PROJECT INDUZIONE



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TEAM ALWAYS BLOCK

A Letter from the Team:

With the class now over, we hope to continue to make Project Induzione something real.

We would like to thank Bob Ward and CECS 490B for bringing us all together and helping us form this idea.

We have been excited to work on this project and give it the amount of attention to detail and excellence it needs for it to take wings.

Love,

TEAM ALWAYS BLOCK hello@teamalwaysblock.com

PROJECT SUMMARY

An overview of our project.

// SUMMARY

Project Induzione is simple:

01. Plug our peripheral into your car's OBD-II port (every car since 1996 has one).

02. Drive.

03. Connect to our smartphone application and have fun!

ESSENTIALLY :

Our product consists of (1) a "plug-and-forget" component that you plug into your car that logs information about your car (including error codes and diagnostics) and (2) a smartphone application where you can access this information.

We seek to create the missing bridge of interactivity between you and your car.

// SUMMARY

Our team ultimately shares a broad vision based upon expanding your use of your car's data beyond viewing data-logging / diagnostic information.

// WE IMAGINE:

- 01. Having a social hub where you can compare your stats and compete with your friends based upon those stats
- 02. 'Leveling-up' based upon your driving habits and having the ability to both add virtual upgrades to the car you drive and race your friends virtually based upon those stats
- 03. Compete in weekly challenges with other users. (i.e., drive 200 miles this week or check all of the vitals for your car within the application).

This document serves as an introduction to Project Induzione, the technology behind it, and the features that make it a compelling product.

PREVIOUS WORK

Work already completed towards our project before our class' endeavor.

// PREVIOUS WORK - OUR STORY



NEW BEGINNINGS

Our project was defined by us as a team, and there were was no previous work done associated with our project. A fresh start.

Existing solutions similar in scope and functionality to our project.

There are several products existing today that are similar to our product. An overview of these products is listed in the table below.

| TORQUE | ANDROID |
|--|-------------|
| Product Description: | |
| Torque is an application that allows users to view information about their car via an OBD-II peripheral that connects to the vehicle and links to the user's phone via BlueTooth. In Torque, you are presented car information such as MPG, coolant values, and are alerted of fault codes. | |
| WAZE | ANDROID/IOS |
| Product Description: | |
| Waze is a traffic and navigation application that is community-based. Essentially, users collaborate to provide traffic information on highways across the country. As you drive more, you collect pellets using the phone's GPS that increase your running score within the application. Users are able to provide alerts to other users based upon current traffic conditions. | |
| ΜΑVΙΑ | IOS |
| Product Description: | |
| Mavia is a car-connection tool that uses the OBD-II port to provide a driver information about their vehicle. It provides deep analytics in a user- friendly manner, and uses social aspects to enhance the driver's connection to their surroundings. | |
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TORQUE

An application designed to allow users to view information about their car via an OBD-II peripheral that connects to the vehicle and links to the user's phone via BlueTooth.



// HOW IT IS SIMILAR

Torque uses a BlueTooth peripheral to connect the user's car (via OBD-II) to their phone. This connection is the same kind we will be using for our product. Also, Torque displays information about your with gauges and skeuomorphisms that make the app look like the kind of presentation you would see on your dashboard.

// HOW IT DIFFERS

This application gathers all of the necessary information about your car, but does not present it in a way that is by nature social or gamified. You do not get rewarded from the values read on your car, and although you can post information to Facebook or Twitter, you are not connected to your friends who are also using the app.

WAZE

A traffic and navigation application where users collaborate to provide traffic information on highways across the country.



// HOW IT IS SIMILAR

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// HOW IT DIFFERS

Waze is focused on traffic and it's user-base mainly uses the application for traffic information. Also, Waze does not utilize the car's OBD-II port. While our app focuses on connecting the user with their car in a unique way and letting them 'level-up' and feel connected to their car, Waze is about giving users useful traffic information for their daily drive.

MAVIA

A car-connection tool that uses the OBD-II port to provide a driver information about their vehicle. It provides deep analytics in a user friendly manner, and uses social aspects to enhance the driver's connection to their surroundings.



// HOW IT IS SIMILAR

Mavia is our biggest competitor, and is the product that is most similar to what we are creating. It provides analytics to users in a friendly format with a welldesigned iOS UI/UX. It encourages users to be social by connecting to outside social networks such as Facebook, Twiter, and Foursquare.

// HOW IT DIFFERS

Mavia does not present a gamified experience to users. Also, Mavia does not connect users socially directly through the app: it instead directs users to post on an outside network. Unlike our application, Mavia focuses on analytics, geofencing, locating, and reminding, but does not have any of the gamified aspects that our product does. It also does not provide analytics as deep as we intend to (such as average/realtime RPM, tire pressure, etc.)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A full description of our project.

// THE APPLICATION

From the Android application our team developed you can see your car's logged data. The application has a tabular interface displaying data-logging and car information.



// APPLICATION DETAILS

The Android application has a tabular interface displaying:

- Home (shows info on your car / weekly challenges)

- Social Hub (car club and competitive, connect with friends and family)

- Live data-logging / synced data displaying graphical gauges (analog / digital)

- Diagnostics (diagnostic trouble codes, reminders for oil changes, tire pressure)

// THE PERIPHERAL

The hardware peripheral that plugs into the car houses a custom, teamdesigned printed circuit board (PCB). The idea behind this peripheral is that it will be plugged into the OBD-II port of car and left alone to gather data.



// LOGGING METRICS

The peripheral will be able to logs the following metrics:

- Fuel consumption
- Fuel used or remaining
- Fuel wasted while idling
- Distance
- Location
- Engine RPM
- Vehicle speed
- Engine load
- Air intake temperature
- Throttle position
- Battery voltage
- Error codes

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

A list of specifications our project was designed to meet.

// SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for this project were chosen to provide the best user experience possible. We found it crucial to focus on designing a product that we ourselves would want to use, and our product specifications reflect that.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Since our product is divided into two pieces (peripheral and application), the specifications we have created are divided into two parts. The specifications of our product are described below. Major project requirements are designated with two stars (**).

PROJECT INDUZIONE PERIPHERAL

- Product Size (WxL): 1.8" x 3" compact design **
- Power Source: Requires 12V 16V from OBD-II port **
- Built in GPS
- Built in BlueTooth **

MOBILE APPLICATION

- Android application required to communicate with the peripheral **
- Free Android application available on Google Play marketplace **
- Sync data stored in the peripheral to the application via BlueTooth **
- Tabular view showing interactive sections of application
 - Home (shows info on your car / weekly challenges) **
 - Social Hub (car club and competitive, connect with friends and family
 - Live data-logging / synced data displayed (graphical gauges) **
 - Diagnostics (show diagnostic trouble codes, reminders for oil changes, check tire pressure)

// SPECIFICATIONS

DID WE MEET OUR SPECIFICATIONS?

Project Induzione is an ambitious project. Our group has worked diligently in meeting each specification we assigned for ourselves, however, we did have some issues that we're the result of us being a small-shop with limited time. The mobile application we were able to meet all of our specifications. We had some trouble with the PCB, however, detailed in the section below.

PCB

We constructed two PCBs, however, we were unable to program either of them! We were unable to resolve this issue. We do know that all of the peripherals (GPS, BlueTooth) on our board function correctly. The specifications we met as a team are shown below:

PROJECT INDUZIONE PERIPHERAL

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TASK LISTING

Tasks necessary for the project.

// TASK LISTING

Hardware and software tasks required for our project, when broken down, can be seen as the following:

- 01. Purchase all required modules / hardware components
- 02. GPS data-logging
- 03. GPS data parsing and storing to SD card
- 04. OBD-II data logging
- 05. OBD-II data parsing and storing to SD card
- 06. BlueTooth UART communication
- 07. Purchase surface mount version of the modules / hardware components
- 08. Create board and schematic using Eagle CADsoft
- 09. Create gerber file and begin prototyping
- 10. Solder board and test
- 11. Plastic case enclosure research
- 12. Order plastic case enclosure
- 13. Application phase: determine development environment
- 14. Application phase: wireframing/screens/UX-UI flow
- 15. Application phase: begin prototyping application, divide application into segments
- 16. Application phase: bring and store data locally into an Android phone via BlueTooth
- 17. Application phase: server-side implementation
- 18. Complete application

// TASK LISTING

TRELLO TASK MANAGEMENT

Our team used a task management system called Trello. Trello allows teams to create boards with tasks and assign them to individual members or the group as a whole. It greatly helps in helping the team stay on schedule, as each team member can see the progress of another. A screenshot of Trello is provided below.

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| | Initial Tasks | |
| | Phase 1 - USB | |
| | Phase 2A - OBD2 UART | |
| | Phase 2B - GPS | |
| | Phase 2C - Bluetooth | |
| | Planning - Overall To-Do | |
| | | |

POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS

A brief overview of the people our project would appeal to.

// POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Our product can be a little confusing - we understand. The following sections contain use-case scenarios from several Project Induzione users, who each use Project Induzione for different purposes.

MEET JODY



Jody buys Project Induzione for her new Fiat 500c Convertible.

Jody isn't all that concerned with the game aspects that Project Induzione provides, but she is interested in knowing the metrics of her car. Since she has a new car, she wants to make sure that everything is constantly A-Ok and looking normal before she would ever get a check engine light. If she ever does get an error code, she is comfortable in the fact that the Project Induzione component will diagnost the error code her car is throwing and record it so that is better able to tell the dealership what the problem is.

Jody has logs of her coolant temperature, fuel gauges, tire pressure, and other useful metrics in the palm of her hands at all times. She's an avid Project Induzione user for the ease of monitoring it presents her.

// POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS

MEET PHILLIP



Phillip commutes from Los Angeles to Corona daily. That's a lot of driving!

Phillip buys the Project Induzione physical peripheral, plugs it into his OBD-II port in his car, and downloads the Project induzione smartphone application.

Phillip is now connected to the nation-wide community of Project Induzione users. Project Induzione recognizes the car he's driving (a 2010 Nissan Altima) and assigns it a base performance index (PI) of 56.

He goes to race another driver virtually (who drives a 2003 Honda Acoord), and loses badly! He needs to improve his stats.

Phillip gains 400 experience points every weekday for his round-trip commute of 80 miles. Also for this week, one of the Project Induzione weekly achievements is to get 35 MPG for the week. Phillip gets this achievement and is awarded an extra 500 experience points. Sweet!

Phillip quickly levels up his car, buys virtual upgrades to his car with the virtual points he's earned (he chooses to get a new transmission) to improve his PI, and once again challenges the person who had the Honda Accord who burned him earlier.

He wins! Phillip is engaged and now wants to drive more, hit landmarks, get more achievements, and win more races, all while having valuable information about his car readily available! W00T!
// POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS

MEET JESSIE



He is your automotive enthusiast.

He's the guy that checks his oil and tire pressure every week and does not put anything less than 91 octane in his 2000 BMW 325i. He knows a little about engine management and is a good wrench. He can work his way around a car and diagnose what's wrong with his and his friend's vehicles.

Jessie buys the Project Induzione peripheral and installed the Android application to make it easier for on him to troubleshooe the many problems he is now encountering with his high mileage car.

He opens the live data-logging feature and not only finds that one of his cylinders is having a misfire and triggering a check engine light, he also discovers that his oil temperature is higher than usual. He replaces his spark plugs, cleans his mass flow sensor, and finds an oil leak. These small fixes help him keep his car on the road, and not broken down on the side of the highway.

// POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS

MEET RONALD



Ronald just bought a used 2001 Honda Civic for his son. a new driver.

Ronald buys the Project Induzione peripheral to keep track of his son's driving habits. He enables Project Induzione's blackbox logging feature to see if his son is ever speeding or driving recklessly. He also keeps track of his son's car for him, and takes care of any maintenance that the car needs when he notices something is wrong with the car.

Ronald handles the car vitals, while his son uses Project Induzione for the gaming aspect of it, leveling up his car as he drives and challenging other users.



The nuts and bolts of our project.

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Many drivers today are left at the mercy of car dealerships and/or questionable auto mechanics. Most, if not all people have no idea what exactly is going on under the hood of their car. For example, if a check engine light goes on, the driver typically does not know the reason why. With the features of our tool, users are able to diagnose any problems that arise with their vehicle, allowing them to know exactly what needs to be done when approaching a mechanic.

DESIGN CHART

In order to create this solution, our product implements many pieces of technology. There are various modules and peripherals that are required for successful completion of our project. A top-level block overview of the prototype of our project is provided below.

Note: The diagram below is strictly for prototyping purposes. All components of our project are finalized on a PCB designed by our team.



LIST OF COMPONENTS

As seen in the previous diagram, the components of Project Induzione consist of the following:

- 01. Car with OBD-II Port
- 02. OBD-II to Serial Interface
- 03. LPC2148
- 04. SD card
- 05. GPS Module
- 06. RN-41 SM BlueTooth Module
- 07. Smartphone

Every car manufactures since 1996 has an OBD-II port, where various parameters about the car can be read and analyzed. We will retrieve data from the car through the OBD-II port. An ARM LPC2148 will handle the data we retrieve from the car via a scheduling technique while the user is driving. This data will be stored on an SD card and transmitted to a smartphone device using BlueTooth technology. A GPS will be responsible for logging location data as well as mileage count. All of this data will be displayed on an Android application.

In essence, the flow of technology in our device is as follows:

- 01. Microprocessor receives data from car and GPS
- 02. Microprocessor logs data to SD card
- 03. When user connects to device, microprocessor sends data over BlueTooth
- 04. User retrieves data on their phone

The Android application has features varying from data displaying, location displaying, virtual car upgrading, virtual racing, acheivements, a social hub, and a car club. These features are integrated from the data we retrieve from the OBD-II port and the GPS.

The next section provides a walkthrough of the above block diagram and the interconnecting components of technology that our project is composed of.

WALKTHROUGH OF TECHNOLOGY

This section details a walkthrough of each functional block of technology that is included in our project. The first major component of our project is our user's car. Pictured below is a car -- a Mclaren MP4-12C (lovingly dubbed by our team as the Mclaren LPC2148).



Aside from the 0-60 in 3.3 seconds the car user owns (or a more regular, pedestrian car than the one shown above) and the user's phone, only one component of Project Induzione is visible to the user. All of the following components will be placed within a case housing a PCB with the finished design. The user will only see an OBD-II connector to plug in and a block. Our goal is to be able to fit the PCB in a palm-fitting case/connector. We will be **creating our own custom PCB** for this design. For our final project we were unable to acheive the housing. Below is the PCB.



For protoyping purposes, the first component obfuscated to the user is an OBD-II to DB9 module that acts as the interface to the vehicle. The module will transcribe the OBD-II protocol into a workable UART form.

WALKTHROUGH OF TECHNOLOGY CONTINUED



This UART module connects to an LPC2148 microprocessor via serial communication.



The LPC2148 interfaces with an MTK3339 GPS chip, which logs location data every ~2 minutes when the device is powered.



WALKTHROUGH OF TECHNOLOGY CONTINUED

The logged data from both the GPS and OBD-II is stored into memory.



A BlueTooth module transfers this data wirelessly to a smartphone whenever the user chooses to the sync to the application.



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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Our team and who was responsible for which aspects of the project.

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// ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Our team collaborated through all parts of the project. Every member has made a huge contribution to the project and has been a huge part of the team.



Garvin **Ling (Partner)** Grandmaster at Arms

Garvin did most of the firmware and syncing logic for the Android application. This guy did a lot of the technical stuff associated with our project, and successfully tackled the challenge of creating a working OBD-II interface using the LPC2148 (what a boss!)



Anthony **Roncal (Partner)** The Swift Scout Anthony did a lot of the Android

Anthony did a lot of the Android application and handling Social Hub aspects connected to our Parse DB backend. Dat app? Well, that's Anthony's doing.

// ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



Paul **Camantigue (Partner)** The Prodigal Explorer

Paul is our resident hardware master. He created both of our PCBs and is our master solderer. Making our PCB wasn't easy: the amount of components and the small pins of the LPC2148 make soldering a challenge. Paul was able to do it with ease.



Bo **Adepoju** The Madman of Zaun

Bo did a lot of the UI/UX of the application and contributed to the firmware. He worked towards making sure that everything app-wise was boo-yoo-tiful.

FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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// FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The following are the functional requirements of our project.

POWER SOURCE FROM OBD-II

Our peripheral needs to be powered from the OBD-II port of the car and not require any other form of power.

BUILT IN GPS

THE GPS is a necessary part of our finished PCB design.

BUILT IN BLUETOOTH

The BlueTooth is a necessary component of our finished PCB design.

APPLICATION: REQUIRED TO COMMUNICATE WITH PERIPHERAL

Our Android application needs to be able to successfully receive and send data to our PCB.

APPLICATION: TABULAR VIEW

Our application's tabular view must contain the following:

- Home (shows info on your car / weekly challenges)
- Social Hub (car club and competitive, connect with friends and family
- Live data-logging / synced data displayed
- Diagnostics (show diagnostic trouble codes, reminders for oil changes, check tire pressure)

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A brief overview of the people our project would appeal to.

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The application software powers our mobile device and it's phone-side interactivity with our PCB.

APPLICATION SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

The application software is implemented as an Android application on an Android device. From here the user is able to communicate with the OBD-II interface via our embedded firmware. This is where the diagnostic checking and "gameplay" takes place. The application uses the data acquired from the OBD-II interface and applies it to the game. The user has the ability to acheive certain set goals for the week in order to gain points and level up. For example, the user will be given a goal such as one of the following:

- 01. Have a level coolant temperature for the entire week
- 02. Drive within a radius of a specified landmark or group of landmarks (i.e. drive past an In-N-Out) X amount of times in a week
- 03. Log onto the Project Induzione application X times in a week

The product then accumulates statistics over the lifespan of this goal and reward the user accordingly.

Our product has passive logging capabilities and records data onto the SD card interface on our PCB. If the user chooses to do so, he/she can then use the application and "sync" up the SD card data to their phone. This way, the user does not need to have the application running in order to achieve certain gameplay goals. The user is also able to read live data from the OBD-II interface by sending out a byte to the BlueTooth module of the hardware board. The firmware then handles it and send it out through the OBD-II interface. This allows the user to display data such as engine rpm, air/fuel mixture ratio, and other parameters, in real time.

The flowchart shown below is a summarizzed version of our software flow in the Android application. It is a simple, tabbed, and organized set of screens that is easy to navigate through.

APPLICATION SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION CONTINUED



When one chooses to view the live data logging screen of the application, they will go through either one of two processes: live parameter displaying or background "blackbox logging".

APPLICATION SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION CONTINUED Start Live Parameter Background Display "Blackbox" Logging Select Parameters Select Parameter Send request to Select Time ECU via bluetooth Log Data to Retrieve Data Send Parameters file from Buffer Yes No Yes No Display Data to Store Data Phone New data Timeout? requested?

LIVE PARAMETER DISPLAY

The Project Induzione peripheral constantly requests data corresponding to the user's choice through the smartphone application. This data is shown in real time, shown as a gauge for that specific parameter.

BACKGROUND "BLACKBOX" LOGGING

If something is wrong with a user's car, we want to give the user a choise to "log" and store the data to an SD card. This allows the user to send their logs to an automotive mechanic who understands engine management. This way, if the check engine light does not turn on, there can still be a way to find what is wrong with a user's vehicle. Our blackbox logging feature is also a useful tool to help the user keep track of either their own driving habits or the driving habits of other people who use their vehicle. For example, a parent might want to enable the blackbox logging functionality can prove to be

BACKGROUND "BLACKBOX" LOGGING CONTINUED

useful to both the enthusiast and the everyday commuter.



Whenever the check engine light goes on, the user is able to read what is called a "Diagnostic Trouble Code" from the ECU. These DTCs are universal identifiers for various problems that arise in an automobile. If a user's car triggers the check engine light, we can request the data via OBD-II and retrieve a code back respective to their current error. Once our application detects an error code in the vehicle's ECU, the application will launch the phone's browser and directly run a search for causes and solutions pertaining to that specific error code.

APPLICATION SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION CONTINUED



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FACEBOOK LOGIN CODE

```
/**
 *
 * @param onClickShowDialog() method
 *
 */
private void onClickShowDialog(){
    // starts Facebook Login
    ParseFacebookUtils.logIn(Arrays.asList("email", Permissions.Friends.ABOUT_ME), this, new LogInCallback(){
        @Override
        public void done(ParseUser user, ParseException err){
            if (user == null){
                Log.d("Project Induzione", "The user cancelled the Facebook login.");
            } else if (user.isNew()){
                getFacebookIdInBackground();
                Log.d("Project Induzione", "User signed up and logged in through Facebook!");
                showAlert(user);
            } else {
                getFacebookIdInBackground();
                Log.d("Project Induzione", "User logged in through Facebook");
                showAlert(user);
            }
       }
   £);
}
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Shown above is a code snippet demonstrating our Facebook login implementation. Our application has a hook to Facebook that checks whether the user already has an existing session in the application via Facebook, if they have not yet registered, or if they are logging in for the first time.

The user interface / user experience (UI/UX) for our product is unique in the fact that the user is receiving two parts: both hardware peripheral and mobile application. The main user interface is provided via the application.

USER INTERFACE COMPONENTS

The main components of the UI for our product are listed below:

UI COMPONENTS

- LEDs on hardware peripheral to indicate connectivity status

- Slick mobile application with:
 - Enhanced dashboard (for data displaying)
 - Stat tracking / rewarding game interface

The user will not be observing any moving hardwar, e as all calculations and communication is done in the PCB and wirelessly over BlueTooth. The user interacts with our product via the Android application.

The final product features a slick and user friendly application interface. Each user will be asked to create an account upon initial startup to associate their respective device. If a user already has an account, they will be greeted with a login screen asking for their username and password.

Upon successful login, it will display multiple tabs consisting of a home screen, "My Car", social hub, car club, and diagnostics. Each tab will contain information ranging from details about a user's car, driving habits, and friend information (including stats on a friend's car).

APPLICATION WIREFRAMES

Provided in this section are early mockups that our team had created for the application we are developing.



OUR APPLICATION

Provided below are some screenshots of our actual Android application!



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CARCLUB





HARDWARE CONFIGURATION

A technical description of our design and configuration solution including flowcharts, block diagrams, schematics, and explanations of each.

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Project Induzione's hardware needed to be smart, succinct, and well packaged. An ARM7 chip interfacing to BlueTooth and GPS chips is the core of our design, components which allow for us to create a small yet capable PCB.

HARDWARE METRICS

An ARM7 microprocessor is the core of our custom PCB design, interfacing to both BlueTooth and GPS modules. An ELM/STN1110 chip is used to translate ASCII to OBD-II protocols, and a CAN transceiver to transfer data over the OBD-II lines. We will be using a scheduling technique on our LPC2148 to smartly choose priority between UART data lines.

Provided below are some important metrics of the hardware required for our product.

OPERATING VOLTAGES

- LPC2148: 6.5 V to 3.3 V / 5 V DC (via linear regulators)
- Roving Networks BlueTooth Module: 3.3 V 3.6 V DC
- Adafruit GPS chip: 5 V 5.5 V

OPERATING CURRENTS

- LPC2148: 500 mA
- Roving Networks BlueTooth Module: 8-30 mA connected, 2mA idle
- AdaFruit GPS chip: 20 mA

BLUETOOTH OPERATION SPECIFICATIONS

- 15 dBm Transmitter
- 80 dBm Receive Sensitivity
- Operation Range: 100m Range
- Operation Frequency: 2402 MHz 2480 MHz

Chart continued on next page.

- UART Interface (SPP, HCI)

- SPP data rates: 240 Kbps (slave), 300 Kbps (Master)
- HCl data rates: 1.5 Mbps sustained, 3.0 Mbps burst in HCl mode.
- Low Power Mode: 30 mA connected, < 10 mA sniff mode

GPS OPERATION SPECIFICATIONS

- 10 Hz Update Rate
- Output: NMEA 0183, 9600 baud default
- Antenna Size: 15mm x 15mm x 4mm
- Satellites: 22 tracking, 66 searching
- Position Accuracy: 1.8m

PACKAGED PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- Operating Voltage: 5 V DC
- Operating Current: 500 mA
- Case Material: Flame Retardant Polycarbonate

OBD-II PINOUTS

The pinouts of the OBD-II car interface are provided below.

| PIN DESCRIPTION | OBD-II PIN | DB9 PIN | |
|-------------------|------------|---------|--|
| | | | |
| J1850 BUS+. | 2 | 7 | |
| Chassis Ground | 4 | 2 | |
| Signal Ground | 5 | 1 | |
| CAN High J-2284 | 6 | 3 | |
| ISO 9141-2 K Line | 7 | 4 | |
| J1850 BUS- | 10 | 6 | |
| CAN Low J-2284 | 14 | 5 | |
| ISO 9141-2 L Line | 15 | 8 | |
| Battery Power | 16 | 9 | |

DATA FLOW CHART

Provided below is a flow chart showing the data flow in between our several hardware components.


The firmware of our project drives our embedded system to complete tasks effectively and efficiently.

FIRMWARE DESCRIPTION

The firmware portion of the code is written in C and embedded in our microprocessor. The responsibility of the firmware is to manage the communication between the client device (Android Device) and the host device (OBD-II Interface). The OBD-II interface has five different communication protocols and varies from brand to brand. For example, most European and Asian import vehicles use ISo 9141 / KWP2000 circuitry while most GM cars and trucks use SAE J1850 VPW (Variable Pulse Width Modulation). The protocol can be identified by observing which pins are connected on the OBD-II interface. However, since our product will be used across a wide array of vehicle makes and models, our firmware will dynamically select the protocol for the OBD-II interface that it is connected to.

Once the firmware establishes the communication protocol, it can then communicate with the OBD-II interface via serial communication. The OBD-II serial peripheral serves as the communication medium between the LPC2148 and the engine control unit of the vehicle. The GPS module actively collects latitude/longitude data and continuously sends it out via the tx line, even if it has not found a fix yet.

Since the LPC2148 has two serial peripheral wired to one UART, it is up to the firmware to control which peripheral talks to the board at any given moment in time. We are managing this by setting up two transistors, wired from the transmit of both the OBD-II serial peripheral and the GPS. We will use the on-chip GPIOs to switch between which peripheral data is to be received.

Below is a flowchart showing our main loop for our embedded firmware. It will consist of two cases, depending on if a command is received. The command is received from the phone when the user wants to log data parameters from their car. If a command is not received it will stay in an idle state where no intensive activity is happening, i.e. low power mode.

PARAMETER IDs

To get the data from the OBD-II interface, the firmware sends out a byte called the Parameter ID (PID) through the serial interface. Parameter IDs are OBD-II protocol communication codes that are sent to the ECU in order to request/retrieve data from the vehicle. OBD-II diagnostics are standard in vehicles manufactured since 1996. While most of the common parameter IDs are available in all cars, some vary depending on sensors present in the vehicle.



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PARAMETER IDs CONTINUED

Parameter IDs consist of two bytes. The first byte is the mode, ranging in value from 00-09. Below is a table of the modes of operation when the OBD-II port is utilized.

| OBD-II HEXADECIMAL RADIX | MODE OF OPERATION | | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | |
| 01 | Show current data | | | |
| 02 | Show freeze frame data | | | |
| 03 | Show stored Diagnostic Trouble Codes | | | |
| 04 | Clear Diagnostic Trouble Codes | | | |
| 05 | Test results, oxygen sensor monitoring | | | |
| 06 | Component/System Monitoring (CAN only) | | | |
| 07 | Show pending Diagnostic Trouble Codes | | | |
| 08 | Control operation of on-board components | | | |
| 09 | Request vehicle information | | | |

We primarily use mode 01 and mode 03 since these are the modes to retrieve live engine diagnostics and statistics. The second byte is the actual ID command. For example, if the firmware sends out a byte 0x0C (the PID for engine RPM), the OBD-II interface will respond with the vehicle of the current engine RPM of the vehicle. The response from the ECU will be in the form of 4 bytes.

1st byte.Mode + 0x40 (ex. for this case it would be 0x41)2nd byte.Echo Mode (ex. for this case it would be 0x0C)3rd byte.Upper byte of data4th byte.Lower byte of data

(For RPM, we take the hex value and divide it by 4 to get the actual RPM value.)

CONVERTING VALUES

When we get the response back (for example, 1A 3F), we will receive the bytes as ASCII values (0x31, 0x41, 0x33, 0x46). We however want the actual decimal values of each character. Therefore, we will have a method in our firmware that converts the received ASCII values into their respective decimal values.

We then have a method that calculates/converts that full hex value to its respective decimal value. This value is then put through the appropriate conversions. However, before we send this data

CONVERTING VALUES CONTINUED

to the Android device, we must convert those integer values back to their ASCII forms. The integer values will be split up into an integer array with each digit having its own offset. Each digit is then converted back into its ASCII form by adding 0x30 to the number.

This data is sent out through the BlueTooth module to the Android device. This cycle will keep happening until the user chooses to stop reading. Therefore, the data on the phone will be updated dynamically and the user will be able to continuously see what is going on in their car. We will be utilizing a scheduler to prioritize tasks in the firmware.

Below is a table of the many PIDs that we will be logging/displaying, their PID codes, and their conversion formulas.

| DESCRIPTION | MODE | PID | UNITS | FORMULA |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----|-----------|-----------------|
| Calculated engine load value | 01 | 04 | % | A*100 / 255 |
| Engine coolant temperature | 01 | 05 | Celsius | A - 40 |
| Fuel pressure | 01 | 0A | kPa | A*3 |
| Intake manifold absolute pressure | 01 | OB | kPa | А |
| Engine RPM | 01 | 0C | RPM | ((A*256)+B)/4 |
| Vehicle speed | 01 | 0E | km/h | А |
| Timing advance | 01 | OF | degrees | A/2 - 64 |
| Intake air temperature | 01 | 10 | Celsius | A - 40 |
| MAF air flow rate | 01 | 11 | Celsius | ((A*256)+B)/100 |
| Throttle Position | 01 | 22 | grams/sec | 100*A/255 |
| Fuel Rail Pressure | 01 | 23 | % | А |
| Fuel Level Input | 01 | 2F | kPa | A-40 |
| Barometric pressure | 01 | 33 | kPa | A-40 |
| Ambient air tempeature | 01 | 46 | % | (((A*256)+B)-26 |
| Engine oil temperatue | 01 | 5C | kPa | A-125 |
| Fuel injection timing | 01 | 5D | Celsius | A-125 |
| Driver's demand engine | 01 | 61 | Celsius | A*256 + B |
| Actual engine - percent torque | 01 | 62 | degrees | А |
| Engine reference torque | 01 | 63 | percent | A*256 + B |

SCHEDULER LOGIC

Our scheduler utilizes the on-board general purpose input/output ports (GPIO) to control which peripheral gets the attention of the LPC2148's UART. The firmware's scheduler will not be interrupt nor timer based. It will utilize counters based on whether or not we finished logging a specific amount of OBD-II data from the car. When it has reached a preset number of data parameters it will turn one GPIO "off" and another one "on" to drive our transistor circuit. This way, both peripherals are constantly outputting data so there will be no delay besides the timing in the switching of the transistors.

The schematic below shows the circuit dicussed above. It utilizes only two transistors: one for OBD-II data and the other for GPS data.



CONVERTING VALUES

When we get the response from the Car's OBD-II, we receive bytes as ASCII values (i.e., 0x31, 0x41, 0x33, 0x46). We howeve want the actual decimal values of each char. Therefore, we have a function in our firmware that converts the ASCII values into their respective decimal values.

```
int convertDecimal(char charVal){
    int decimalValue;
    if(charVal >= 0x30 && charVal<=0x39) { //Char is 0-9
        decimalValue = charVal - 0x30;
        //remainder will be the decimal value.
        return decimalValue; //change this.
    }//end 0-9
    else if(charVal>=0x41 && charVal<=0x46) { //Char is A-F
        decimalValue = charVal - 0x31;
        decimalValue = decimalValue - 6; //Adjust value
        return decimalValue;
    }
    else {
        return 0;
    }
}// end convertDecimal</pre>
```

We then have a function that calculates/converts that full hex value to its respective decimal value. This value is then put through the appropriate conversions. The data is now ready to be transmitted back out to display to the user. However, before we do this we must convert those integer values back to its ASCII form. We split up the integer value into an integer array with each digit having its own offset. Each digit is then converted back into its ASCII form by adding 0x30 to the number.

The GPS outputs constantly outputs data, even if it has not found a fix yet. This data looks like this:



An example of us testing our firmware is provided below. Shown is our firmware logging vehicle RPM through OBD-II connection.

| RealTerm: Serial Capture Program 2.0.0.70 | | | |
|--|---|---------|--|
| Please select one of the following. R-reset 1- Read Vehicle RPM 2- Read Vehicle Speed (MPH) 3- Throttle Position 4- Engine Load 5-Save Snapshot to SD Card Selected #1. Reading Vehicle's RPM W672 RPM Diploy Pot Carbus Pins Seed EchoPot 12 | 2C 12C-2 12DMine Mine | \n | Clear Freeze ? |
| Baud 9600 Port 12 Parity Data Bits Parity Data Bits None 8 bits Odd 7 bits C Even C Mark C Space 5 bits DTR/DSR C RS485-rts | Open Spg ✓ Change Software Flogy Control □ □ Receive Xon Char. 17 □ Transmit Xoff Char. 19 ○ Raw ○ Telnet | | Status Connected PoD (2) TXD (3) CTS (8) DCD (1) DSR (6) Ring (9) BREAK Error |
| clear terminal screen, return to start of page | Char Count:974 | CPS:135 | Port: 12 9600 8NI None |

// OUR HARDWARE

Pictured below!



SCHEDULE - GANTT CHART

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| | Task Name 👻 | Duratior 🚽 | Start 🚽 | Finish 🚽 | Predecessors | Jan 20, '13 S T M | Feb 3, '13 F T S W | Feb 17, '13 S T |
|----|--|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Purchase all modules | 5 days | Sun 1/27/13 | Thu 1/31/13 | | [] | | |
| 2 | GPS data logging | 1 wk | Sun 2/3/13 | Thu 2/7/13 | | | C | |
| 3 | GPS data parsing and storing to SD card | 1.4 wks | Fri 2/8/13 | Sat 2/16/13 | 2 | | Č | Ĩ |
| 4 | OBD-II data logging | 3 wks | Sun 2/17/13 | Thu 3/7/13 | | | | C |
| 5 | OBD-II data parsing and storing to SD card | 1.4 wks | Fri 3/8/13 | Sat 3/16/13 | 4 | | | |
| 6 | Bluetooth UART communication | 2 wks | Sun 3/17/13 | Thu 3/28/13 | | | | |
| 7 | Purchase surface mount version of the modules | 5 days | Sat 3/30/13 | Thu 4/4/13 | | | | |
| 8 | Create board and schematic using Eagle CADsoft | 1 wk | Fri 4/5/13 | Thu 4/11/13 | 7 | | | |
| 9 | Create gerber file and send it off for rapid prototyping | 1 day | Fri 4/12/13 | Fri 4/12/13 | 8 | | | |
| 10 | Solder board together and test | 5 days | Mon 4/15/13 | Fri 4/19/13 | 9 | | | |
| 11 | Plastic case enclosure research | 1 wk | Sun 4/14/13 | Thu 4/18/13 | | | | |
| 12 | Order plastic case enclosure | 1 day | Fri 4/19/13 | Fri 4/19/13 | 11 | | | |
| 13 | Application phase: determine development environment | 1 wk | Wed 3/6/13 | Tue 3/12/13 | | | | |
| 14 | Application phase: wireframing/screens/UX, Flow | 1 wk | Wed 3/13/13 | Tue 3/19/13 | 13 | | | |
| 15 | Application phase: begin prototyping application, divide application into segments | 3 wks | Wed 3/20/13 | Tue 4/9/13 | 14 | | | |
| 16 | Application phase: bring and store data locally into an Android phone via Bluetooth in the application | 3 wks | Wed 4/10/13 | Tue 4/30/13 | 15 | | | |
| 17 | Application phase: server-side implementation | 3 wks | Wed 5/1/13 | Tue 5/21/13 | 16 | | | |
| 18 | Bring entire application together | 1 wk | Tue 5/21/13 | Mon 5/27/13 | | | | |



SOFTWARE - TASK DESCRIPTIONS

// SOFTWARE TASK DESCRIPTIONS

Software tasks for our project were the following:

GPS DATA LOGGING

For the GPS, we had to retrieve the sequence and parse it for the desired latitude, longitude, and timestamp. In order to do so, we had to set up a loop within our passive firmware logging to capture this data at any point and gather (parse) only the data that is needed.

GPS DATA PARSING AND STORING TO SD CARD

Storing the aforementioned GPS data to the SD card required placing the data needed in a buffer and storing it at the end of our passive logging loop.

OBD-II DATA LOGGING

The meat of our project -- storing the OBD-II data to the SD card. This involved communicating with the car and retrieving the necessary parameters, and storing it back to the SD card.

BLUETOOTH UART COMMUNICATION

This task involved sending the required data to the phone when a sync is requested, i.e. how a user retrieves all of the parameters for our Android application.

APPLICATION PHASE: DETERMINING DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

This task involved sending the required data to the phone when a sync is requested, i.e. how a user retrieves all of the parameters for our Android application.

APPLICATION PHASE: WIREFRAMING/SCREENS/UI-UX FLOW

This involved creating the detailed mockups of how we would like the application to look and feel.

APPLICATION PHASE: BRING AND STORE DATA LOCALLY INTO ANDROID PHONE

This was a huge step for us -- syncing data from our firmware and custom design to the application for us to play with. This involved sending data via BlueTooth and retrieving it appside.

APPLICATION PHASE: SERVER-SIDE IMPLEMENTATION

Our application relies on a lot of data. We used Parse as a server-side implementation of our Android application.

APPLICATION PHASE: COMPLETED APPLICATION

The last step -- the completed application! This is where the software is wrapped up with a bow on top, signifying our finished work of the project.

HARDWARE - TASK DESCRIPTIONS

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Hardware tasks for our project were the following:

FUNCTIONAL DESIGN PROTOTYPE (BLUEBOARD)

Putting everything together! Having our working project on the LPC2148 BlueBoard was a major acheivement for our project.

PURCHASE SURFACE MOUNT VERSION OF THE HARDWARE COMPONENTS

This step involved buying the parts to be used for our custom PCB design.

CREATE BOARD AND SCHEMATIC USING EAGLE CADSOFT

Creating the board! Putting everything together for the PCB.

SOLDER BOARD AND TEST

Soldering every component ordered, and testing. We created two PCBs for this step.

CONCLUSION

A summary of our project and the problems we have experienced.

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Looking forward.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND CONCLUSION

As stated in the previous section, we had some minor setbacks when ordering the PCB because the footprint we used in EAGLE for our DB9 Serial port was the wrong spec. We then corrected the schematic and board and have reordered the PCB.

We also had setbacks in being able to program the LPC2148 on the PCB (!). Once again, these are issues that could have been resolved with more time.

Developing a product that is threefold: (I) hardware based, (II) firmware based, and (III) software based requires a lot of hard work, team coordination and cooperation.

By eliminating variables within the development of our project, our team has worked hard to make sure our design is as straightforward as possible.

Our team has done a great job in creating something that we love, and something that can be built upon further so that the world can also love it.

We look forward to continuing to build the product and the dream.

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APPENDIX - SOFTWARE LISTINGS

APPENDIX - SCHEMATICS



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