

# Just a T.A.D. (Traffic Analysis Drone)

Senior Design Project 2017:  
Final Project Review



## Meet the Team

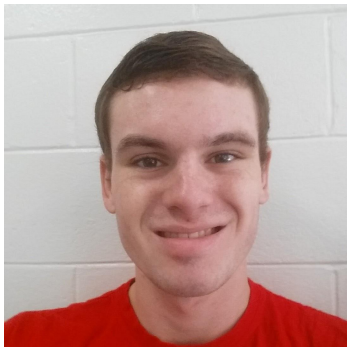
- Cyril Caparanga (CSE)



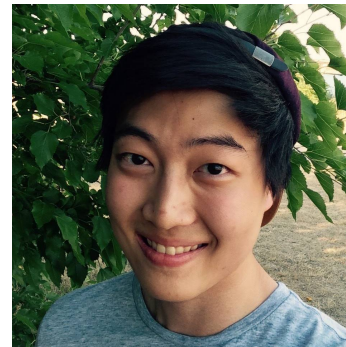
- Alex Dunyak (CSE)



- Christopher Barbeau (CSE)



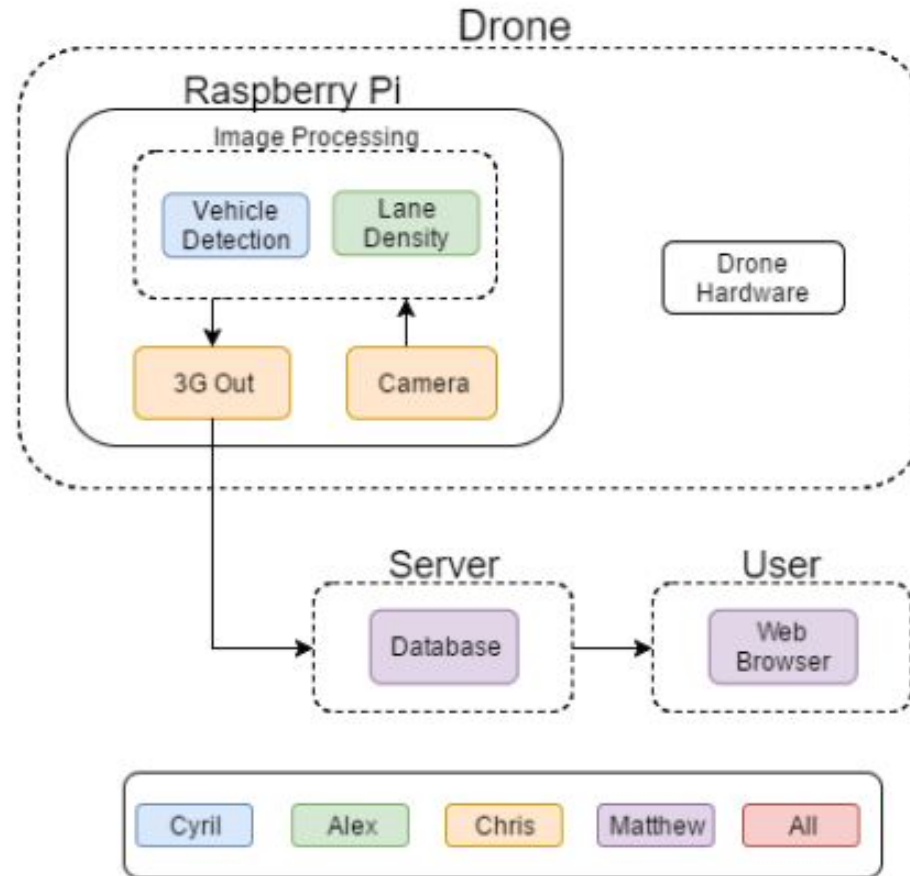
- Matthew Shin (CSE)



## Recap

- Traffic data needs to be more comprehensive as more and more cars are on the roads
- Current traffic data collection methods are expensive and/or insufficient
- An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) can be used to provide aerial image and video
- Image processing will analyze the image/video for car density and spacing on the drone
- This data is sent to a server in the cloud for display

# Block Diagram - FDR



## CDR Deliverables

- Alex/Cyril: Image processing
  - ✓ Identifies visible cars in own test images
  - ✓ Calculates density of cars as cars per distance or as car to road ratio
  - ✓ Integrate server
  - ✓ Integrate camera
- Matt: Data Server
  - ✓ Automatically update web app to display most recent database content
  - ✓ Assemble and test the 3DR Iris+
- Chris: Raspberry Pi
  - ✓ Camera interfaces with image processing software
  - ✗ Send image data to server via 3G

## FPR Deliverables

- Alex/Cyril
  - ✓ Alex: Completion and debugging of software
  - ✓ Cyril: Finalize integration of software with camera and sending to server
- Matt
  - ✓ Become proficient in piloting the drone for demo
  - ✓ Test and develop web application
- Chris
  - ✗ DroneKit integration
  - ✗ 3G integration (or WiFi)

## DroneKit and Autopilot

- Difficult to interface with drone's flight controller due to preexisting hardware
- Has easy to interface autopilot via Android or Windows app
- App contains necessary metrics
  - Latitude
  - Longitude
  - Yaw
  - Altitude

## New algorithm

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Previous algorithm far too performance intensive to run on Raspberry Pi.

Simpler idea: find the lane, and iterate over a line through the lane, finding both the mean and the variance.

If a sequence of pixels (with some tolerance for error) are further than a standard deviation from the mean, then declare that to be a car.

Works with stationary vehicles, as it is memoryless.



# Visual results



# Density and interval

Density: Per lane, density is

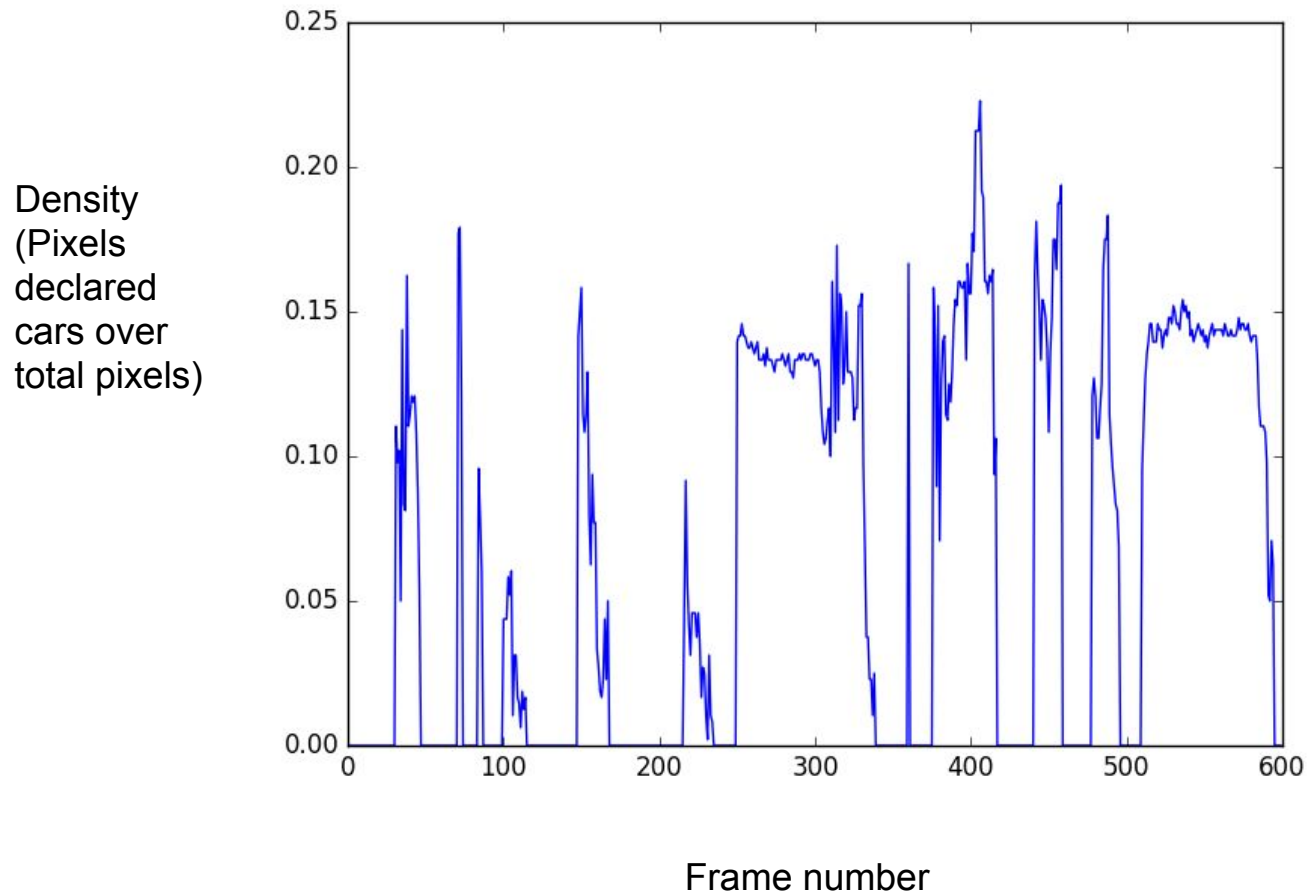
$$\frac{\text{pixels belonging to detected car contours}}{720 \text{ pixels per scan}}$$

Interval spacing: Interval spacing can be described by

Given two adjacent cars,  $c_x$  and  $c_y$ , where  $T_x$  and  $T_y$  are the adjacent thresholds of those cars,

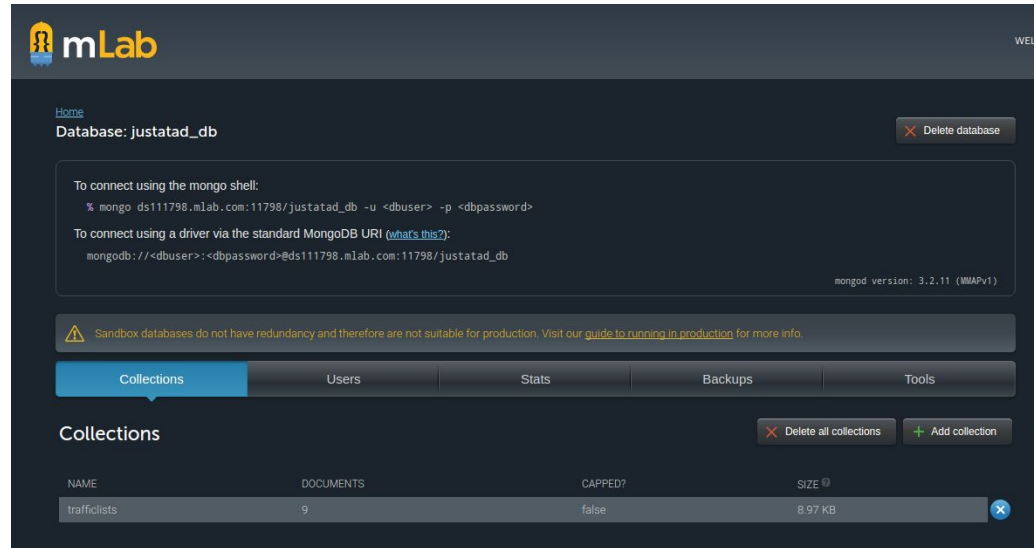
$$I = (T_x - T_y) \times \frac{h * 0.665}{480}$$

# Density Graphs



# Data Server

- Server receives processed data (Density, Interval)
- Displays data on web page



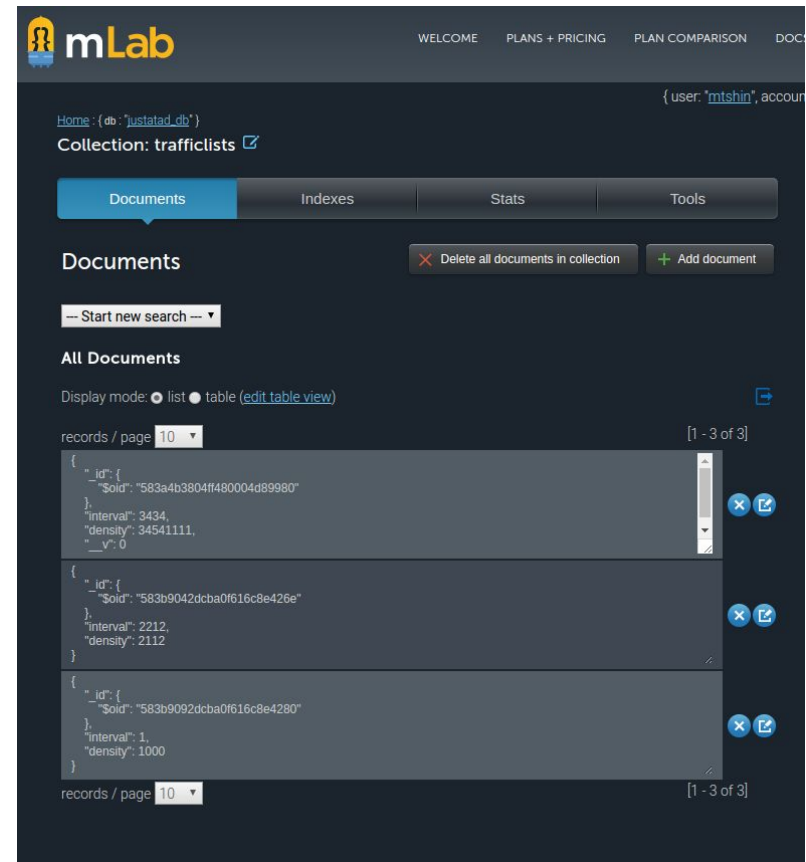
The screenshot shows the mLab MongoDB Atlas interface. The database is named 'justatad\_db'. The 'Collections' tab is selected, showing a table with the following data:

NAME	DOCUMENTS	CAPPED?	SIZE <sup>1</sup>
trafficlists	9	false	8.97 KB

Additional interface elements include a 'Delete database' button, connection instructions for the mongo shell and standard MongoDB URI, a warning about sandbox databases, and buttons for 'Delete all collections' and 'Add collection'.

# Data Server Implementation

- Remove as much load from Raspberry Pi as possible for image processing
- Database hosted on cloud (mongolab)
  - Deployed on AWS (Reliable, free up to 500 MB)
  - Database visualization
- mongoDB
  - JSON documents allow for varying structure
  - Flexible (dynamic schemas)



# Web App UI

- MEAN (MongoDB, Express, Angular, NodeJS) Stack web application to query database
- Features:
  - Search for specified density/interval
  - Sort by increasing/decreasing order by clicking density, interval or time headers
  - Export data as CSV
  - Automatically update (poll every X seconds, currently 5)
  - Infinite table scrolling

Just a T.A.D. Database

Filter by Density:  
Density

Filter by Interval:  
Interval

Density	Interval	Created At	Actions
0.18958333333333333	6	3/8/17 12:42 AM	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
0.1875	8	3/8/17 12:42 AM	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
0.16875	6	3/8/17 12:42 AM	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
0.12291666666666666	7	3/8/17 12:43 AM	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
0.24375	7	3/8/17 12:43 AM	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>

[Add Traffic Data](#) [Update](#) [Export as CSV](#)

## 3G Dongle

- Acquired 3G subscription
- Installed Drivers
- Fixed Hot Plugging
- Allowed for Device Switching



## Current Pricing - 3DR Iris+

Drone	\$598
Camera	\$15
Raspberry Pi	\$50
3G Dongle	\$34
3G Subscription	\$25
FAA Registration	\$5
Raspberry Pi Battery	\$20
USB Cord	\$5
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Total (with drone)	\$752
Total (without drone)	\$154





## Demo

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- Image processing on own test images provided by test flight
- Sending of data to server via WiFi
- Server refreshing to display new data within 10 seconds

Thank You!

Questions?

