



# CSS: CAR SENTRY SYSTEM

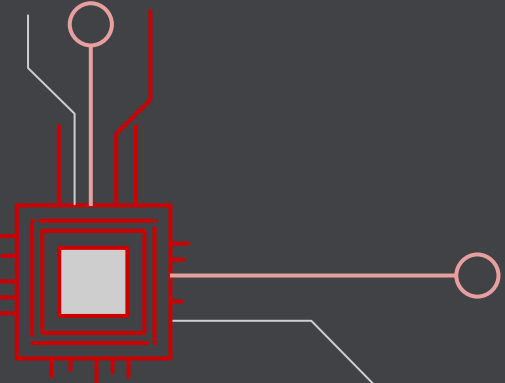
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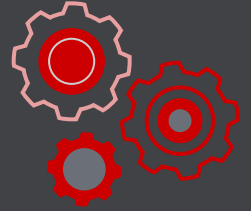
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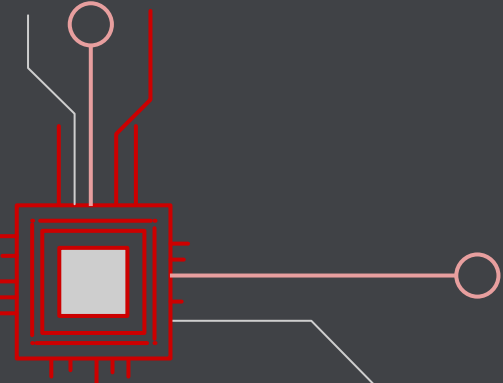
Successes/Challenges,  
Administration, & Open  
to Questions



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# PROJECT OVERVIEW





# MOTIVATION

- Driving is a dangerous activity
  - Hit & Run/Reckless Driving
- Difficulty in Memorization
- Wide range of applications
  - Parking
  - 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)



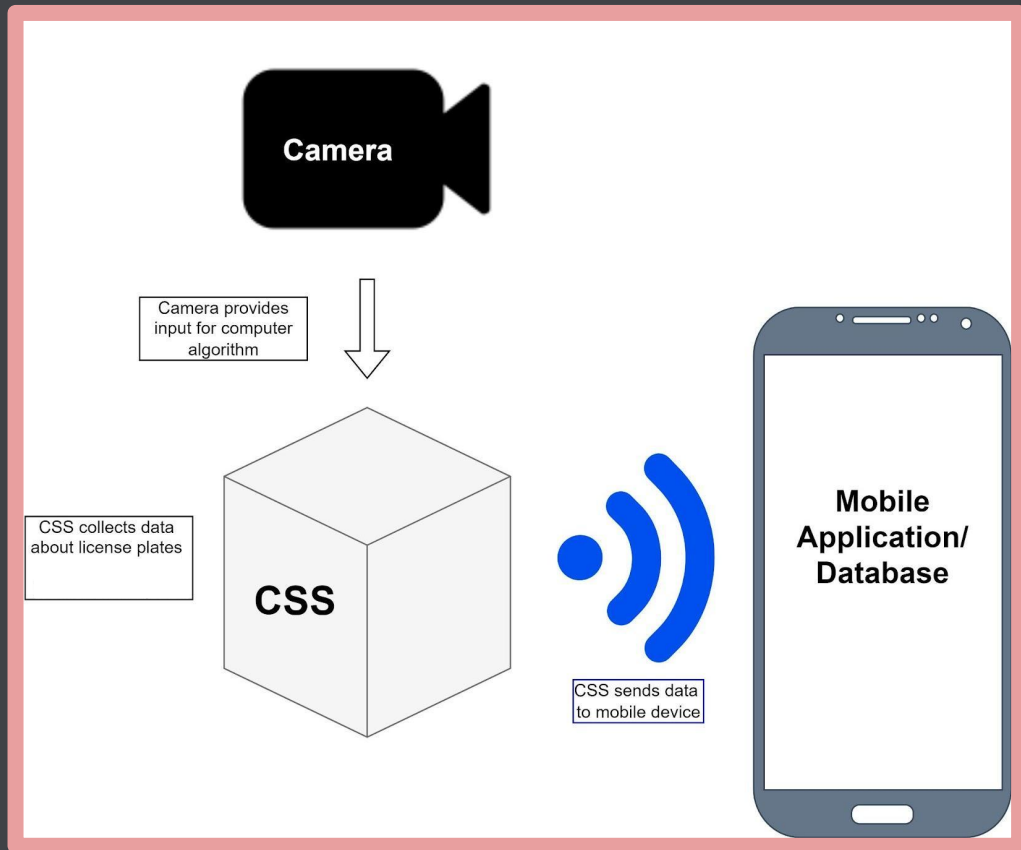
# SPECIFICATIONS

Demonstrable

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



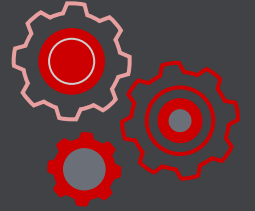
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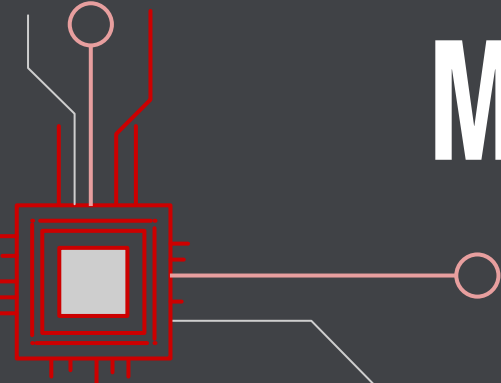




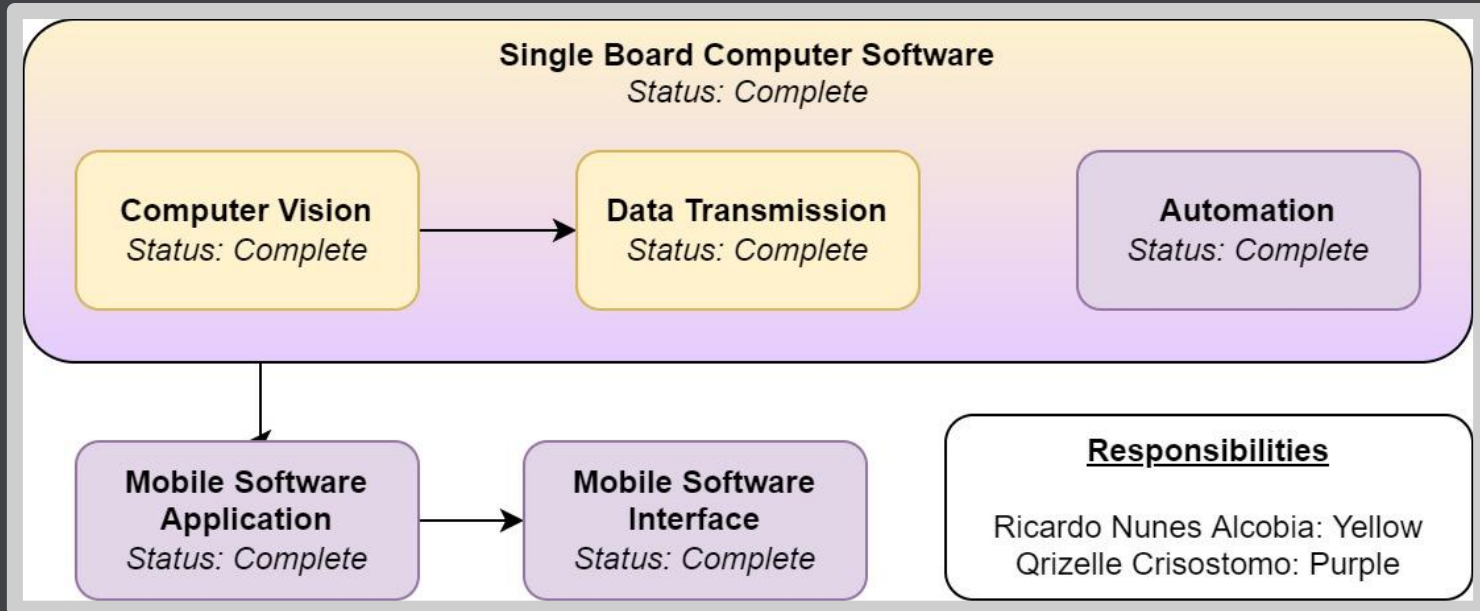
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# COMPUTER VISION & MOBILE APPLICATION



# SOFTWARE BLOCK DIAGRAM



# SBC ANALYSIS

## PROCESSING POWER

| Single Board Computer     | CPU Clock Frequency (MHz) | GPU Clock Frequency (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                       |

## ENERGY CONSUMPTION

| Single Board Computer     | Operating Voltage (V) | DC Current Min - Max (mA) | Power Consumption Min - Max (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                   |

## 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                       |

## 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

# CAMERA

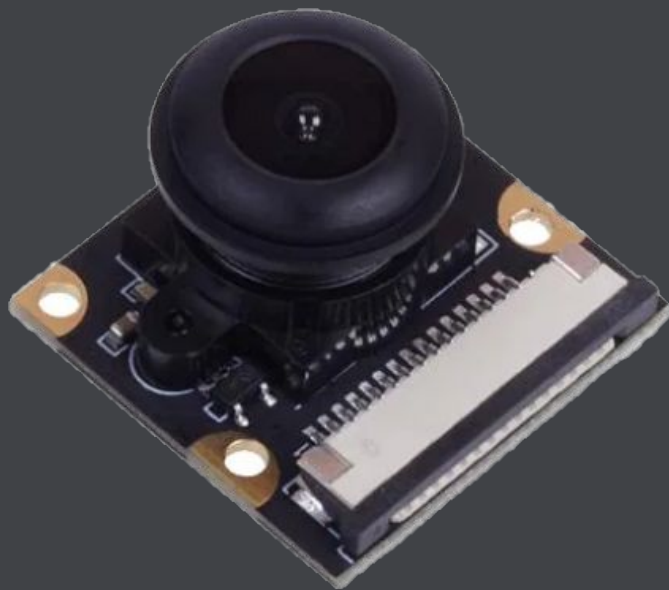
## IMX219-130 SEED STUDIO 114992262

### 8 MEGAPIXELS

Exceeds 1080p  
Requirements

### 130° FIELD OF VIEW

Allows for little  
distortion



### MADE FOR US

Designed  
specifically to  
interface with  
Jetson



# COMPUTER VISION

## OPENALPR

Supports license plates for  
over 70 countries  
Model trained with a  
significantly larger dataset

## OBJECT DETECTION

Identify and isolate  
license plate area

## OPENCV

Large library of APIs for  
object detection  
Powerful pretrained  
models

## TENSORRT

Used for training  
Optimized for Nvidia GPUs

## TESSERACT FOR OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION (OCR)

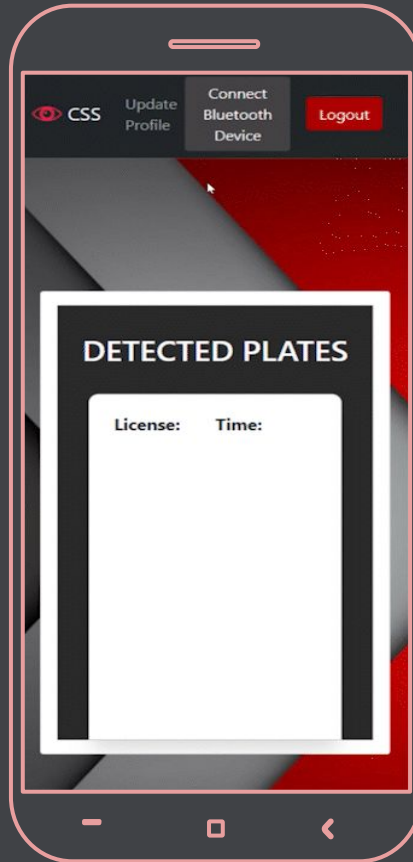
To recognize characters

## EDGE DETECTION

To isolate characters



# GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE & FEATURES



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

# MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

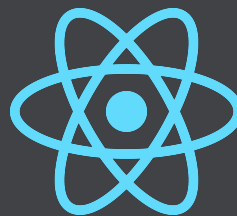
- Progressive Web Application (PWA)
- FERN Stack



# FERN STACK

## FIREBASE

Robust and  
scalable database  
system



## REACT

Team members have  
experience with  
REACT frontend dev.

## EXPRESS

Framework for  
APIs

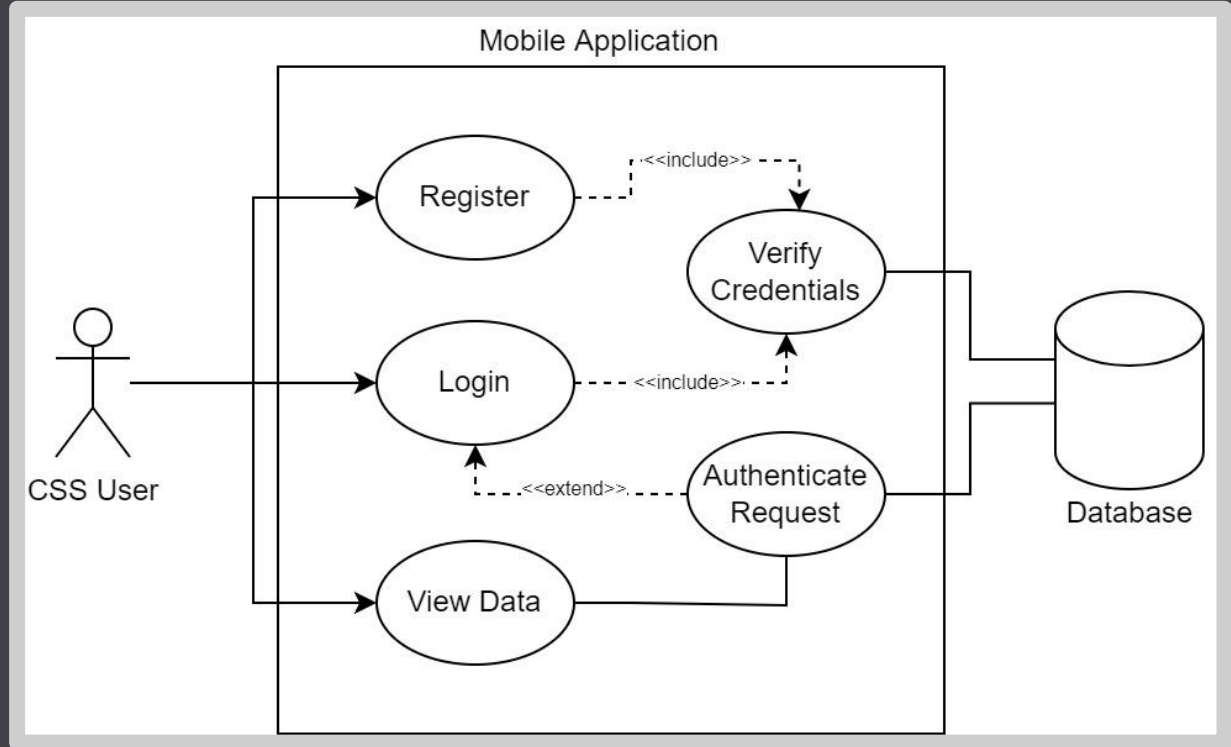


## NODE.JS

Backend  
environment

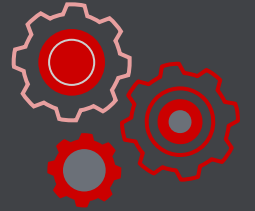
Tried and true technology stack.  
Facilitates faster development

# MOBILE APPLICATION USE CASE DIAGRAM

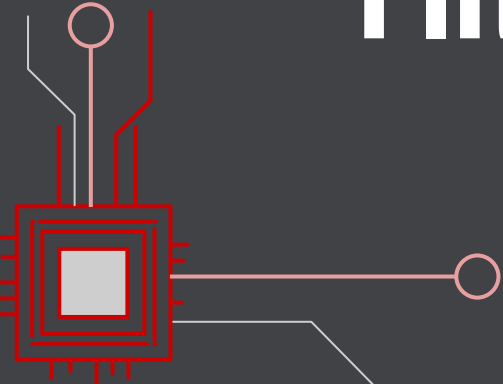




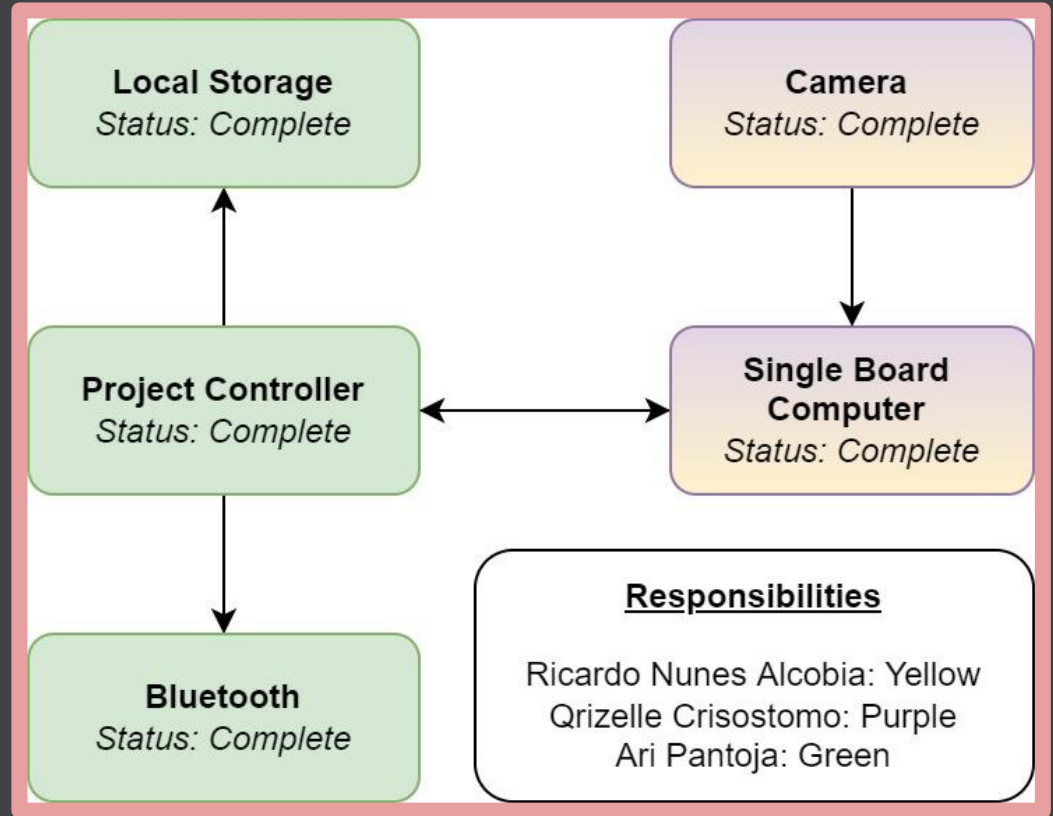
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# FIRMWARE & MODULES



# ELECTRONICS BLOCK DIAGRAM

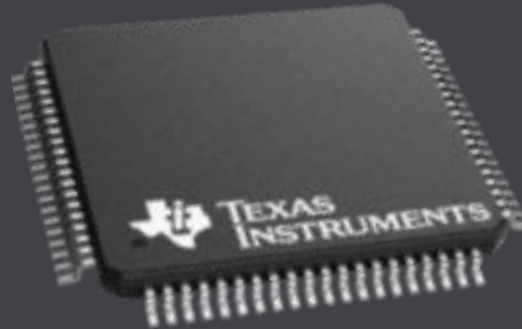


# PROJECT CONTROLLER

## TI MSP430FR6989

### CONVENIENCE

Familiar and  
Previously  
Acquired



### CAPABLE

Enough channels  
to run all  
communications

# 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



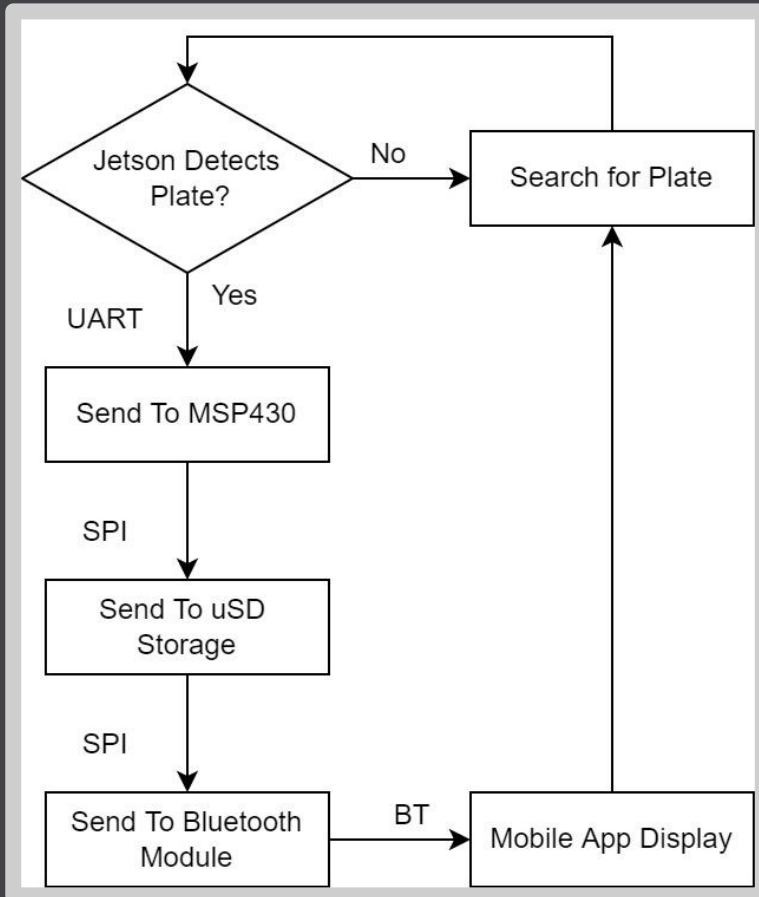
### BLUETOOTH 5.0

Fits our Bluetooth 5.0 requirement

### EASILY PROGRAMMABLE

J-Link via Nordic Dev Kit

# FIRMWARE DATAFLOW





# FIRMWARE DEVELOPMENT



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uVision  
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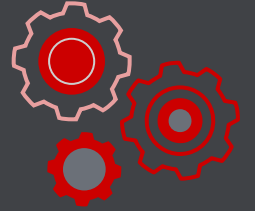


TI CODE  
COMPOSER  
STUDIO

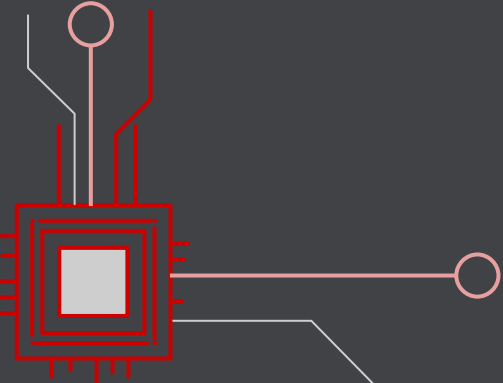
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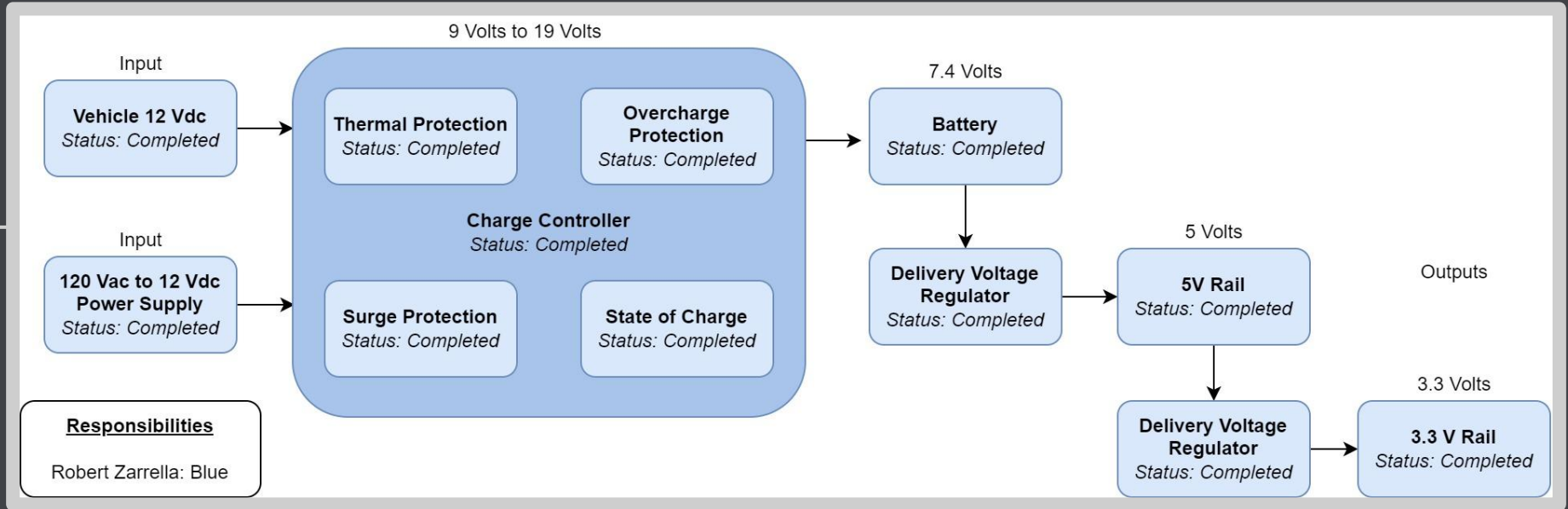
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# POWER & PCB



# POWER BLOCK DIAGRAM



# 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 = 8.8 Hrs of  
CSS operation

### STANDARD ADHERENCE

IEEE 1725-2021  
IEC/UL 62133

# 5 VOLT REGULATOR

## TEXAS INSTRUMENTS LM3150

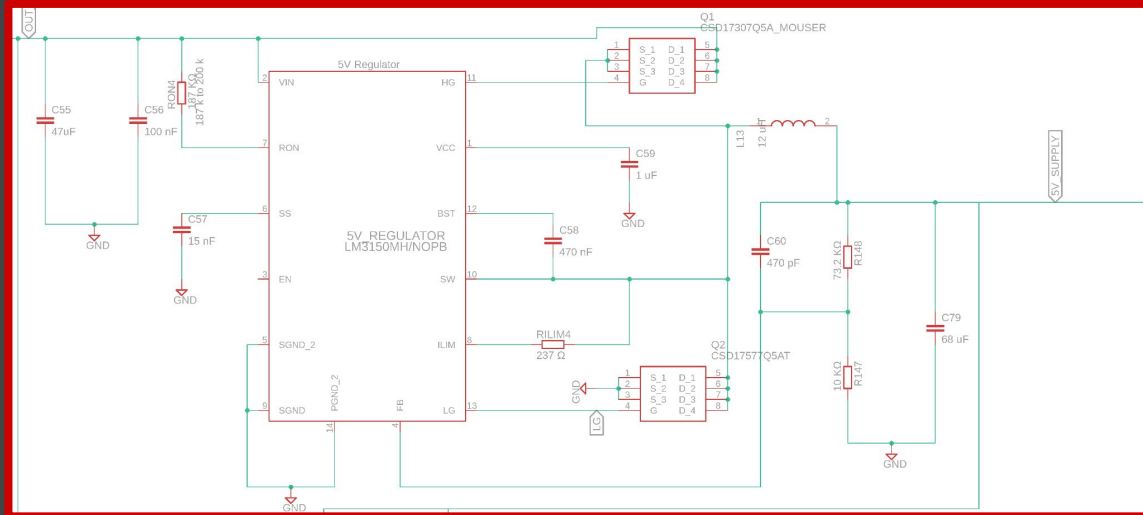
### HIGH EFFICIENCY

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

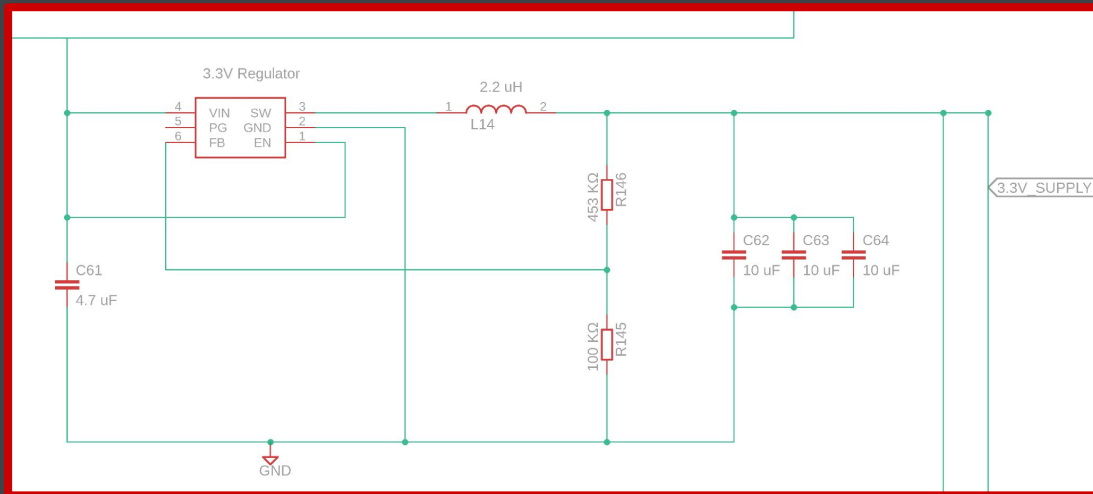
### HIGH EFFICIENCY

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

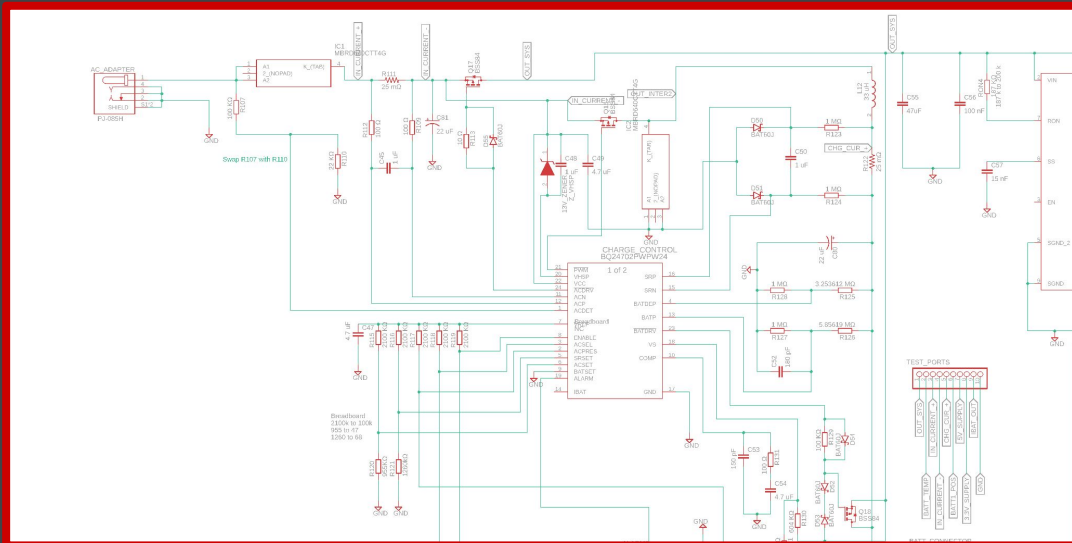
# CHARGE CONTROLLER

## HIGH EFFICIENCY

Low quiescent power consumption when on battery power

## CONCURRENT LOAD/CHARGE

Provides system power from AC while simultaneously charging the batteries



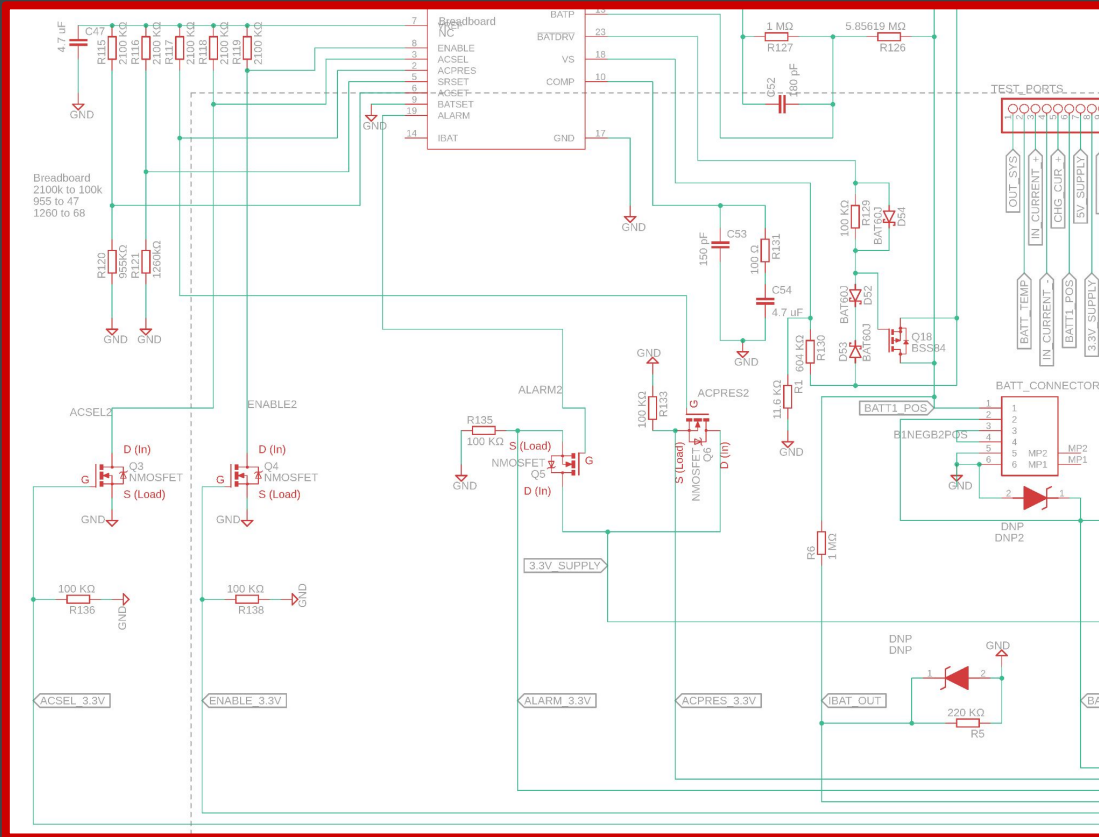
## DYNAMIC SOURCE SWITCHING

Seamlessly changes from AC supply to battery supply without interruption

## PROTECTION

Overcurrent  
Undervoltage  
Thermal  
Short Circuit

# TEXAS INSTRUMENTS BQ24703



# CHARGE CONTROLLER TO SYSTEM CONTROLLER COMMUNICATION

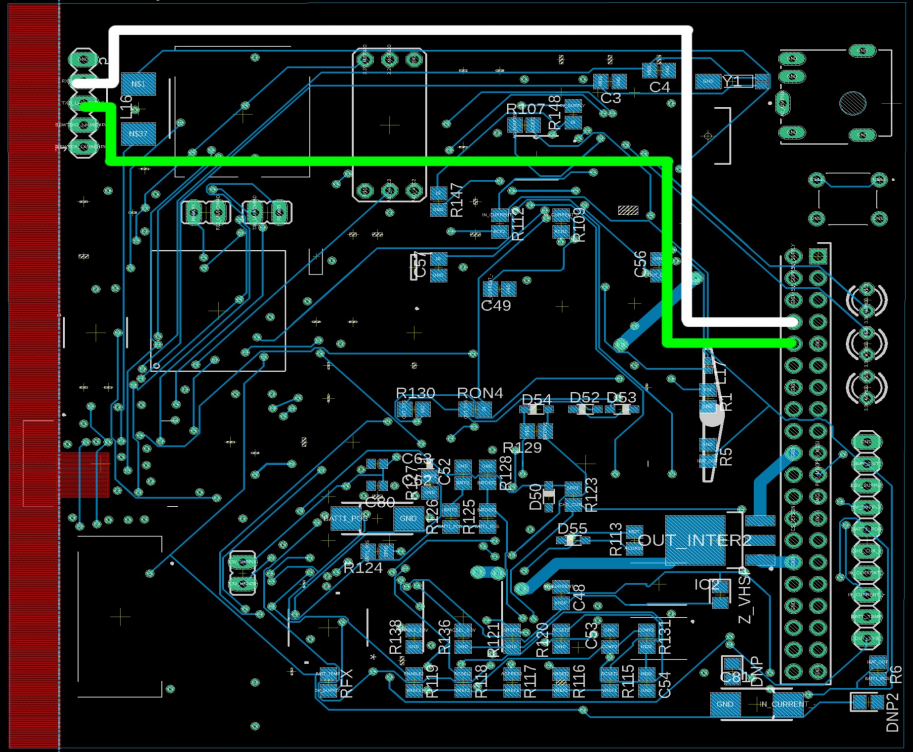






MSP430 RX/Jetson TX

MSP430 TX/Jetson RX



# PCB LAYOUT: BOTTOM LAYER



# PCB ASSEMBLY WITH NEODEN REFLOW OVEN



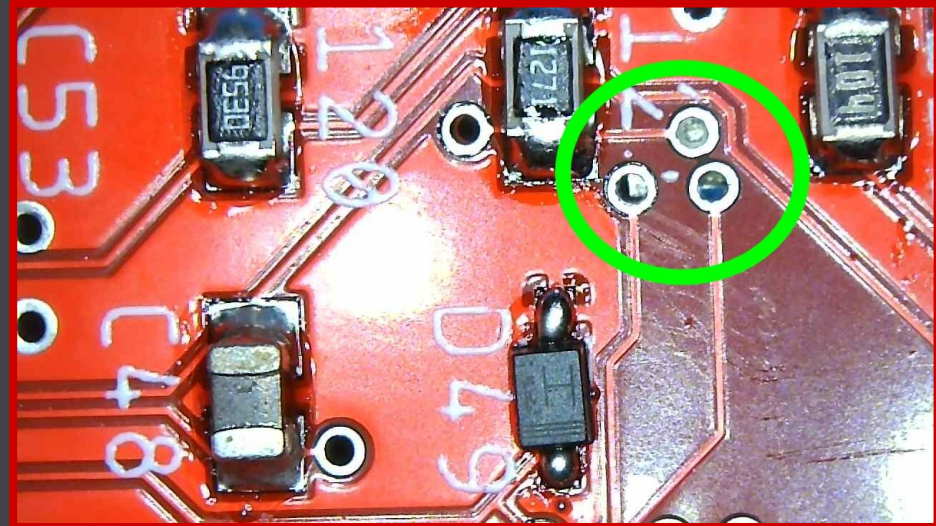
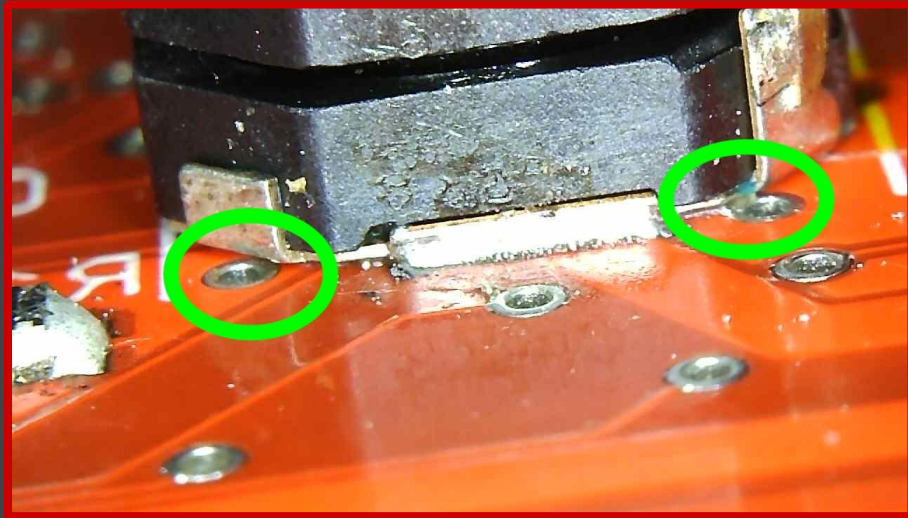
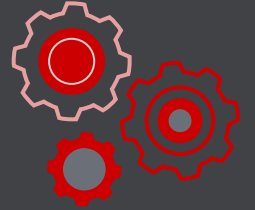
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Lab Specialist Zhou

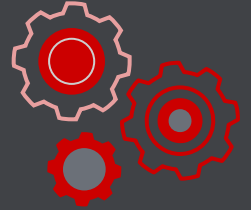
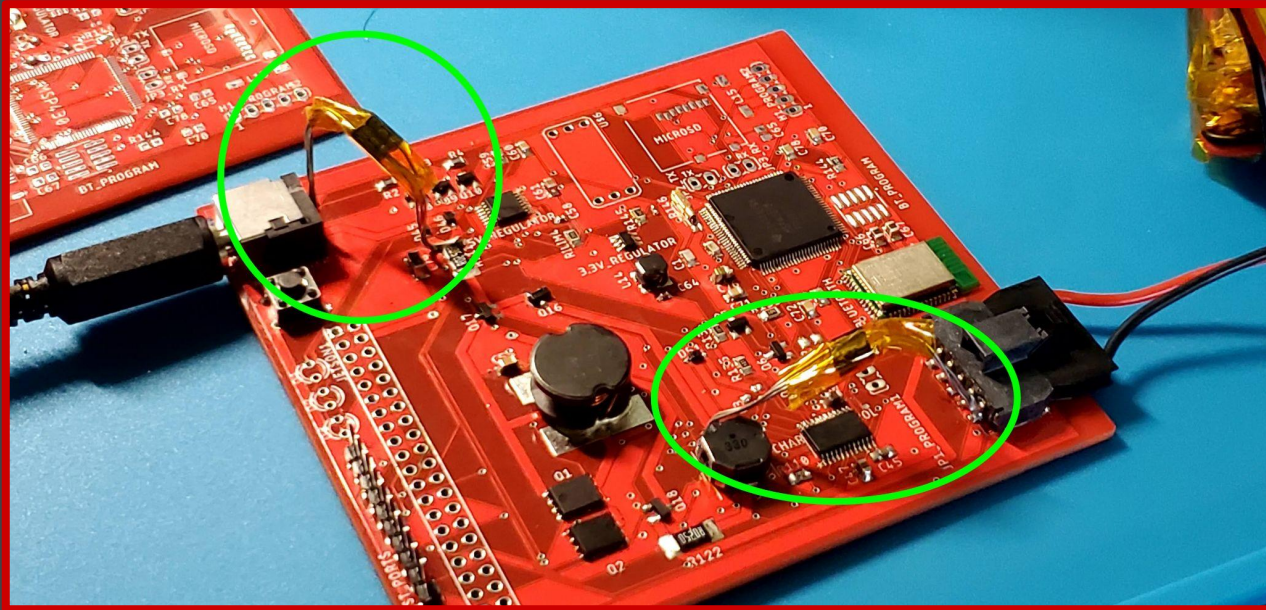


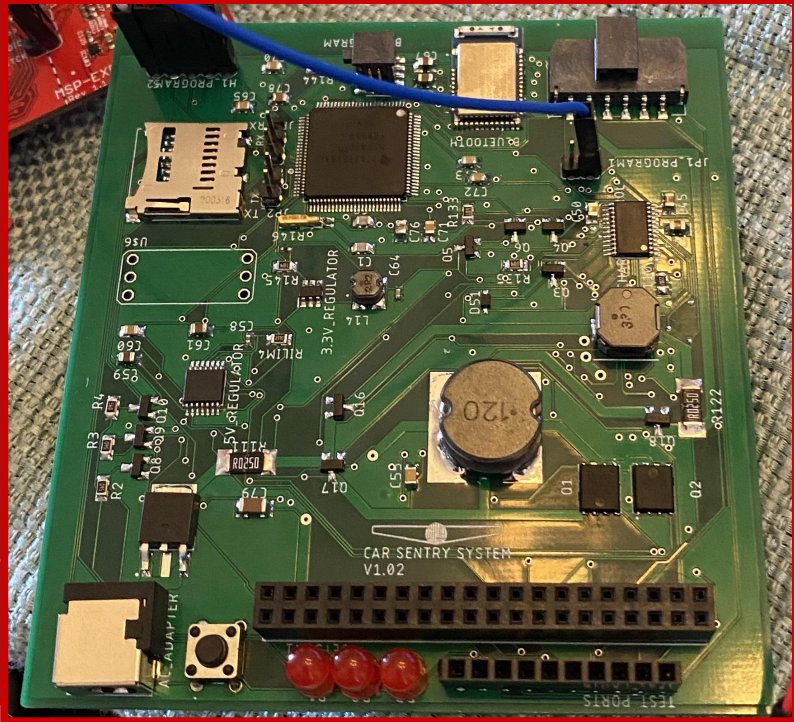


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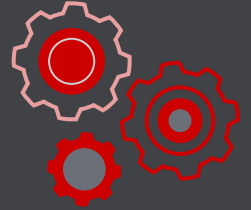


# PCB TESTING





# FINAL PCB





# SYSTEM INTEGRATION

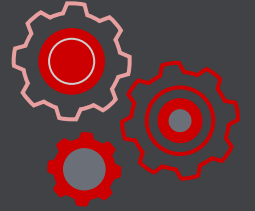
- Four distinct subsystems:
  - Power System
  - System Controller and System Modules
  - Single board computer
  - Mobile Application
- Tested independently before integrating and performing system tests



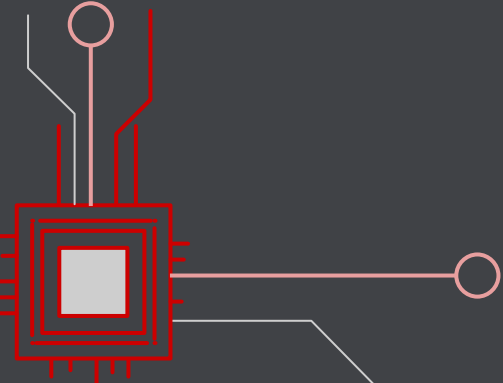




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# ENCLOSURE



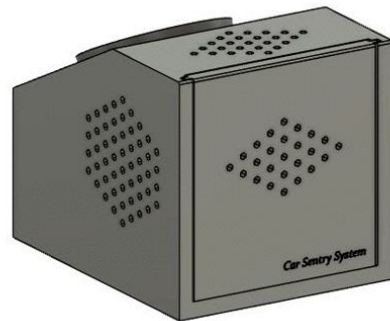
# ENCLOSURE

## 3D PRINTED

ABS Filament for  
added strength

## PCB SLIDE SHELVING

PCB will slide and lock  
into place



## HIGH GRADE SUCTION CUPS

Affixed to Windshield

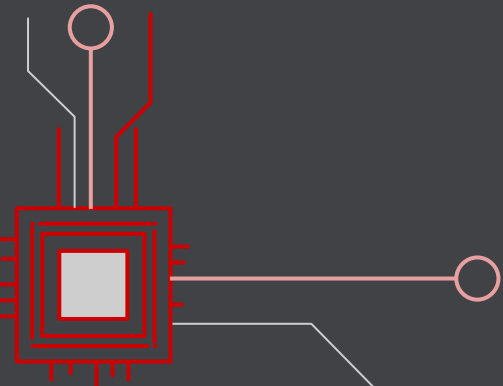
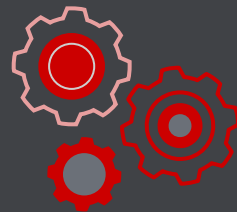
## SLIDE DOOR

Inaccessible while  
installed



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# CONCLUSION





## SUCCESSSES

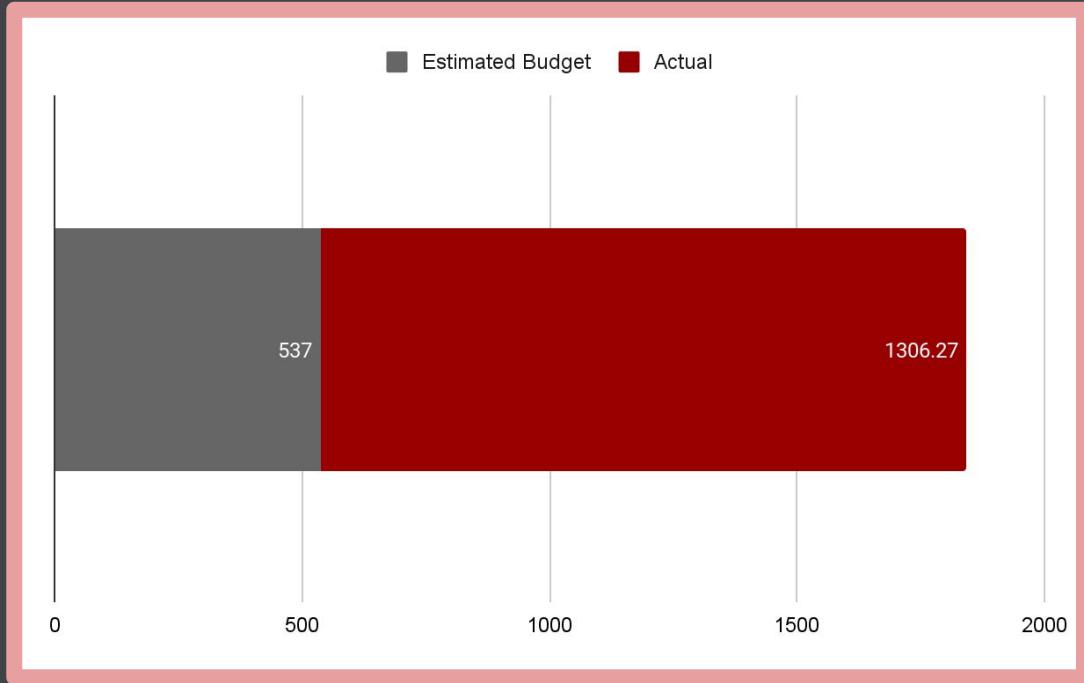
- Getting the Nano to read a license plate
- Seamless transition from different power sources
- Data Transmission Across All Modules
- CSS automation

## CHALLENGES

- Automation of CV/ML on Jetson
- 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**

**SECOND VERSION OF PCB HAD TO  
BE REORDERED**



| Item  | Price    | Quantity | Shipping Cost | FL Tax | Total      |
|---|----------|----------|---------------|--------|------------|
| Example   | \$0.00   | 0.00     | \$0.00        | 1.07   | \$0.00     |
| MSP430FR6989  | \$10.10  | 2.00     | \$0.00        | 1.07   | \$29.50    |
| NVIDIA Jetson Nano  | \$59.00  | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1.065  | \$62.84    |
| 5V 4A Power Supply  | \$12.59  | 2.00     | \$0.00        | 1.065  | \$26.82    |
| 2.5 to 2.1mm Adapter                                      | \$8.96   | 2.00     | \$0.00        | 1.065  | \$19.08    |
| 4GB NVIDIA Jetson Nano                                    | \$169.95 | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1.065  | \$181.00   |
| GY-521 MPU-6050 MPU6050 Module 3 Axis analog gyro sensors | \$2.64   | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1      | \$2.64     |
| WAVGAT Micro SD Storage Expansion Board                   | \$1.83   | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1      | \$1.83     |
| Accelerometer & uSD expansion                             | \$3.25   | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1      | \$3.25     |
| 10000mAh LiPo Batteries                                   | \$12.00  | 2.00     | \$0.00        | 1      | \$24.00    |
| Cooling Unit  | \$24.38  | 2.00     | \$1.50        | 1      | \$50.26    |
| uSD Module  | \$0.20   | 1.00     | \$1.80        | 1      | \$2.00     |
| GPS Module  | \$2.60   | 1.00     | \$1.65        | 1      | \$4.25     |
| Camera Module   | \$19.90  | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1.07   | \$21.29    |
| Accelerometers  | \$1.49   | 2.00     | \$0.00        | 1.07   | \$3.19     |
| Mouser Shipping   | \$7.99   | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1      | \$7.99     |
| 10000mAh LiPo Battery                                     | \$13.82  | 2.00     | \$0.99        | 1.07   | \$30.56    |
| BL651/BL652 Breakout PCB                                  | \$8.00   | 2.00     | \$9.98        | 1.065  | \$27.02    |
| 128GB uSD Cards   | \$17.99  | 2.00     | \$0.00        | 1.07   | \$38.50    |
| 438-MXC4005XC-B Accelerometer Board                       | \$19.94  | 1.00     | \$5.99        | 1.07   | \$27.33    |
| MSP430FR6989 to Solder Test and LFC Oscillators           | \$34.98  | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1      | \$34.98    |
| nRF52 Dev Kit   | \$39.00  | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1      | \$39.00    |
| Black ABS Enclosure Filament                              | \$18.09  | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1      | \$18.09    |
| Misc. Connectors and SMD Components                       | \$54.70  | 1.00     | \$7.99        | 1.065  | \$66.25    |
| JLCPCB Order  | \$37.93  | 1.00     | \$42.68       | 1      | \$80.61    |
| Enclosure Suction Cups                                    | \$15.97  | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1.065  | \$17.01    |
| Noctua 40mm Fan 5V  | \$13.95  | 1.00     | \$0.00        | 1.065  | \$14.86    |
| 8MP IMX219-77 Camera                                      |          | 1.00     |               |        | 25.2       |
| Arducam 5MP Camera and supplies                           |          | 1.00     |               |        | 34.03      |
| PCB (less what is already on here) Components Lump Sum    | 314.66   |          |               |        | 314.66     |
|   | 36       | 10.00    | 62.24         |        | 98.24      |
| Grand Total   |          |          |               |        | \$1,306.27 |

# COST OF COMPONENTS



# WORK DISTRIBUTION

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



# FINAL THOUGHTS

## COLLABORATION

Two online meetings weekly

Working in the senior design lab

Almost always had a team member in the lab

## FEEDBACK

Storing images as an added backup on the Nano

Streamlined wireless connectivity

Built in suction cup

## BIGGEST LESSONS LEARNED

Communication is key

Start early on all components to get a better scope of the work required

Online forums are not the most reliable resource







**QUESTIONS?**