (PCB) and Firmware<br>Development  |  |  |
| ROBERT Z.   | Lead Power Systems Engineer    | Hardware (PCB) and Schematic<br>Integration |  |  |

### **PROGRESS**



### **IMMEDIATE PLANS**

