

# EZBackUp Team 20

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# Team 20:



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# Team Roles

**Justin Charles**

**Logistics lead:**

1. Sensor and Camera hardware/software design
2. Communicate with team and course coordinators

**Zhiyang Jin**

**PCB lead:**

1. Breadboard design and PCB design.

**Exiang Zhou**

**Software Lead:**

1. WIFI establishment and data transfer with cameras
2. Mobile software design and development

**Austin Carroll**

**Mechanical Lead:**

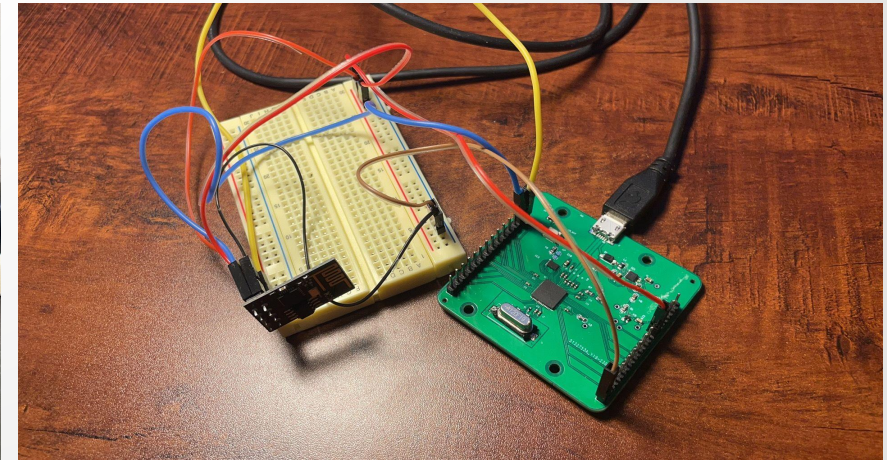
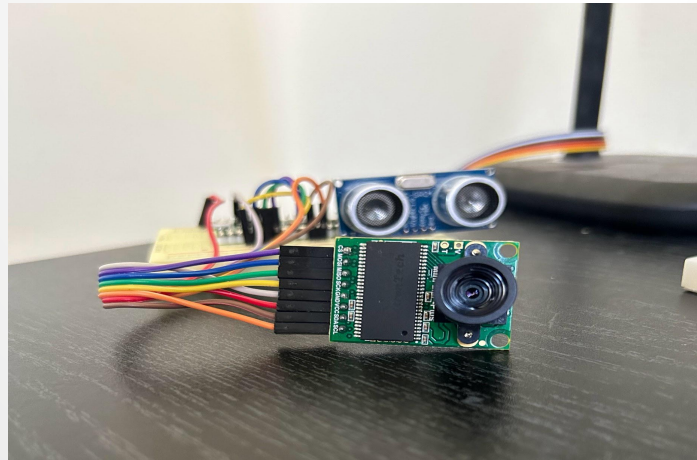
1. Camera Mount
2. Positioning system
3. 3-D printing

# Project Goal Review

**Problem:** Driving is a task that many Americans undertake daily, it is a necessary function of human life today and will continue to be prevalent into the future. While this may be true, there will always be a need for added safety.

**Goal:** We aim to create a backup camera system that is easy and accessible to install and use, while also being convenient and adding safety for the users driving experience.

Prototype:



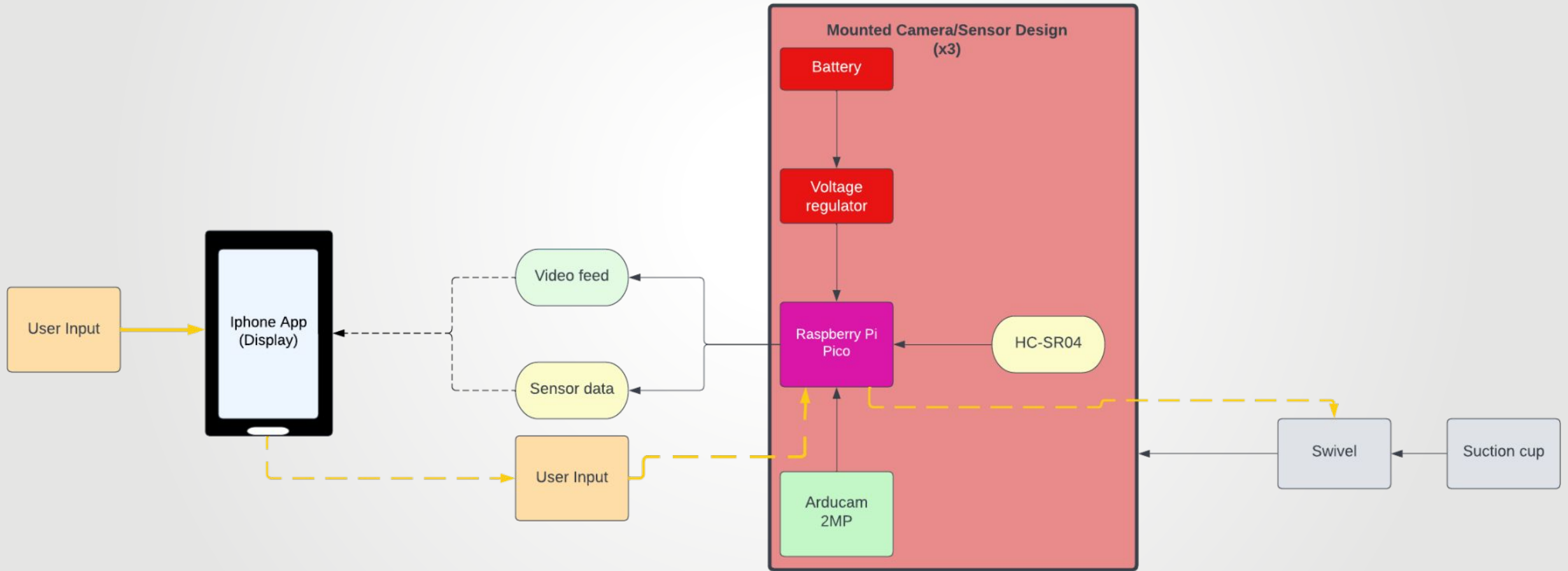
# Specifications and Testing - Qualitative

<b>System Specification</b>	<b>Test Plan</b>
System will use up to 3 video systems wirelessly connected to smartphone	Inspect that up to 3 video feeds/sensors/motors will work on display
System display will show up to 3 video feeds, one feed may be chosen at a time	Inspect app to check that video feeds can be viewed and changed by user
System will provide distance and audio to the user via smartphone	Inspect app to check that distance and audio is output
Camera will have low light capabilities	Inspect video feed at night and check that objects are visible
Camera Systems will be self powered	inspect that the system will work being self powered
Camera/Sensor system will be mountable and dismountable to vehicle	Mount system on vehicle and test by driving
System will be easy to set up	Survey 10 people with setup, ask to rate on a scale of 1-10 complexity of set up. <3 should be chosen.

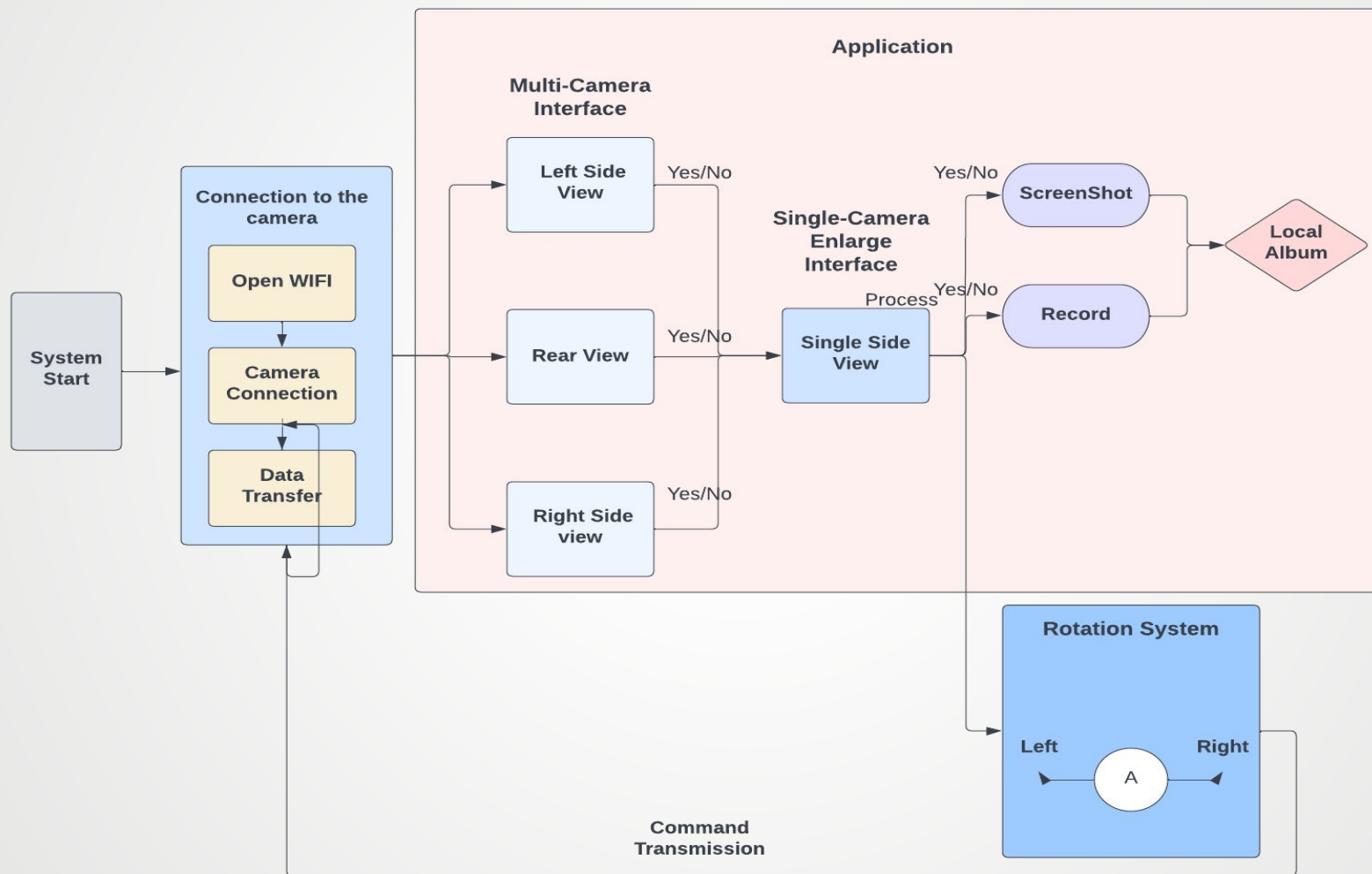
# Specifications and Testing - Quantitative

System Specification	Test Plan
System will give a slow audio alert when $\leq 2$ ft and an increasingly faster alert when $\leq 1$ ft	Get distance using sensors, manually measure distance
System cameras will rotate in intervals of 30 degrees on a horizontal axis	Measure angle change when given rotation input for cameras
Individual camera systems will hold power for a total of 8 hours	measure change in power over a day to estimate power loss
Video Feed will have a frame rate of at least 30 fps	Measure the frames per second of the camera feed after data transfer using external software
System distance Sensors can detect objects at least 10m away	Get distance using sensors, manually measure distance
System minimum resolution will be 160 x 120 pixels	Measure the resolution of the camera feed after data transfer using external software

# Hardware Block Diagram

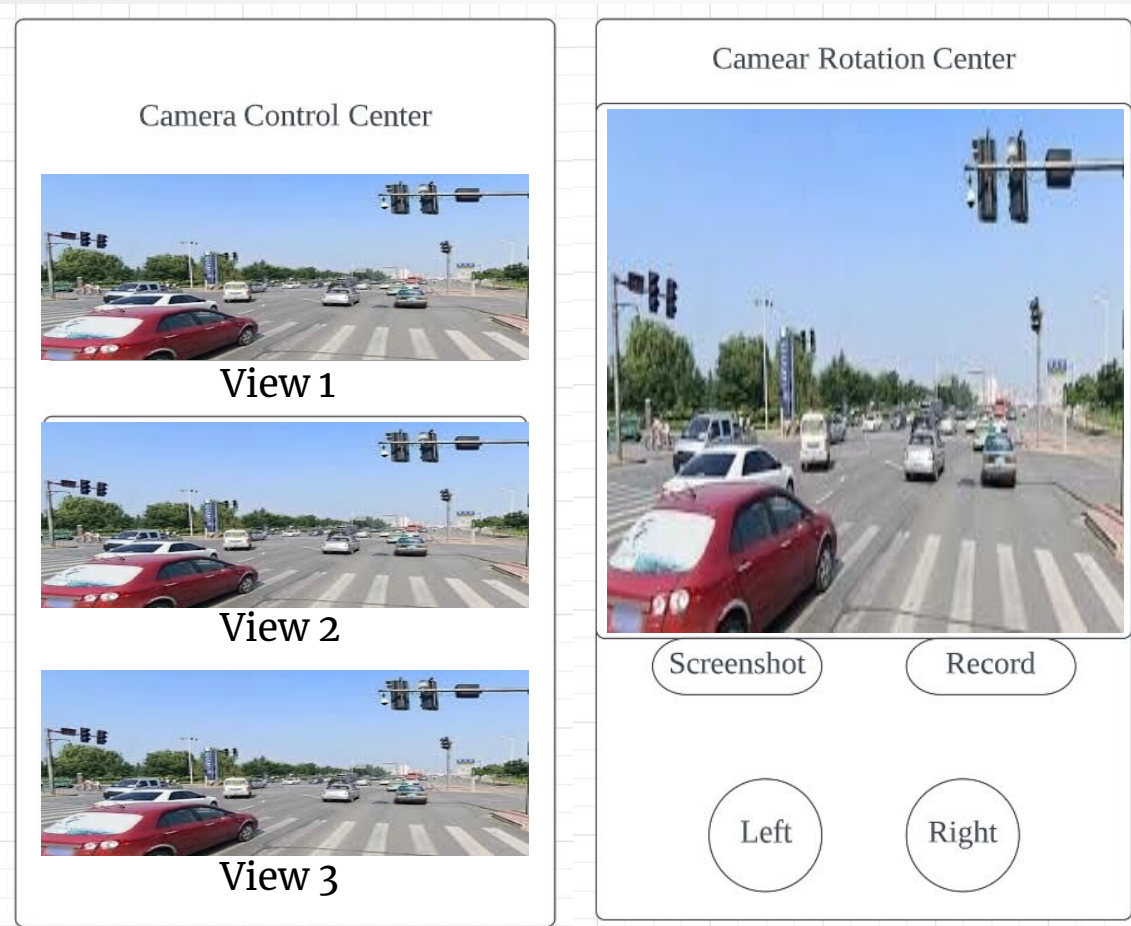


# Software Diagram

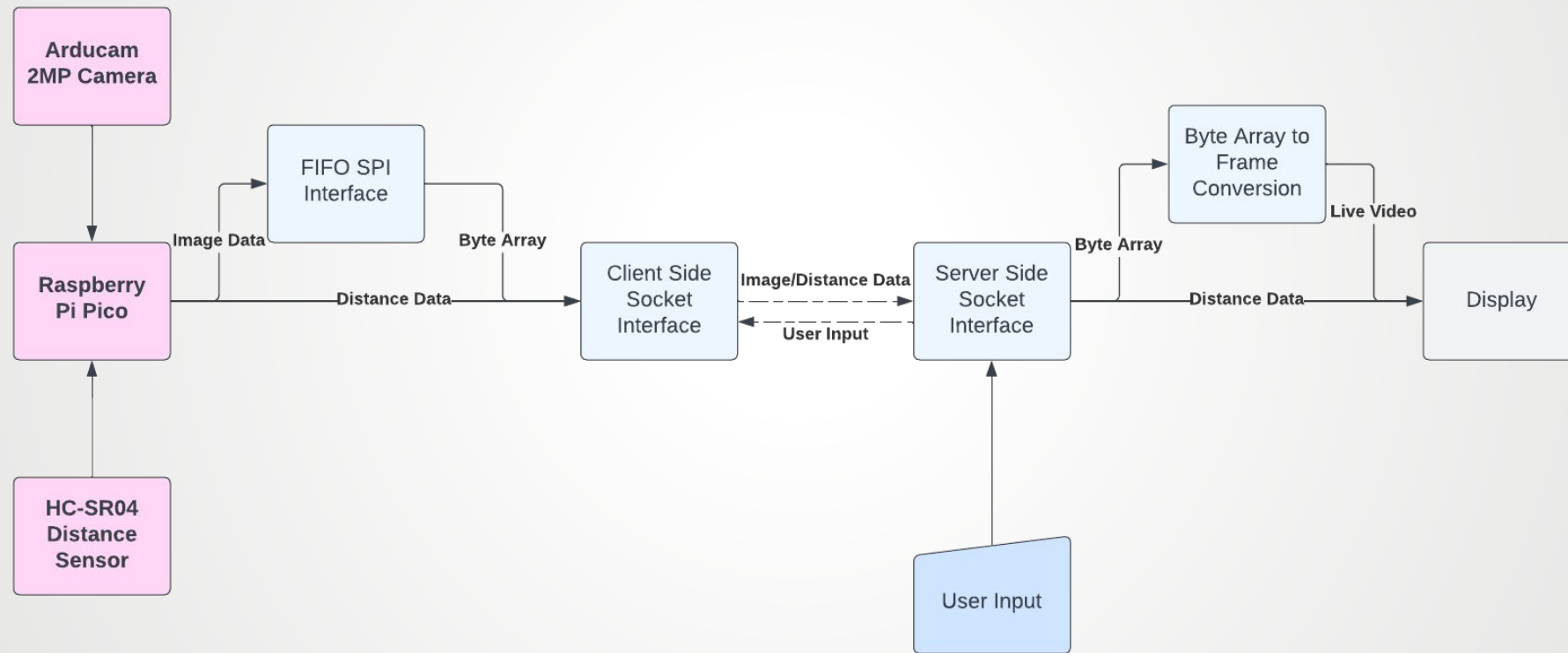




# Multi-cameras Interface Sketch (APP)



# Block Diagram - Camera/Sensor System



<https://learn.adafruit.com/ultrasonic-sonar-distance-sensors/python-circuitpython>

<https://manuals.plus/arducam/ov2640-mini-2mp-spi-camera-on-raspberry-pi-pico-manual#axzz7mzPDUXjx>

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# CDR Deliverables

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## ❑ Mounting System

- ✓ Wireless Casing for all components
- ✓ Casings capable of panning in 45 degree segments

## ❑ Data Transfer

- ✓ Enables wireless real-time video transmission between cameras and external devices
- ✓ wirelessly transfer distance data to external devices

## ❑ PCB

- ✓ A working RP2040 minimal design
- ✓ Add Wifi chip to the RP2040 minimal design

## ❑ Mobile App

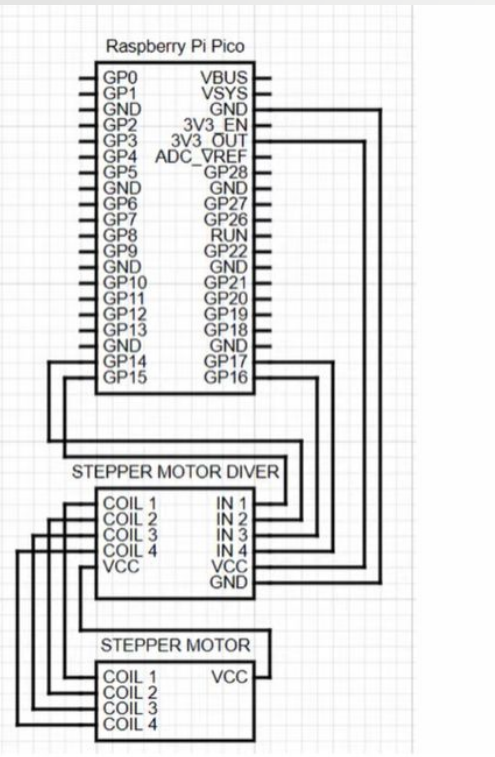
- ✗ Prototype app that receives visual feed and distance data

# Hardware Used and Power Considerations

- Camera Subsystem: Total ~ 0.89W/Hr
  - Raspberry Pi Pico W - 5V/93mA → 0.465W
  - HC-SR04 - 5V/15mA → 0.075W
  - Arducam 2MP 5V/70mA → 0.35W
  
- Motor Subsystem
  - 24BJY-48 Stepper Motor - 5V
  - ULN2003 Stepper Motor Driver - 5V
  - Raspberry Pi Pico W - 3.3 V
  - 3 x 6V Battery Pack

# Motor Subsystem

## Schematic



## Code

```

1 import time
2 import board
3 import digitalio
4
5 IN1 = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.GP15)
6 IN2 = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.GP14)
7 IN3 = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.GP16)
8 IN4 = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.GP17)
9
10
11 half_step_sequence = [
12     [1, 0, 0, 0],
13     [1, 1, 0, 0],
14     [0, 1, 0, 0],
15     [0, 1, 1, 0],
16     [0, 0, 1, 0],
17     [0, 0, 1, 1],
18     [0, 0, 0, 1],
19     [1, 0, 0, 1]
20 ]
21
22 STEP_DELAY = 0.002
23
24 reference_angle = 0
25 current_angle = 0
26
27
28
29 def step(direction):
30     global current_angle
31     IN1.direction = digitalio.Direction.OUTPUT
32     IN2.direction = digitalio.Direction.OUTPUT
33     IN3.direction = digitalio.Direction.OUTPUT
34     IN4.direction = digitalio.Direction.OUTPUT
35     if direction == "clockwise":
36         for step in range(170):

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37         for pin in range(2):
38             setattr(IN1, "value", half_step_sequence[step%8][0])
39             setattr(IN2, "value", half_step_sequence[step%8][1])
40             setattr(IN3, "value", half_step_sequence[step%8][2])
41             setattr(IN4, "value", half_step_sequence[step%8][3])
42             time.sleep(STEP_DELAY)
43             current_angle += 30
44             #current_angle %= 360
45     elif direction == "counterclockwise":
46         for step in reversed(range(170)):
47             for pin in range(2):
48                 setattr(IN1, "value", half_step_sequence[step%8][0])
49                 setattr(IN2, "value", half_step_sequence[step%8][1])
50                 setattr(IN3, "value", half_step_sequence[step%8][2])
51                 setattr(IN4, "value", half_step_sequence[step%8][3])
52                 time.sleep(STEP_DELAY)
53                 current_angle -= 30
54                 #current_angle %= 360
55
56     ecount = 0
57     qcount = 0
58     while True:
59         user_input = input("Enter 'w' to return to reference angle, 'e' for clockwise or 'q' for counterclockwise: ")
60         if user_input == "w":
61             count = ecount + qcount
62             if count < 0:
63                 for i in range(abs(count)):
64                     step("clockwise")
65             else:
66                 for i in range(count):
67                     step("counterclockwise")
68             count = 0
69             ecount = 0
70             qcount = 0
71         elif user_input == "e":
72             step("clockwise")
73
74             ecount = ecount + 1
75         elif user_input == "q":
76             step("counterclockwise")
77             qcount = qcount - 1

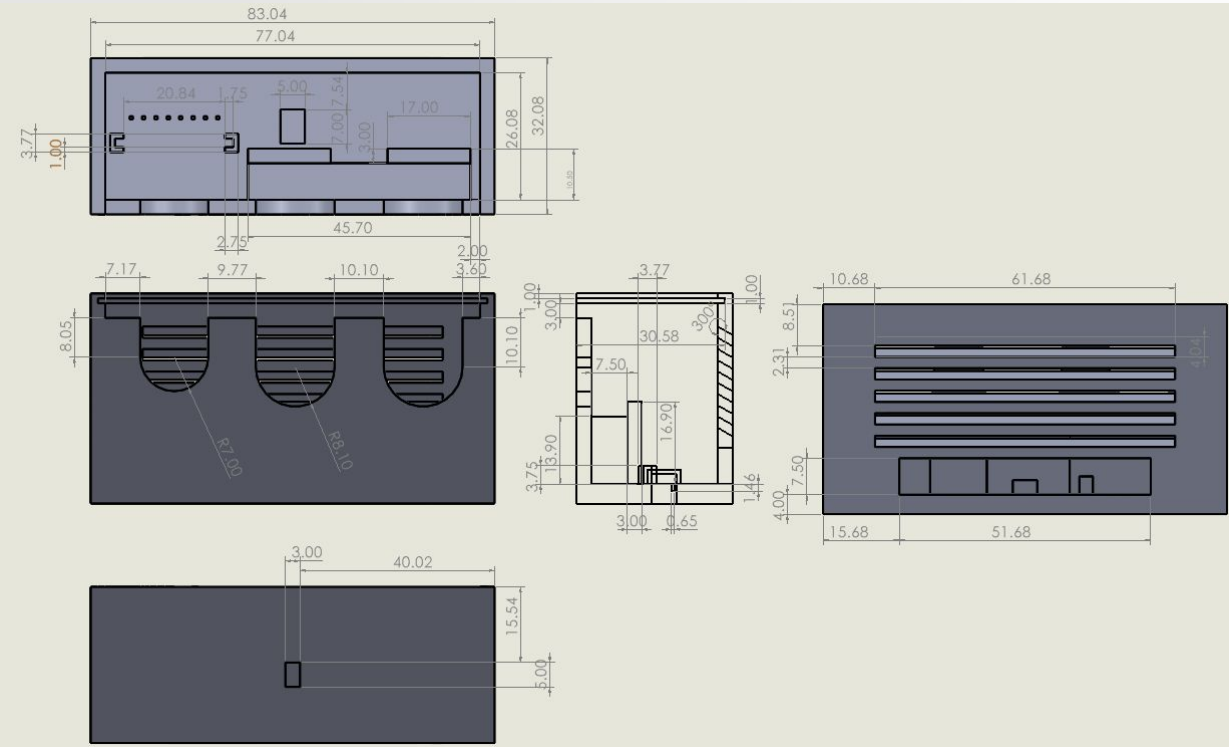
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# Motor Demo

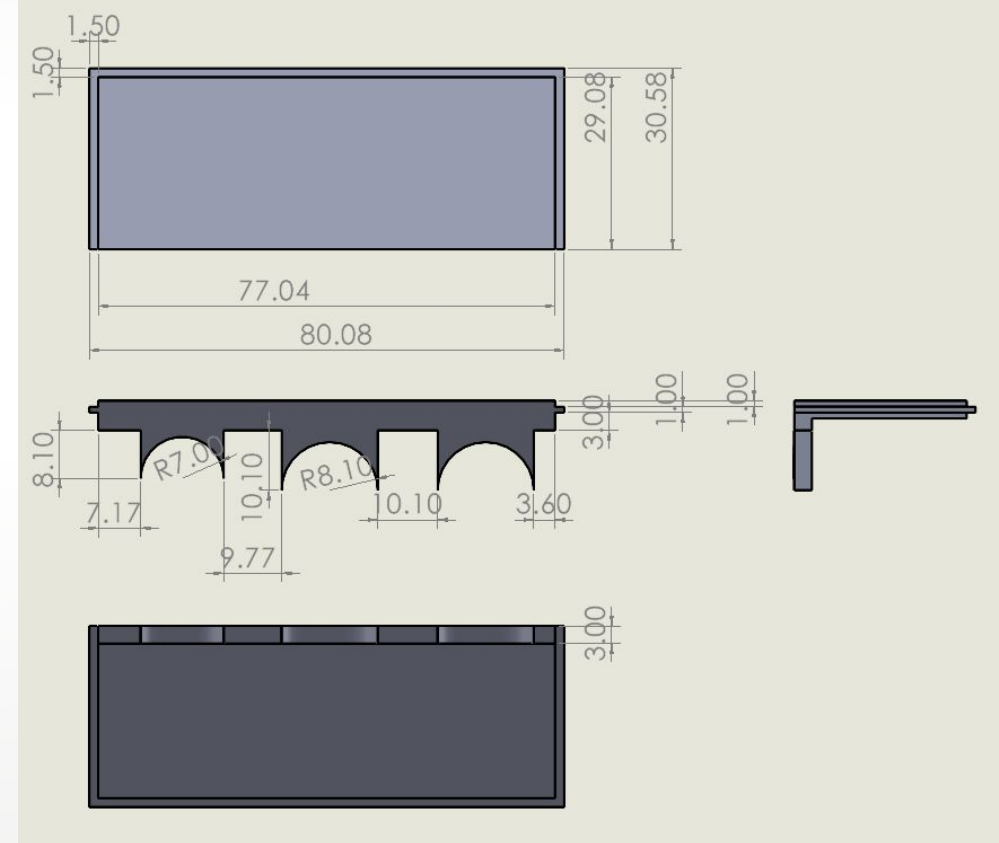


# Casing Model

## Camera and Distance Sensor Housing



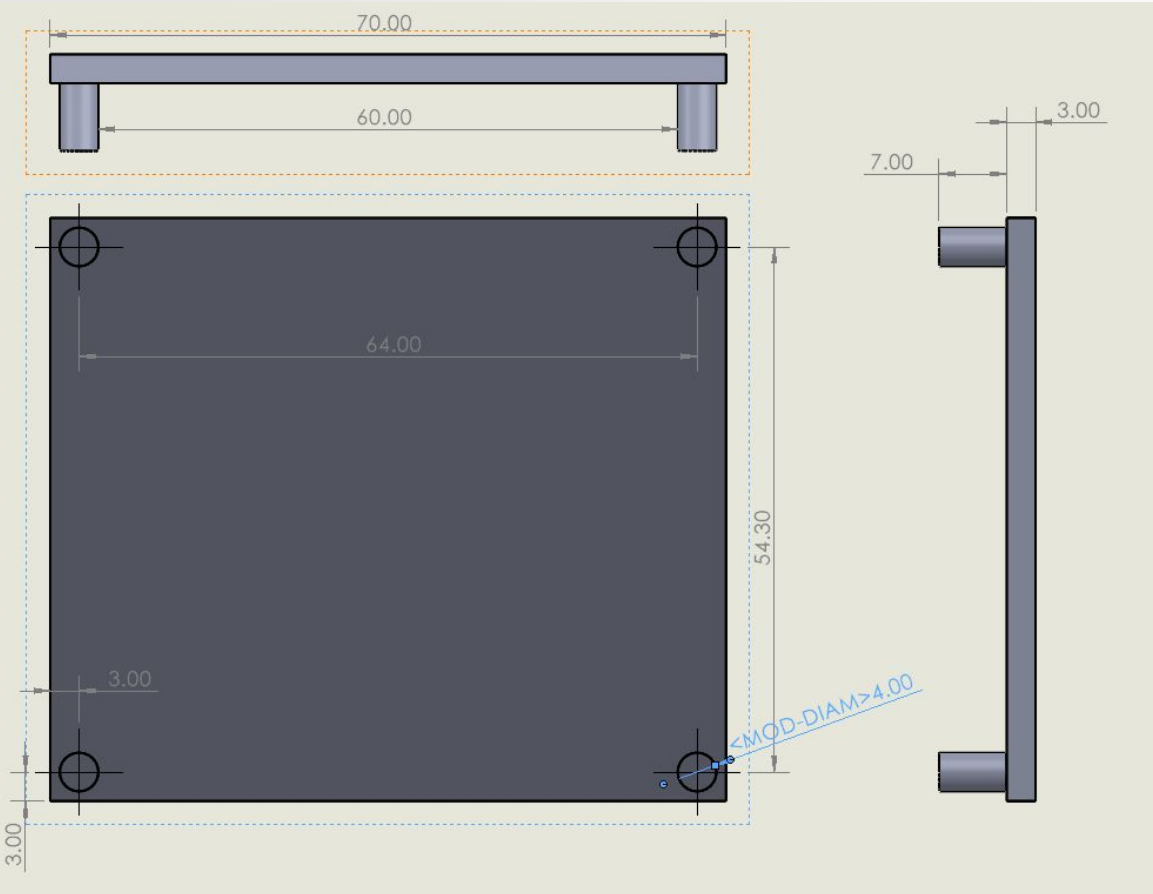
## Camera and Distance Sensor Housing Cover



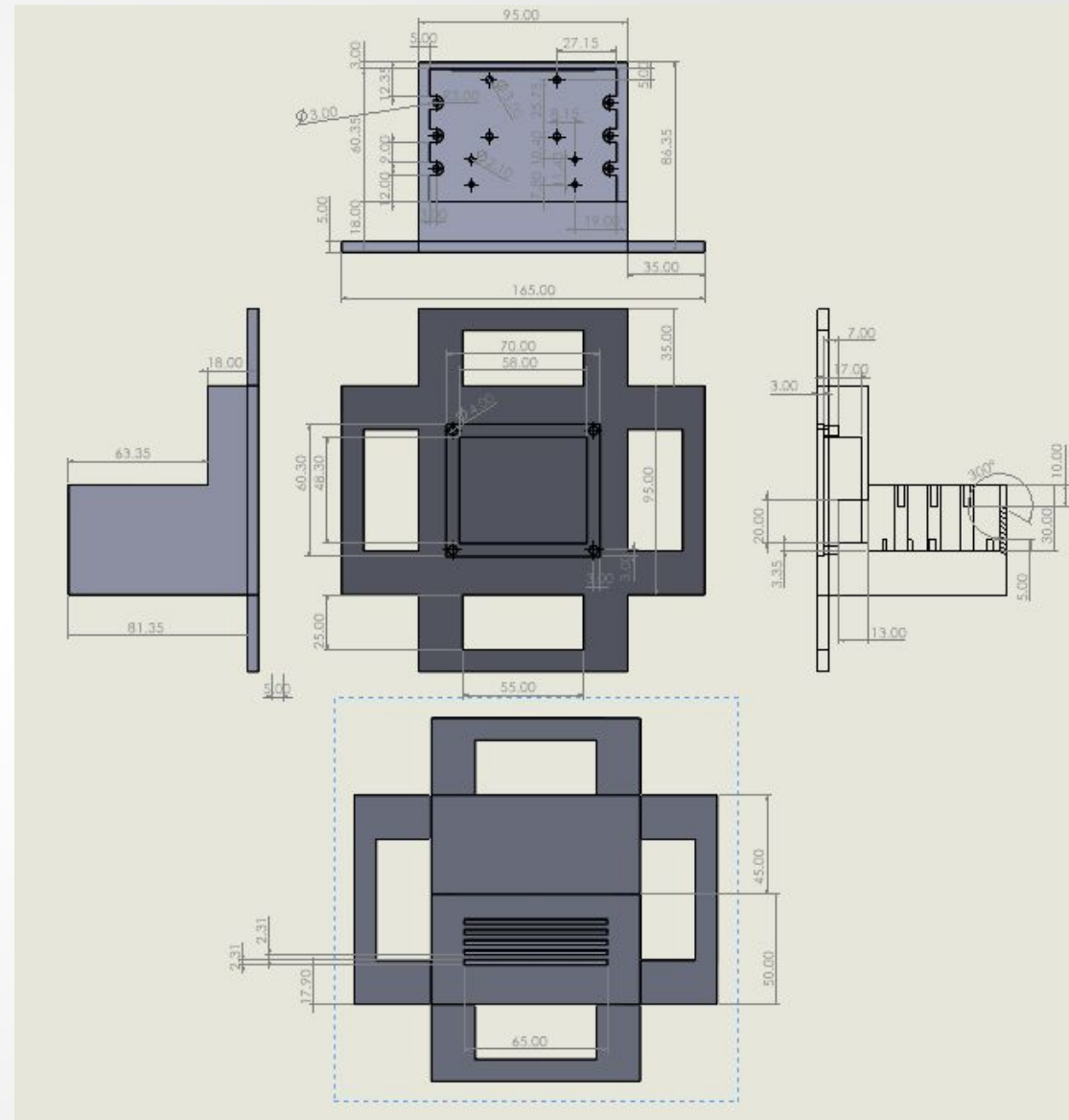


# Casing Model Cont.

## Battery Cover

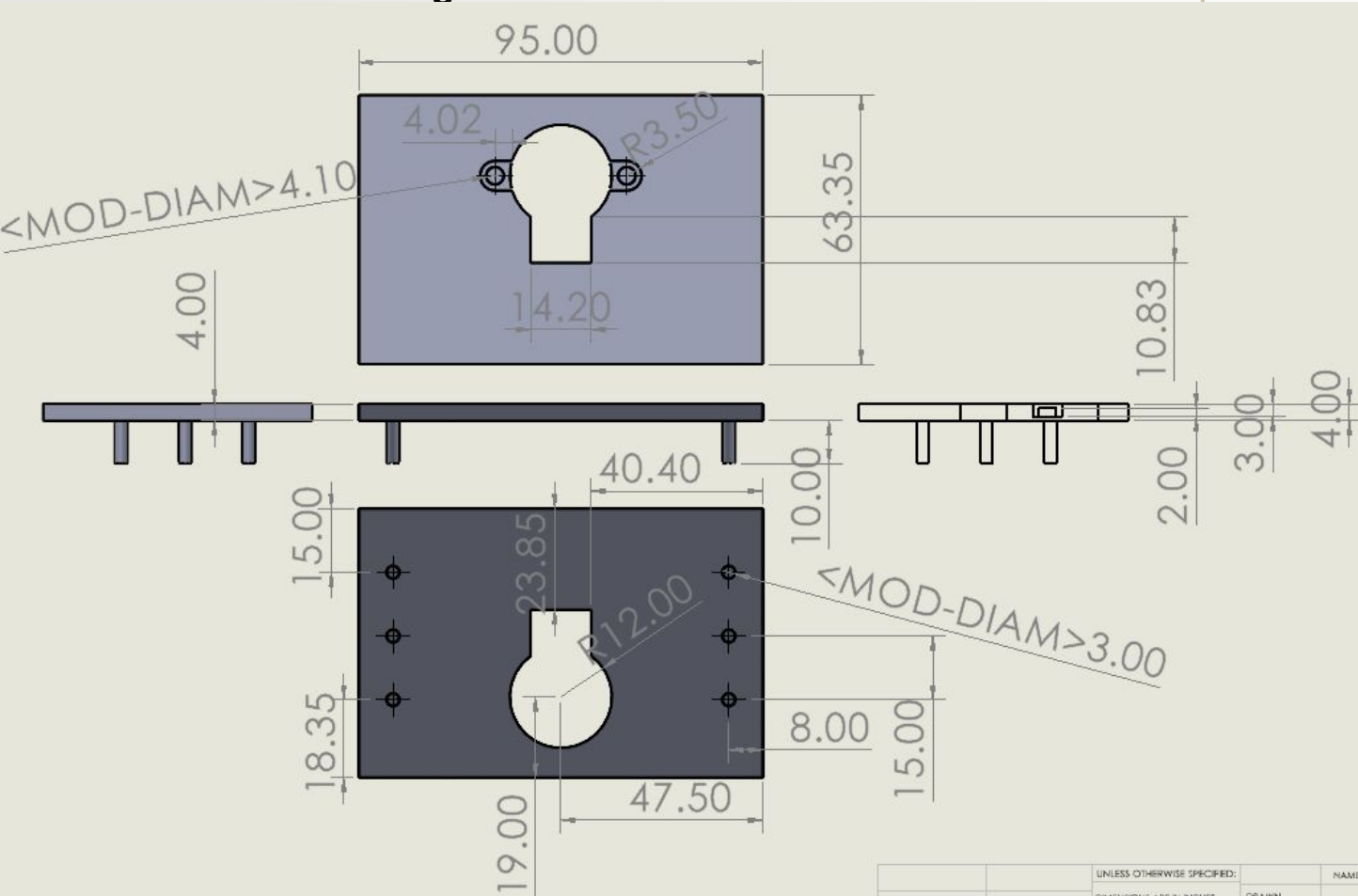


## Pico and Driver Housing

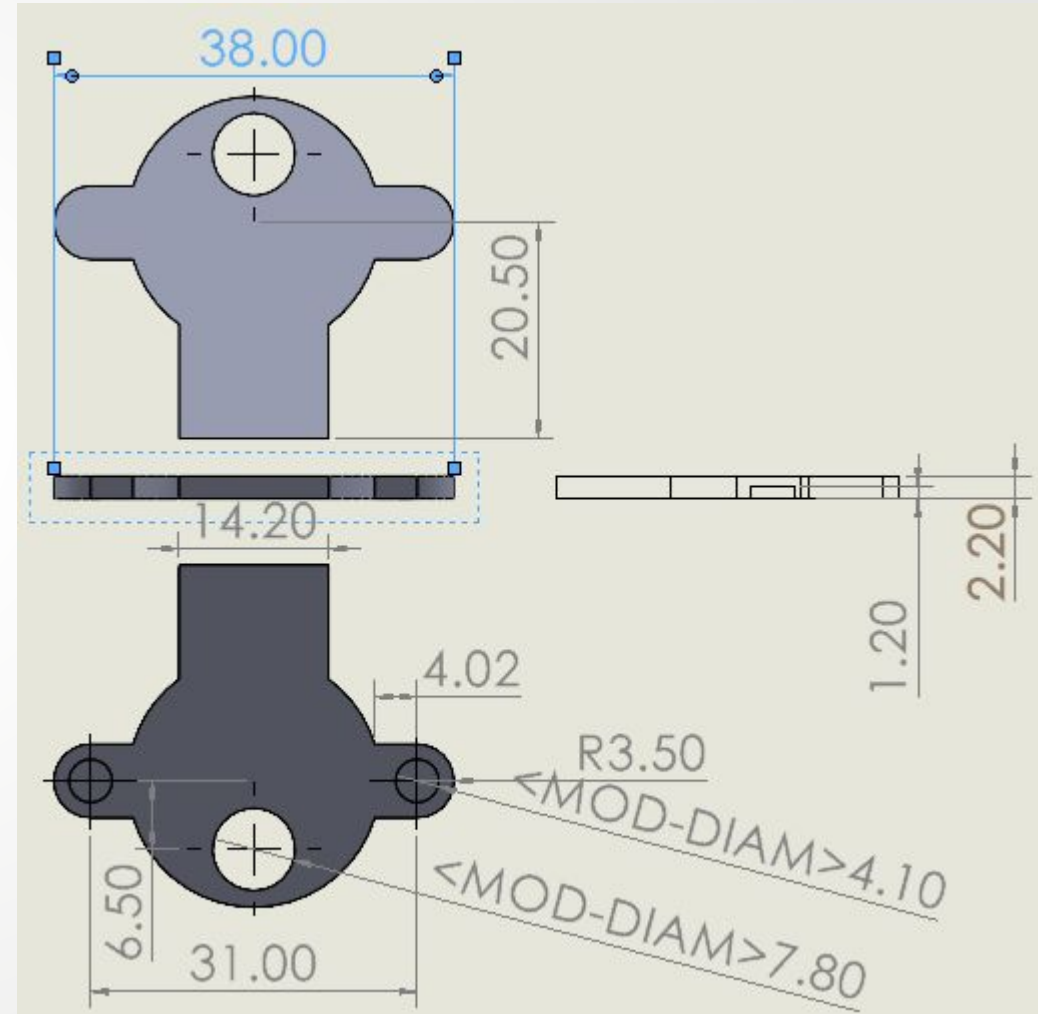


# Casing Model Cont.

## Motor Housing



## Motor Cover



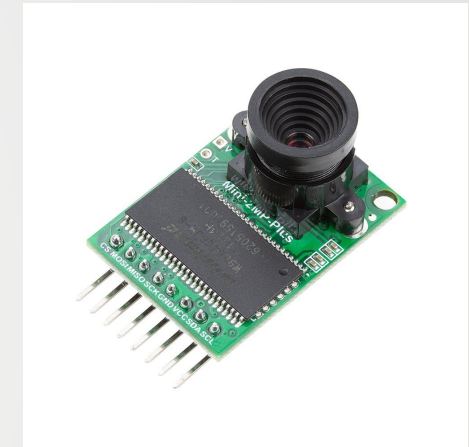
# CDR Accomplishments/Challenges - Camera/Sensor Design

## Camera Subsystem Software

- Created a socket interface to communicate camera subsystem data between Pico and an external device
  - live video feed, although it is rather slow
  - distance sensor data
- This took a lot of time and effort between team members and impeded some of the work on the app development
- HC-SR04 Capabilities
  - Measuring angle: 15 degrees
  - Accurate Ranging Distance: 2 cm - 400 cm



Dimensions: 80mm  
x 35mm  
Weight: ~120g  
Price: \$28



Dimensions: 24.4  
mm x 34.1 mm  
Weight: 60g  
Price: \$25

# Wirelessly Data Transfer

## Socket in Python (Server - PC/Mobile App)

A socket is a type of a two-way communication between two programs on a network.

- IP address and port number
- Server and clients

```
import socket
import cv2
import numpy
```

```
HOST = "172.20.10.8"
PORT = 80
```

```
with socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM) as s:
    s.bind((HOST, PORT))
    s.listen()
    print("Accepting connections")
    while True:
        conn, addr = s.accept()
        try:
            while True:
                data = conn.recv(30000)
                if data:
                    data2 = numpy.frombuffer((data+B'\xff'+B'\xd9'), dtype='uint8')
                    image = cv2.imdecode(data2, cv2.IMREAD_COLOR) # 图像解码
                    if image is not None and image.size > 0:
                        cv2.imshow('Live Video', image)
                    else:
                        pass
                    if cv2.waitKey(10) & 0xFF == ord('q'):
                        break
                else:
                    break
            except BlockingIOError:
                pass
```

# Wirelessly Data Transfer

## Socketpool in C-Python (Clients - PCB/Pico W)

```
1 import time as utime
2 import busio
3 import board
4 import usb_cdc
5 import digitalio
6 #import serial
7 from Arducam import *
8 from board import *
9 import adafruit_hcsr04
10 from adafruit_bus_device.spi_device import SPIDevice
11
12 import wifi
13 import socketpool
14 import ssl
15 import time
16
17
18 HOST = "172.20.10.8"
19 PORT = 80
20
21 # Connect to wifi
22 print("Connecting to wifi")
23 wifi.radio.connect("iPhone (3)", "88888888")
24 pool = socketpool.SocketPool(wifi.radio)
25 print("Creating Socket")
26
```

```
52 with pool.socket(pool.AF_INET, pool.SOCK_STREAM) as s:
53     #print("Connecting")
54     s.connect((HOST, PORT))
55     #print("Sending")
56     while True:
57         mycam.spi.readinto(buffer, start=0, end=once_number)
58         usb_cdc.data.write(buffer)
59         sent = s.send(buffer)
60         utime.sleep(0.00015)
61         count+=once_number
62
63     if count+once_number>lenght:
64         count=lenght-count
65         mycam.spi.readinto(buffer, start=0, end=count)
66         usb_cdc.data.write(buffer)
67         mycam.SPI_CS_HIGH()
68         mycam.clear_fifo_flag()
69         break
70
```

# Wireless Data Transfer – Distance/Motor Data

On the server, we wait for the user to press a key:

- D is to receive distance data
- W is to return to our reference angle
- E is to rotate

The client will receive the request and perform the corresponding operations.

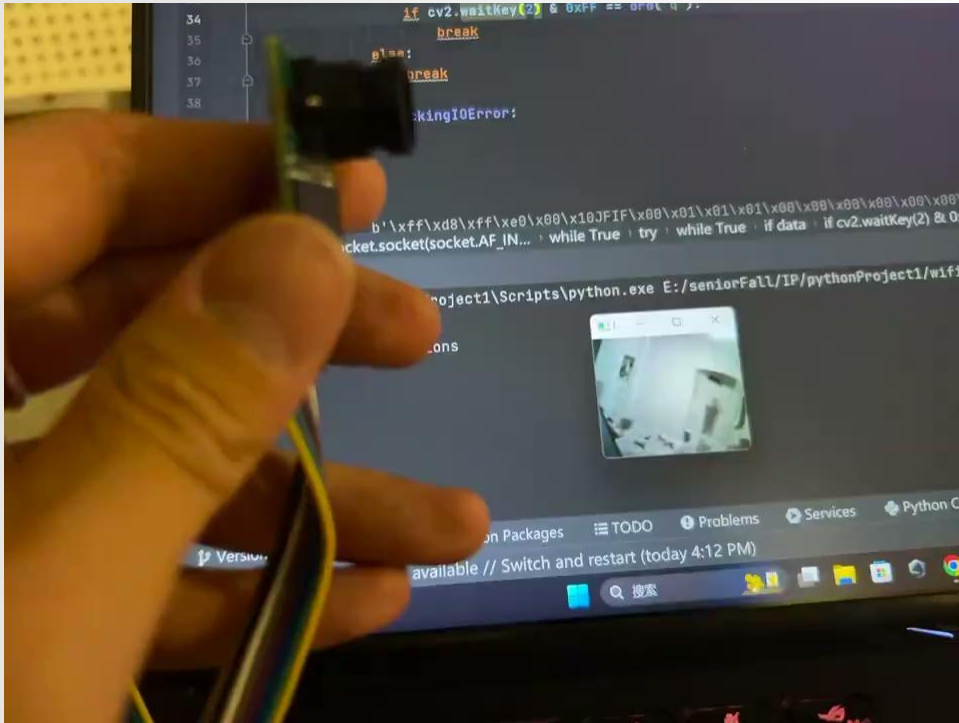
- Q is to rotate counter clockwise
- A is to rotate clockwise

When user input is detected, we send the corresponding byte to the client, asking for data to be sent back to the server, or for a command to be run

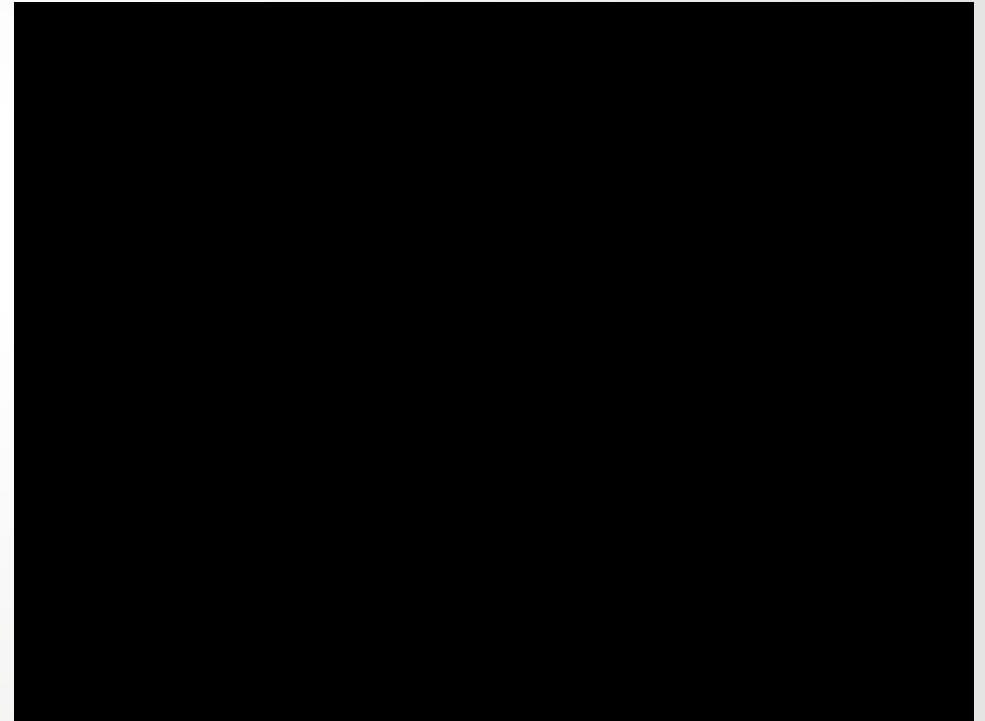
```
if keyboard.is_pressed("d"):
    buff = bytearray(1)
    numbytes = s.recv_into(buff)
    if buff == b'1':
        #print(buff)
        send = s.send(str(sonar.distance/100) + " meters")
    elif buff == b'2':
        scout = ecount + qcount
        if scout < 0:
            for i in range(abs(scout)):
                step("clockwise")
        else:
            for i in range(scout):
                step("counterclockwise")
            scout = 0
            ecount = 0
            qcount = 0
    elif buff == b'3':
        step("clockwise")
        ecount = ecount + 1
    elif buff == b'4':
        step("counterclockwise")
        qcount = qcount - 1
```

# Camera Subsystem Verification

## Live video demo



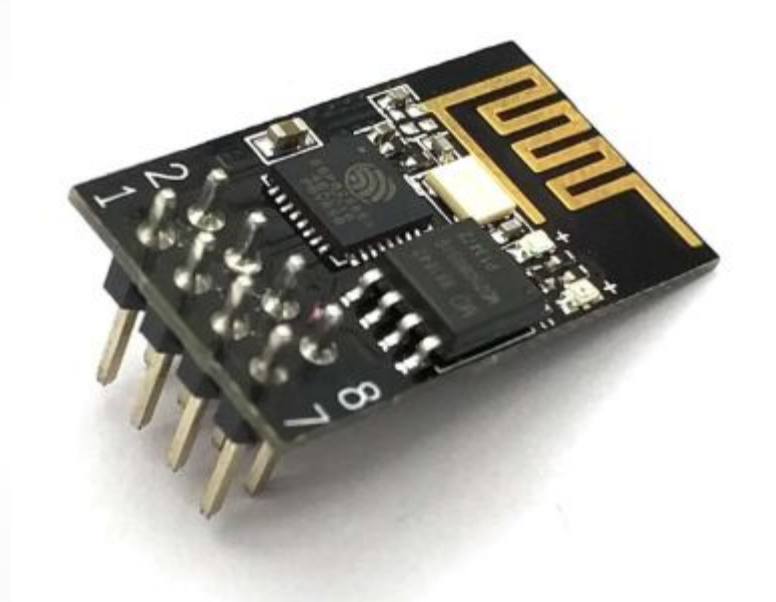
## Distance sender demo



# Wifi chip



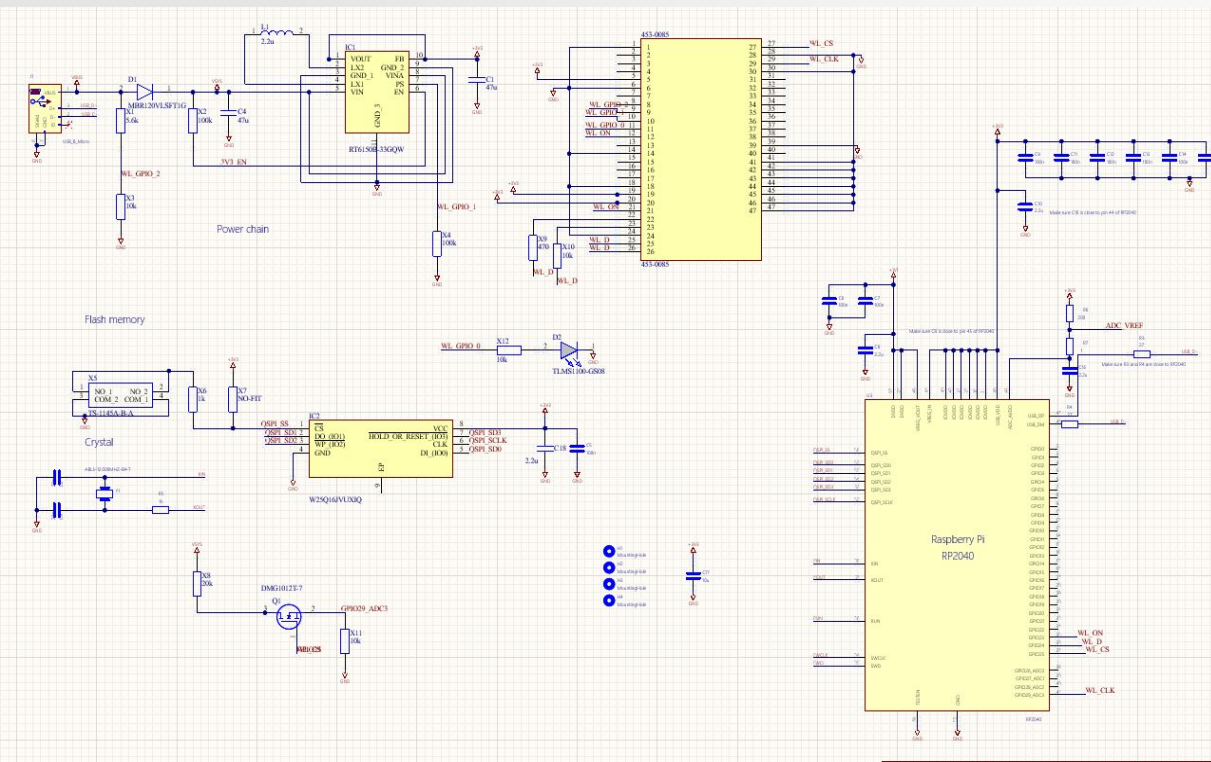
CYW43439 chip



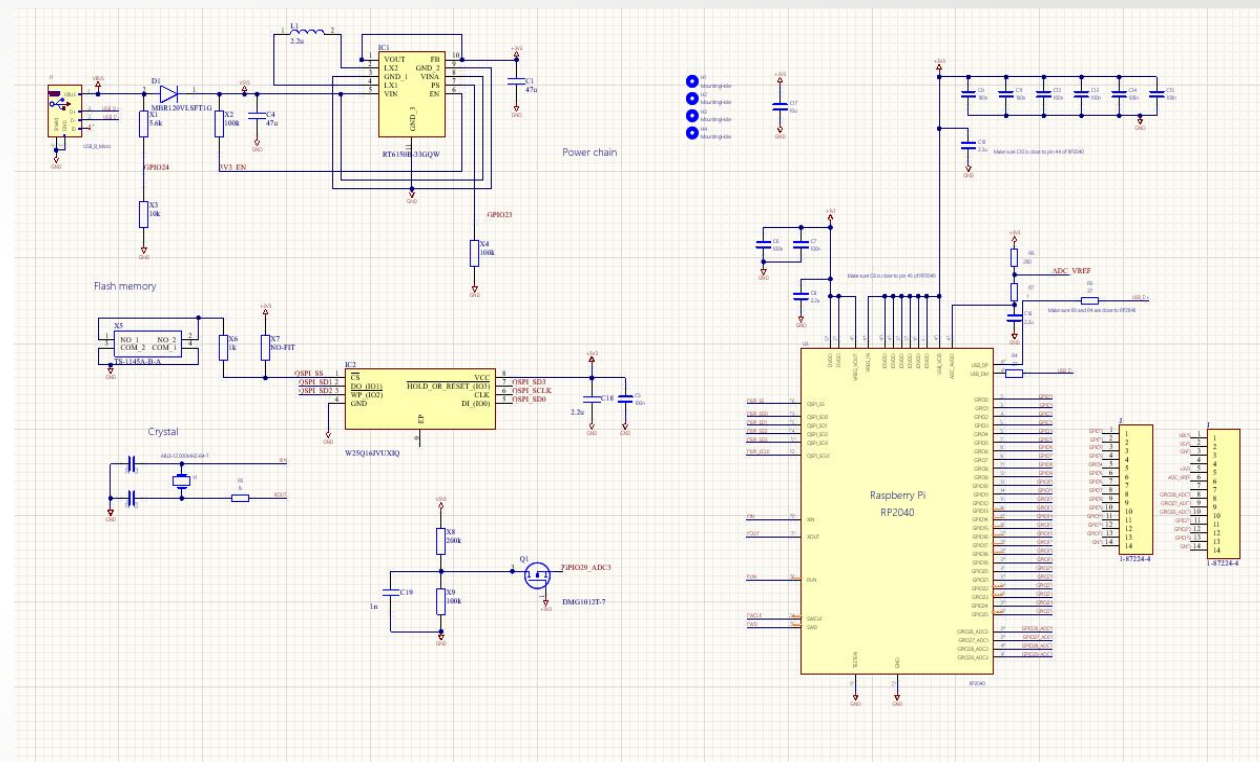
ESP-01 chip



# PCB Schematic

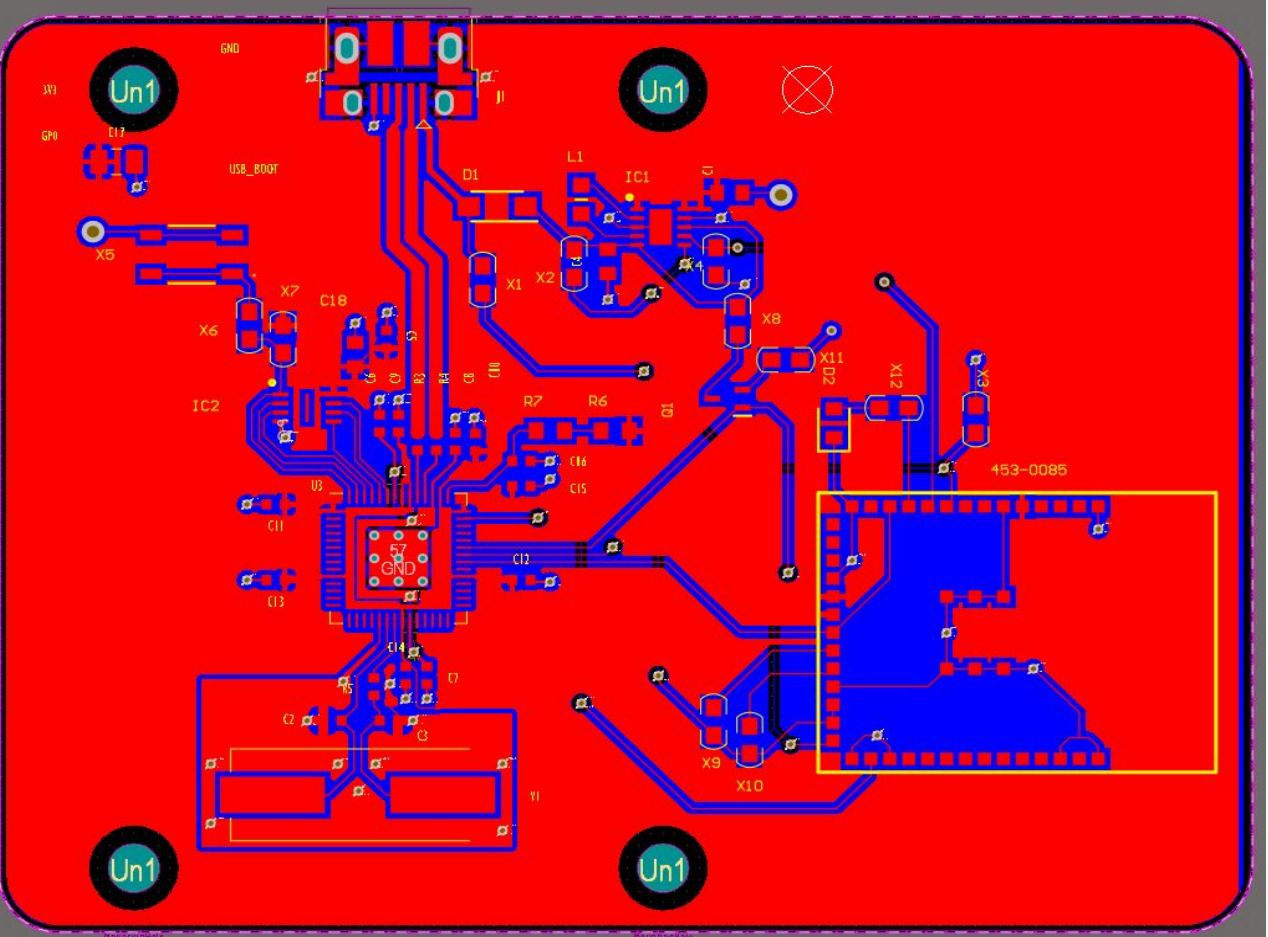


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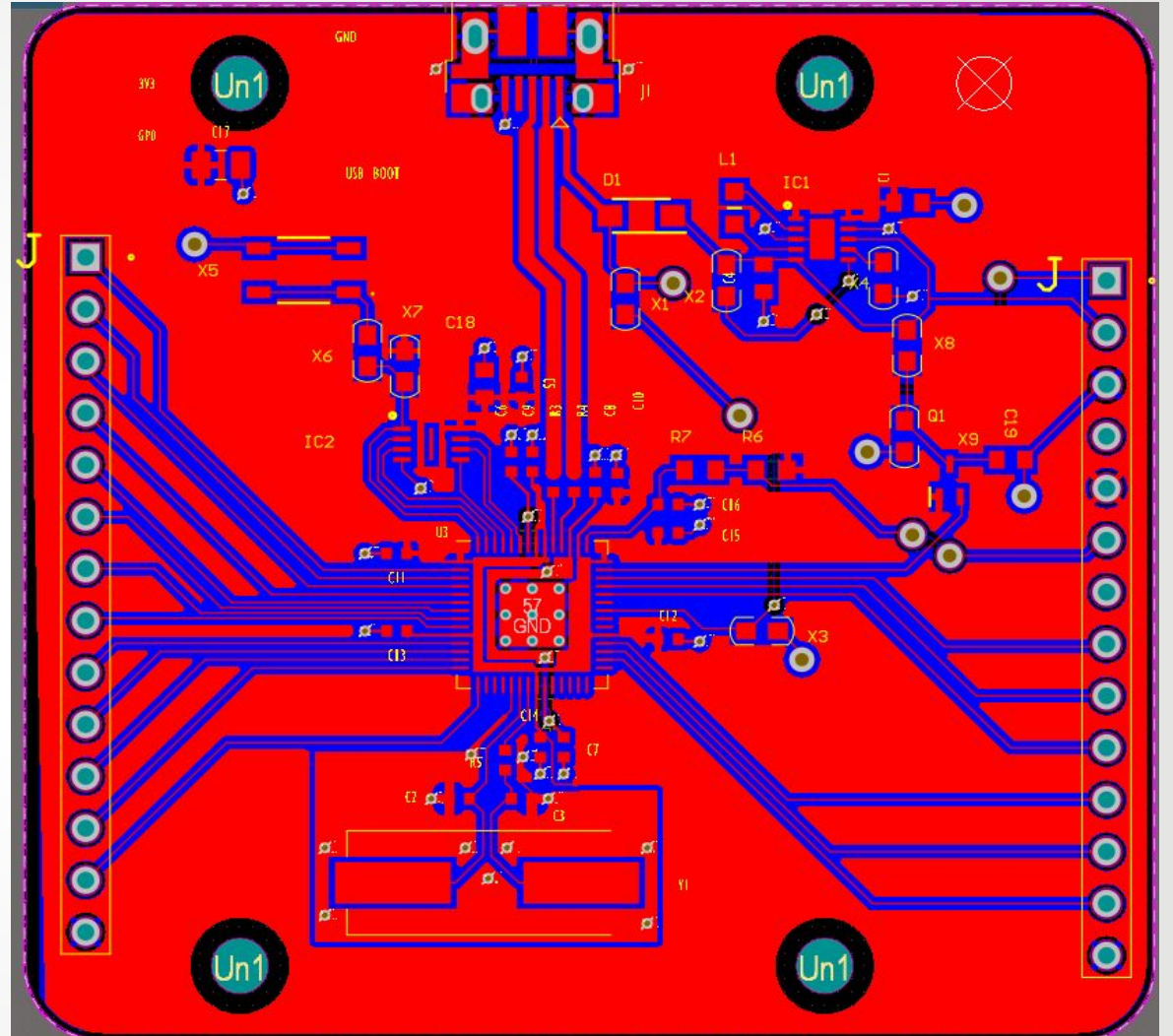


ESP-01 chip

# PCB layout

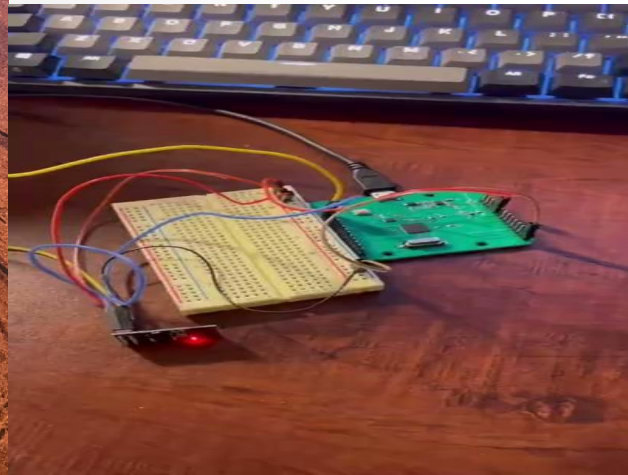
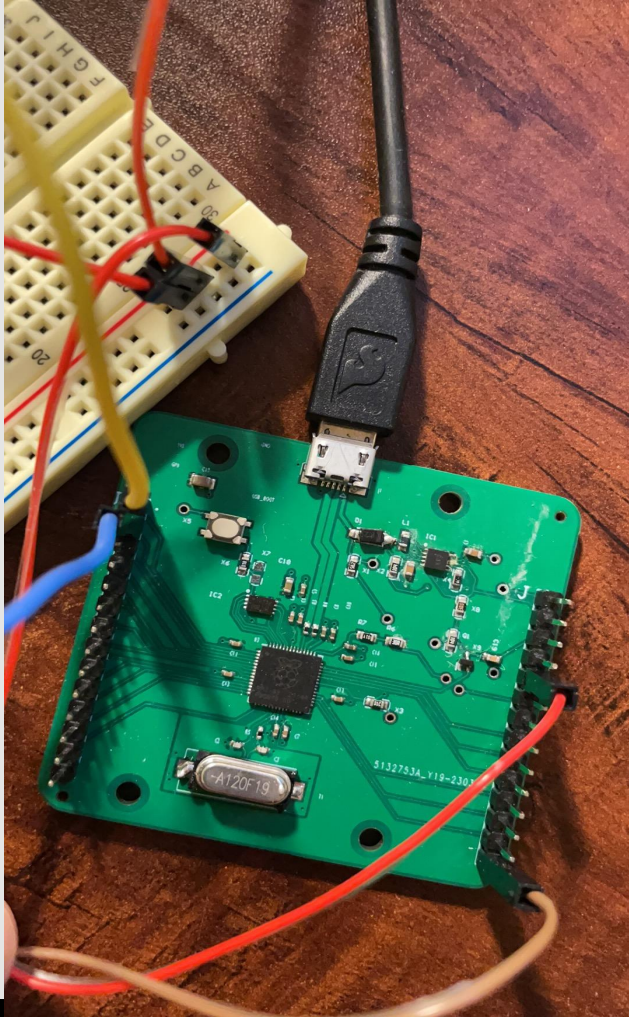


CYW43439 chip



ESP-01 chip

# PCB demo



```
print("Try to connect with the WiFi..")

while (1):
    wifi_status = esp01.connectWiFi("yichong","umass151")
    if "WIFI CONNECTED" in wifi_status:
        print("The ESP8266 has successfully connected to the WiFi...")
        break
    elif "WIFI DISCONNECT" in wifi_status:
        print("ESP8266 failed to connect to the WiFi. Retrying..")
        time.sleep(5)
    else:
        print("ESP8266 is attempting to connect to the WiFi..")
        time.sleep(5)

print("\r\n\r\n")
```

# FPR Deliverables—PCB

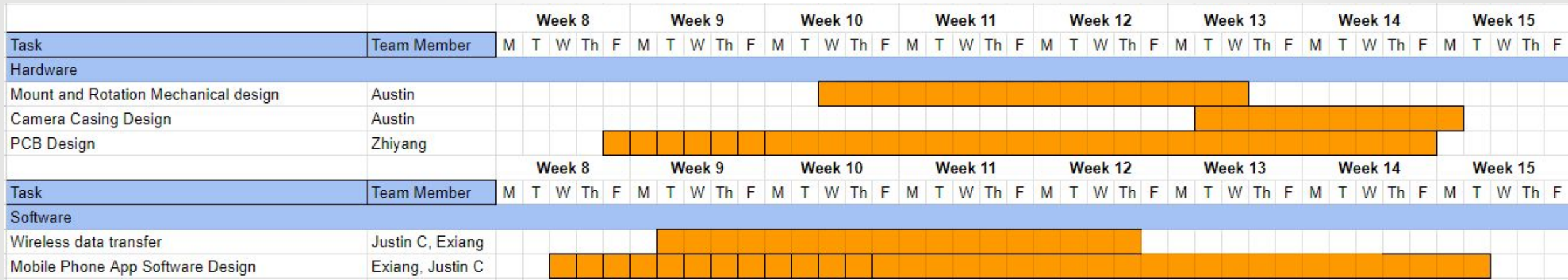
Power supply



# FPR Deliverables

- **Mounting System**
  - Final version of wireless housing models with built in power supplies
- **Mobile App**
  - Prototype app that receives visual feed and distance data
  - Will be able to wirelessly send commands to the microcontroller via GUI
    - Rotate Camera, Take screenshot, Show Distance
- **Camera Subsystem**
  - Will have three camera subsystems that work in parallel to send data to server

# Gantt Chart



# Parts List

- Raspberry Pi Pico x3 • \$12
- HC-SR04 Distance Sensor x3 • \$18
- Arducam Day&Night Vision Camera • \$28
- Arducam 2MP • \$25
- Ordered PCBs • \$35
- 24BJY48 x 3 • \$0
- ULN2003 Driver x3 • \$0
- 3D Printed Parts • \$0

**SDP Budget Used: \$151.41**

**Total: ~\$175**

# Future Parts List

- Lithium Battery
  - Arducam 2MP
  - Heavy Duty Straps
  - Custom PCBs
  - 3D Printed Parts
- \$30
  - \$25
  - \$10
  - \$150
  - \$0

**Total: \$255**



# Q&A

**Thank You!**

# Works Cited

## Proximity Sensing:

- <https://ascencione.com/proximity-sensor-on-a-car-automobile/#:~:text=They%20are%20mounted%20on%20all,of%20up%20to%2010%20feet>
- <https://mycardoeswhat.org/safety-features/parking-sensors/>
- <https://www.chevrolet.com/support/vehicle/driving-safety/parking/front-rear-park-assist>

## Back Up Camera Collision Decrease:

- <https://www.iihs.org/topics/bibliography/ref/2130>

## Arducam Research

- <https://www.arducam.com/>

## Camera Panning system

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEBjbSTLytk>

## Background Information

- <https://www.rhoadsandrhoads.com/blog/avoid-an-accident-and-injuries-with-safer-towing-and-trailering/#:~:text=The%20National%20Highway%20Traffic%20Safety,trailer%2C%20or%20an%20extra%20load>

## Similar Solutions

- <https://www.amazon.com/Wireless-Waterproof-License-Monitor-Trailer/dp/B0768TW5MW>
- [https://bulepods.com/product/1080p-hd-mini-wireless-mini-camera-camcorder-wifi-outdoor-home-security-dvr/?qclid=Cj0KCQjw166aBhDEARIsAMEyZh6-ME4\\_35CjWQOa4GCF8a1MQw9MExEK2QYDPwgObFe4msGaK2f1U-YaAkMjEALw\\_wcB](https://bulepods.com/product/1080p-hd-mini-wireless-mini-camera-camcorder-wifi-outdoor-home-security-dvr/?qclid=Cj0KCQjw166aBhDEARIsAMEyZh6-ME4_35CjWQOa4GCF8a1MQw9MExEK2QYDPwgObFe4msGaK2f1U-YaAkMjEALw_wcB)
- [https://www.tadibrothers.com/products/9-monitor-with-wireless-mounted-rv-backup-camera?qclid=Cj0KCQjw166aBhDEARIsAMEyZh5TeRzjKDRa7v83kdIWjn4xN1IDf\\_P8eycc5BjxiW0tsCPysb3zWzAaArC\\_EALw\\_wcB](https://www.tadibrothers.com/products/9-monitor-with-wireless-mounted-rv-backup-camera?qclid=Cj0KCQjw166aBhDEARIsAMEyZh5TeRzjKDRa7v83kdIWjn4xN1IDf_P8eycc5BjxiW0tsCPysb3zWzAaArC_EALw_wcB)
- <https://www.walmart.com/ip/WiFi-HD-Wireless-Car-Rear-View-Cam-Wireless-Backup-Camera-Waterproof-Camera-for-Cars-Trucks-Vans-Pickups-SUVs-WiFi-Backup/769954848?wmlspartner=wlp&selectedSellerId=18988>

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Distance Sensor setup:

- <https://learn.adafruit.com/ultrasonic-sonar-distance-sensors/python-circuitpython>

Thonny Pico Setup

- <https://www.tomshardware.com/how-to/raspberry-pi-pico-setup#:~:text=Connect%20the%20Raspberry%20Pi%20Pico,Click%20Ok%20to%20close.>

Raspberry Pi Pico hardware example:

- [Raspberry Pi Documentation - Raspberry Pi Pico and Pico W](#)