



**D.E.A.R Drone**  
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# Project Description



- D.E.A.R Drone is an autonomous delivery drone that will deliver a package of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.
- The D.E.A.R drone will use sensors such, as GPS and a camera to ensure the package makes it to the destination safely.
- Our mission is to help streamline supply chains to get people their products faster



# Specs



Specifications	
Payload Weight	0.5 Pounds
Battery Capacity	6000mAH
Flight time	20min(+/-10 vertical)
Field of view	60 degree horizontal
Range of view	.5-10feet
Measuring Frequency	10Hz
Autopilot	PX4

# Requirements



## Requirement #1: Lift Off

1.1: The drone should perform preflight calibrations	~30sec
1.2: Be able to take off autonomously within specified time	~30sec
1.3: Be able to intake GPS coordinates from Satellites	~Pre-take off

## Requirement #2: Mission

2.1: The drone should follow a flight path from takeoff to landing autonomously	NA
2.2: The drone should return to launch after delivering the package	NA
2.3: The drone will disarm motors after landing	~5sec
2.4: Drone needs to have the ability to be manually overwritten when encountering critical failure	~1sec



# Requirements Continued



## Requirement #3: Payload

3.1: The drone should be able to carry a 0.5lb payload	0.5 Pounds
3.2: The drone should be able to safely drop a payload in the delivery zone	Within 10 Feet
3.3: Drones servos should be able to hold and release package on command	NA

## Requirement #4: Sensor I/O

4.1: The drone should avoid obstacles in flight path using onboard sensors	NA
4.2: Intake data from sensors package onboard Navio 2	NA
4.3: Intake data from Camera and Ultra Sonic sensor	NA

# Standards

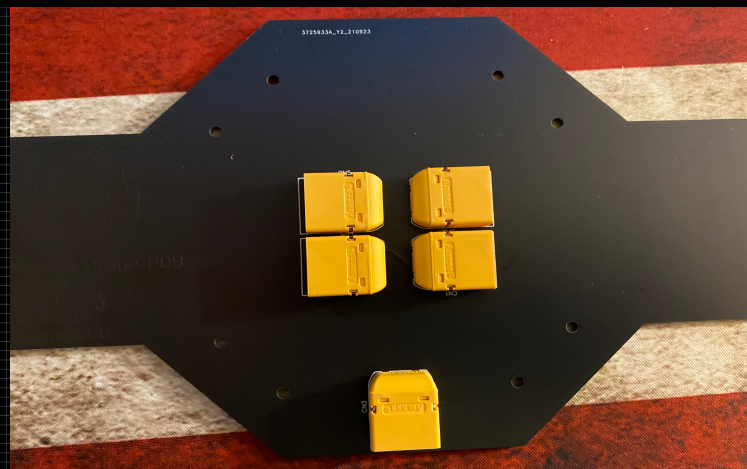
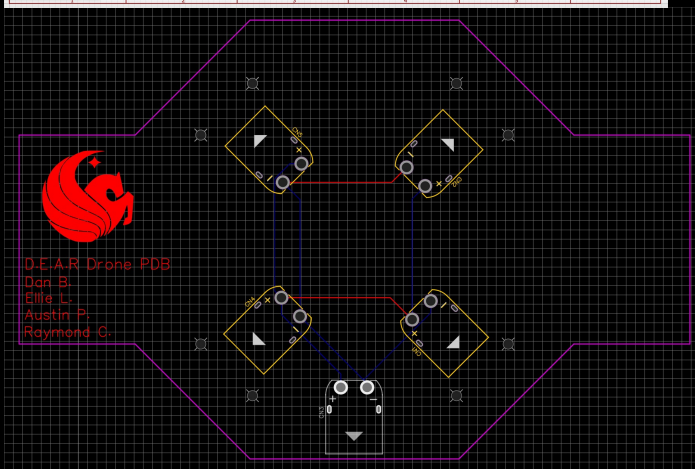
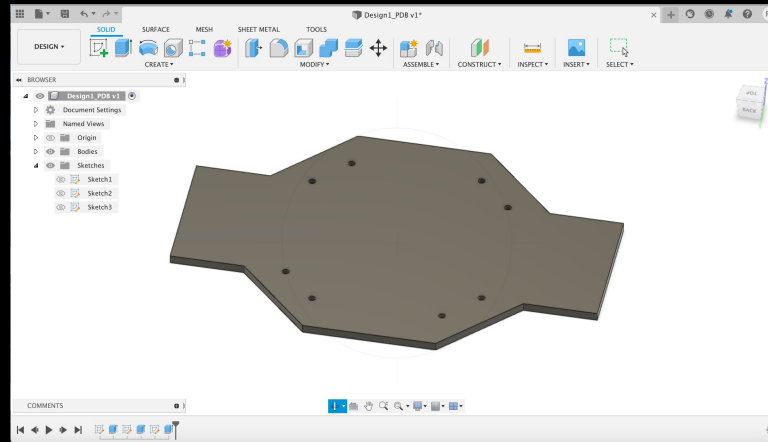
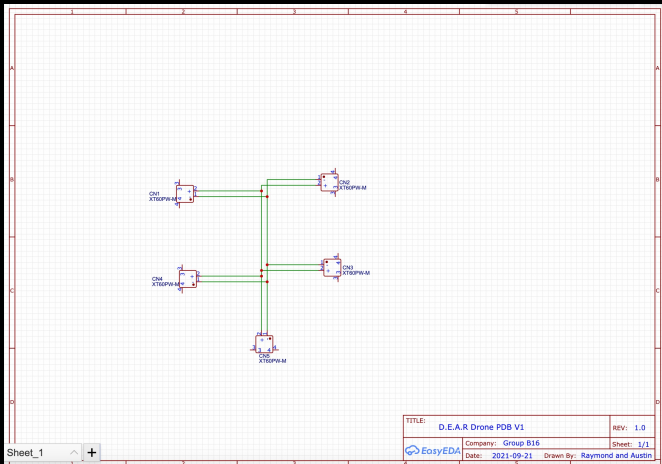


Standard	Component
IPC-2221 PCB Standard	PCB design and manufacturing
NFPA Electrical Safety Standards	Safety standards for electrical components
PEP8	Python style guide
IEEE standard 802.ac/n	Wi-Fi
Batteries IEEE 485-2010	Standard for Lead Acid and LiPo Batteries
FAA part 107 UAS	Drone Flight

# PCB Design



- Power Distribution Board
  - Send 11V evenly to all our ECS's

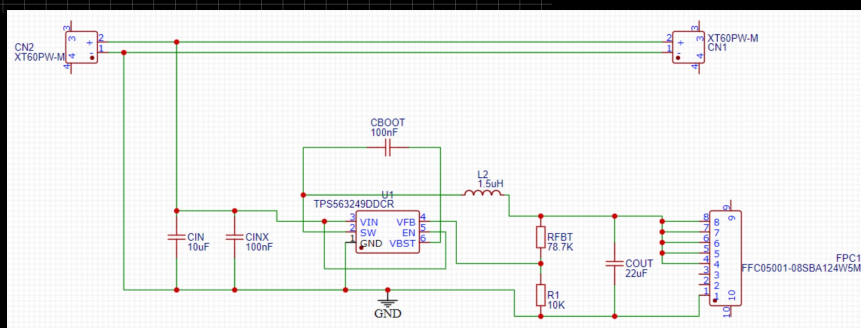
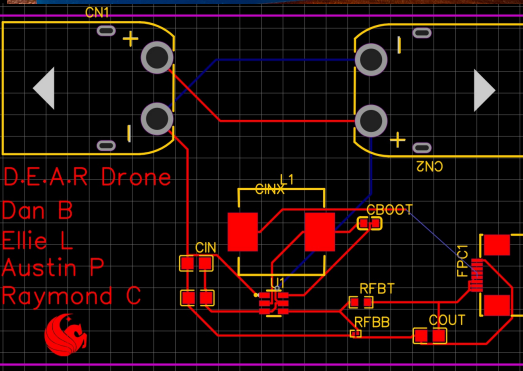




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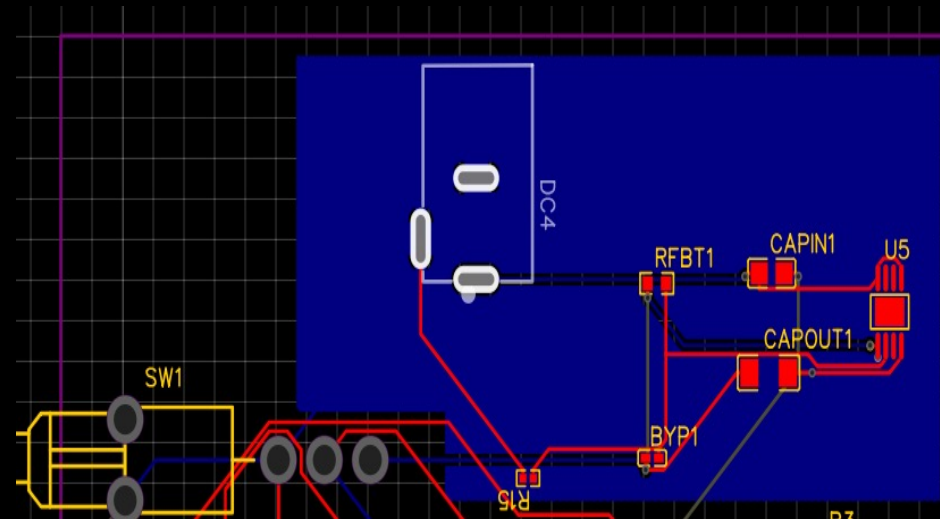
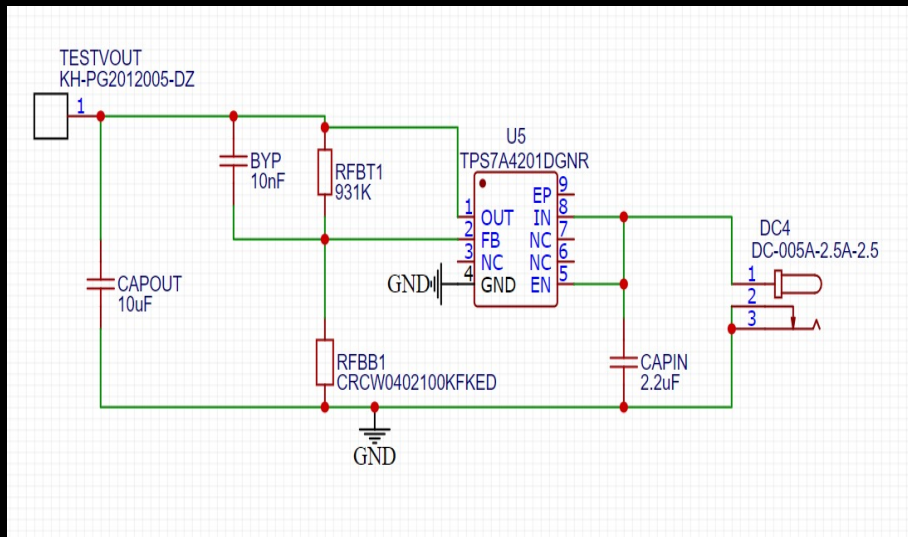
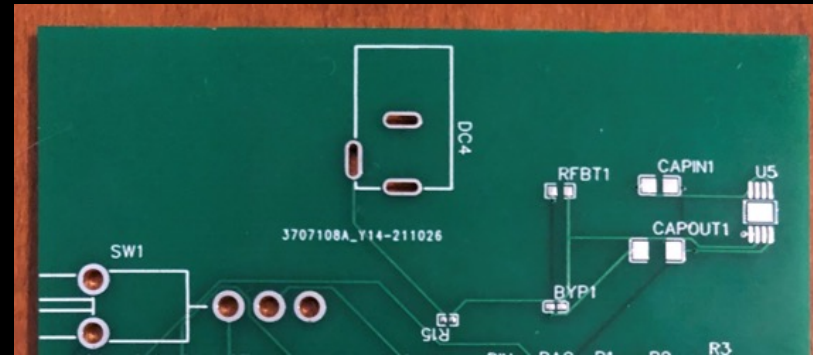
- Power Module
  - Sends 11V to our power distribution board
  - Steps down 11V to 5V and 2.5mA for the flight controller
  - XT60 to XT60 connection



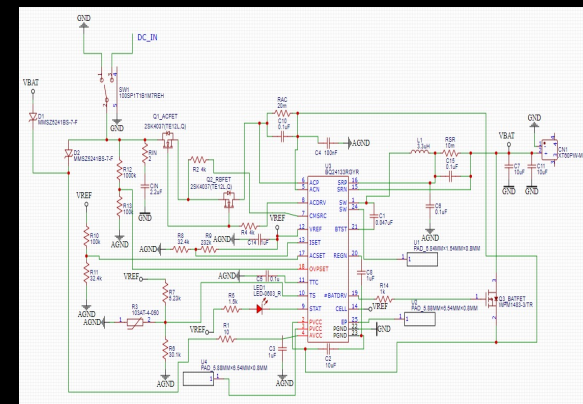
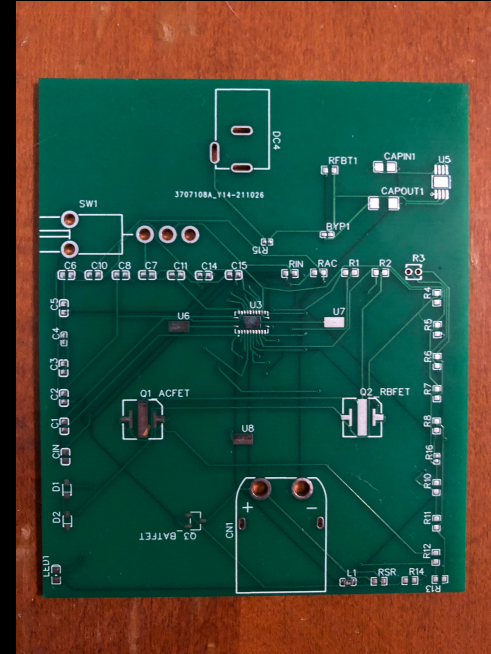
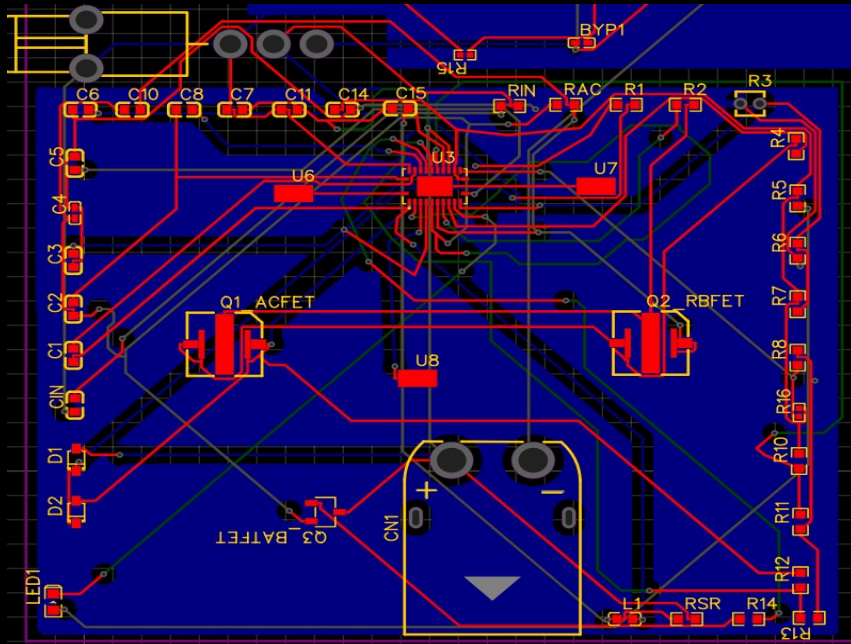
# PCB Schematic [DC-DC Converter]



- DC-DC Converter
- Barrel Jack/ Laptop Charger
- Input DC Power 19V
- Output to Battery IC 12V at 1.5mA



# PCB Schematic [Battery Management IC]



- The design of the Battery Management system was done using the “Typical Application” provided by the Datasheet
- Main Chip BQ24133RGYR and other major components were on 52 week back order so supply chain issues caused us not to have board in time.
- Using this aspect of our chip, we can charge 3 Cells at one time, protect them, and manage them, it was an ideal choice.

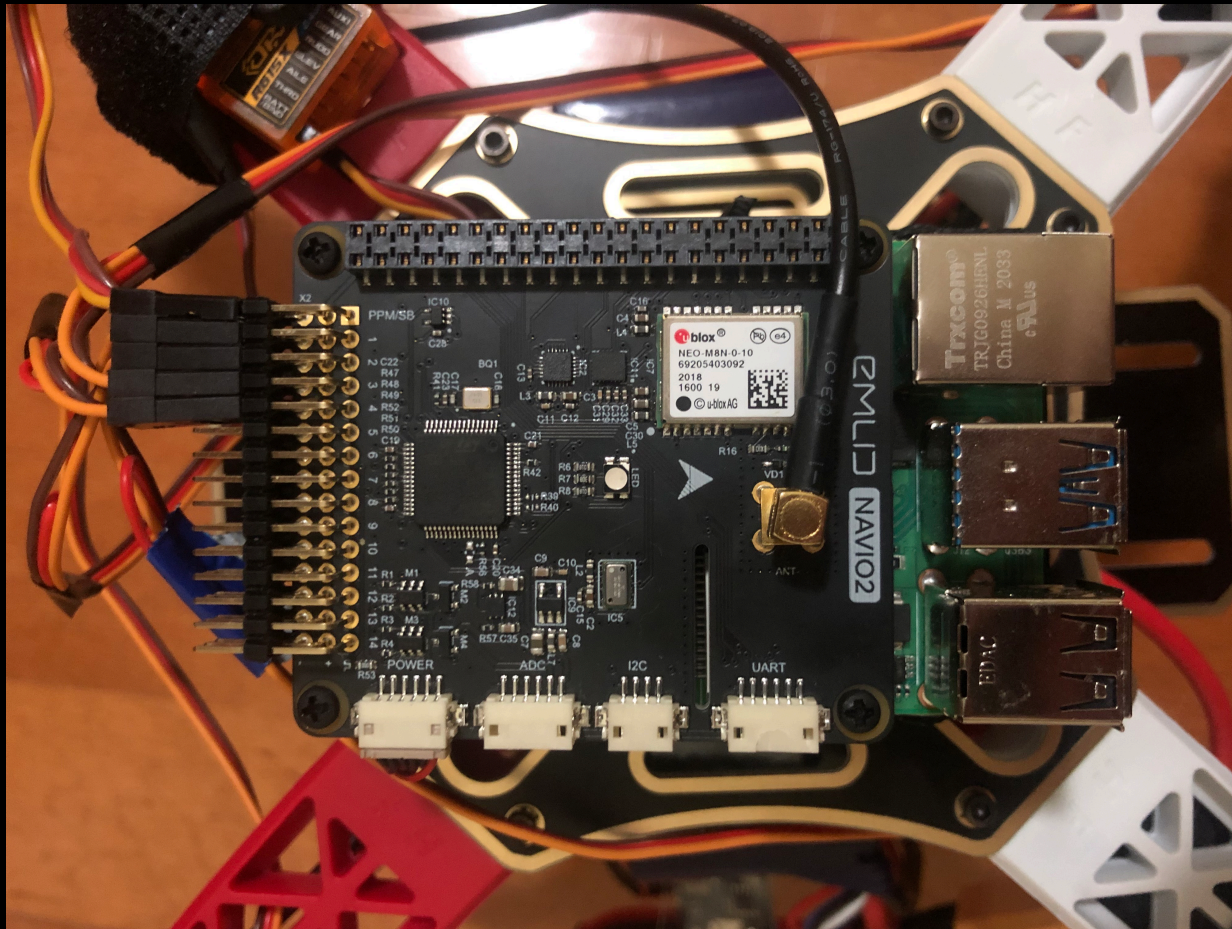


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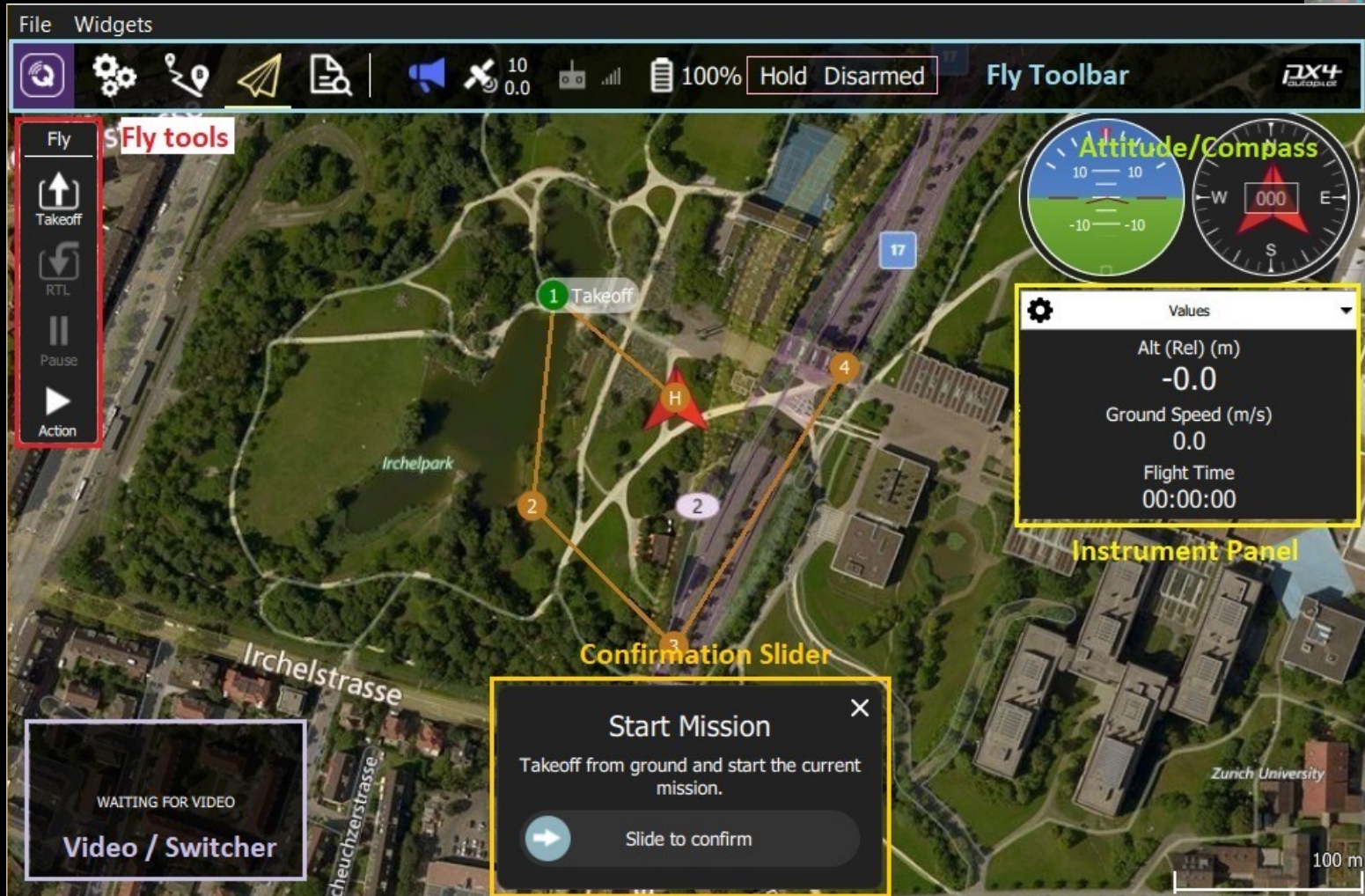
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# Flight Controller





# QGroundControl

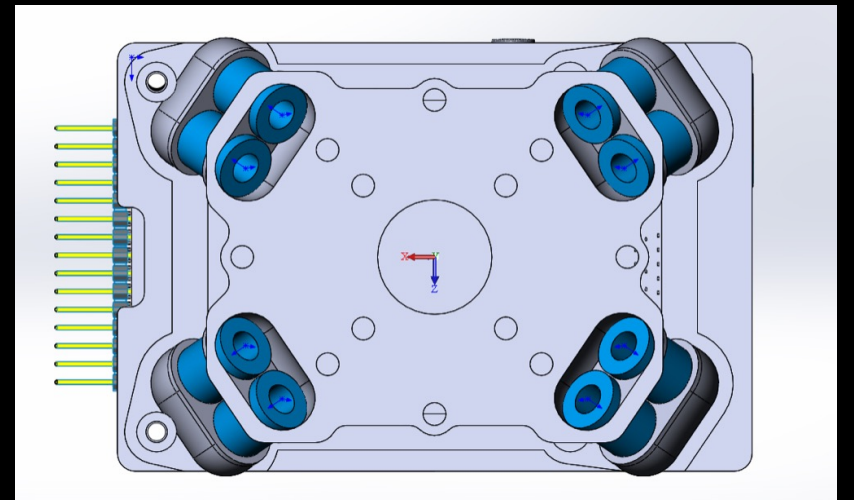
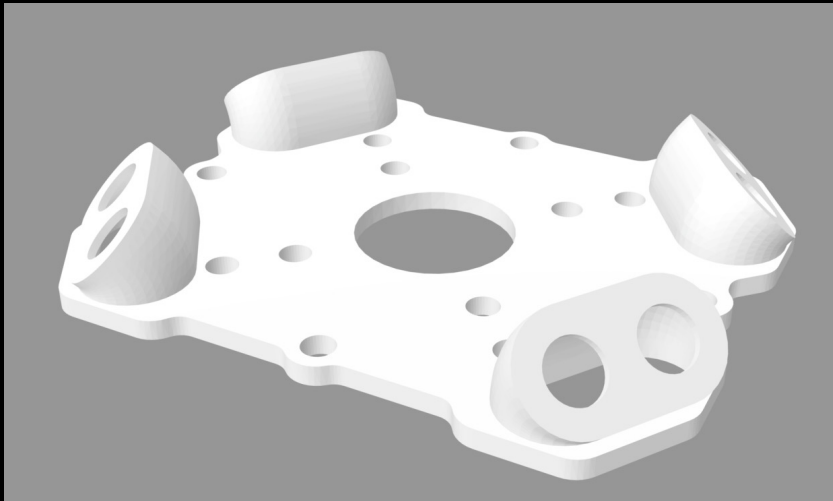
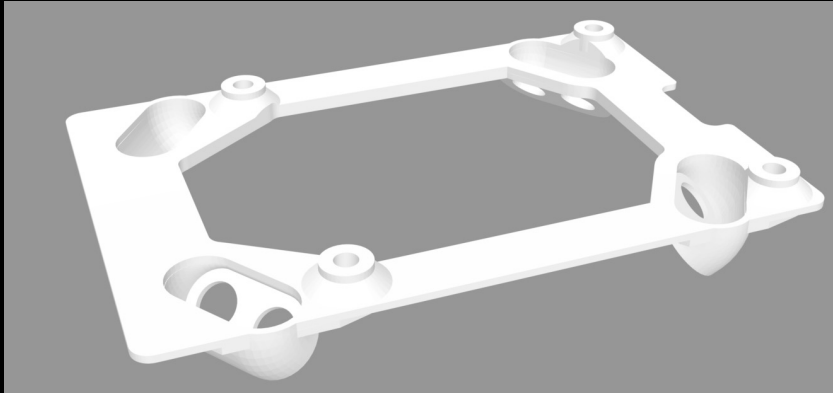


The screenshot displays the QGroundControl interface with several key components:

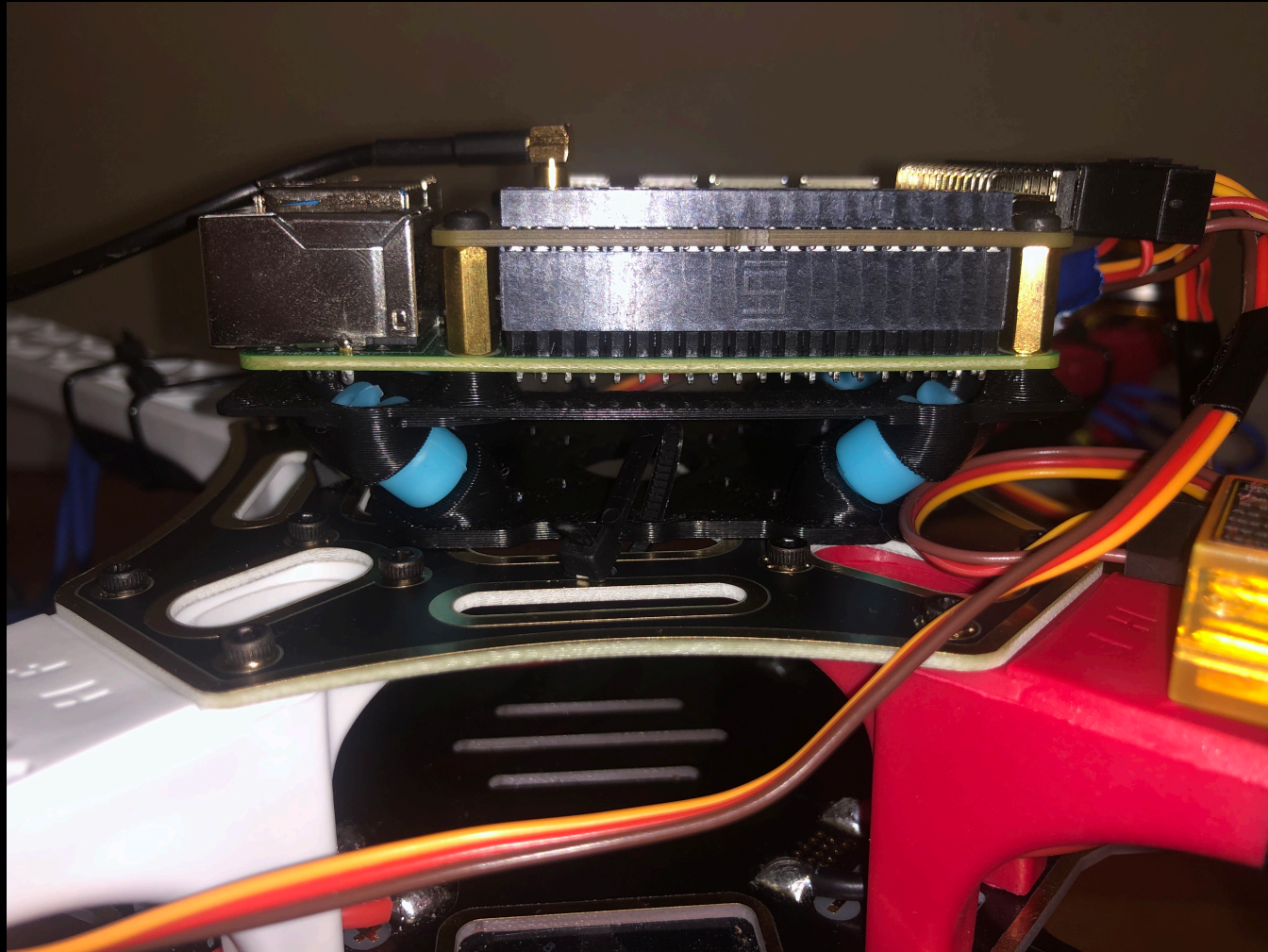
- File Widgets:** Located at the top left, containing icons for home, settings, map, and other functions.
- Fly Toolbar:** A horizontal bar at the top right with status indicators for 'Hold', 'Disarmed', and '100%' battery, along with a 'Fly Toolbar' label and the 'PX4 AUTOPILOT' logo.
- Fly tools:** A vertical sidebar on the left with buttons for 'Takeoff', 'RTL', 'Pause', and 'Action'.
- Mission Plan:** An aerial map showing a mission route with four numbered waypoints (1, 2, 3, 4) and a home point (H) marked with a red triangle.
- Instrument Panel:** A circular gauge at the top right showing 'Attitude/Compass' with a scale from -10 to 10 and a heading of 000.
- Values Panel:** A yellow-bordered box on the right displaying flight data: Alt (Rel) (m) -0.0, Ground Speed (m/s) 0.0, and Flight Time 00:00:00.
- Confirmation Slider:** A yellow-bordered dialog box at the bottom center titled 'Start Mission' with the text 'Takeoff from ground and start the current mission.' and a 'Slide to confirm' button.
- Video / Switcher:** A white-bordered box at the bottom left with the text 'WAITING FOR VIDEO' and 'Video / Switcher'.



# Vibration Dampening Mount



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Without Vibration Mount



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With Vibration Mount



# Calibrations Check

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# QGroundControl



**QGroundControl** [Close] [Fullscreen] [Refresh]

Selected Waypoint: Alt diff: 164.0 ft Azimuth: 0 Distance: 0.0 ft Total Mission: Distance: -- Max telem dist: 339 ft Upload Required  
Gradient: -- Heading: 0 Time: 00:00:00

Plan  
Fly  
File  
Takeoff  
Waypoint  
ROI  
Pattern  
Return  
Center

T Takeoff

25 ft

Greenwood Lakes Middle School

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Height AMSL (ft)  
232.6  
162.6  
92.7  
22.7  
0.0

0.0 65.6 131.2 196.9 262.5

Mission Fence Rally

Mission Start

Takeoff

Launch from the ground and travel towards the specified takeoff position.

Move 'T' Takeoff to the climbout location.

Ensure clear of obstacles and into the wind.

Done

Survey

Survey

Return To Launch





# Crash #1



# Video of Override



# Flight Demo



# Landing Demo





# Camera



# Recognizing Landing Zone - OpenCV



The screenshot displays a Python IDE interface with an object detection application. The main window shows a video feed of a woman holding a cup. Green bounding boxes are drawn around the person and the cup. The person's box is labeled 'PERSON' with a confidence score of 63.79. The cup's box is labeled 'CUP' with a confidence score of 78.79. Below the video feed, the 'Run' output window shows a list of detected objects with their bounding boxes and labels:

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# Crash #2



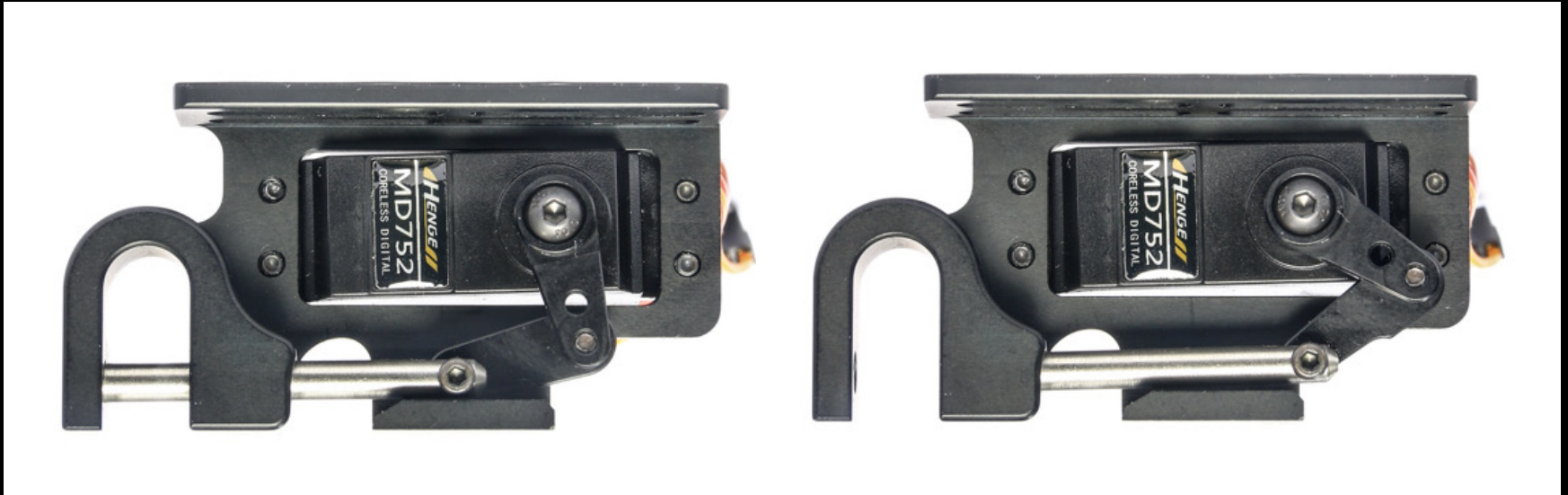


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# Package Release Mechanism



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# 1/2 Pound Payload





# Challenges



- Hardware
  - Components Available
  - Manufactures
  - Shipping Time
  - Rebuilding Drone
- Software
  - Setting up development environment
  - Communication between components and and code
- Overall Challenge
  - Self-Funded
  - Crashes
  - Weather

# Lessons Learned



- Hardware
  - Fusion 360
  - EasyEDA/JLCPCB
  - Battery Protection
- Software
  - Flight Firmware/Software
  - QGroundControl
  - Computer Vision
- Overall Lessons
  - Attention to detail
  - Collaboration
  - Adapting

# Thank you!

## Q&A