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# SDP 18: EfficienSeat

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Final Project Review

**Team 26**

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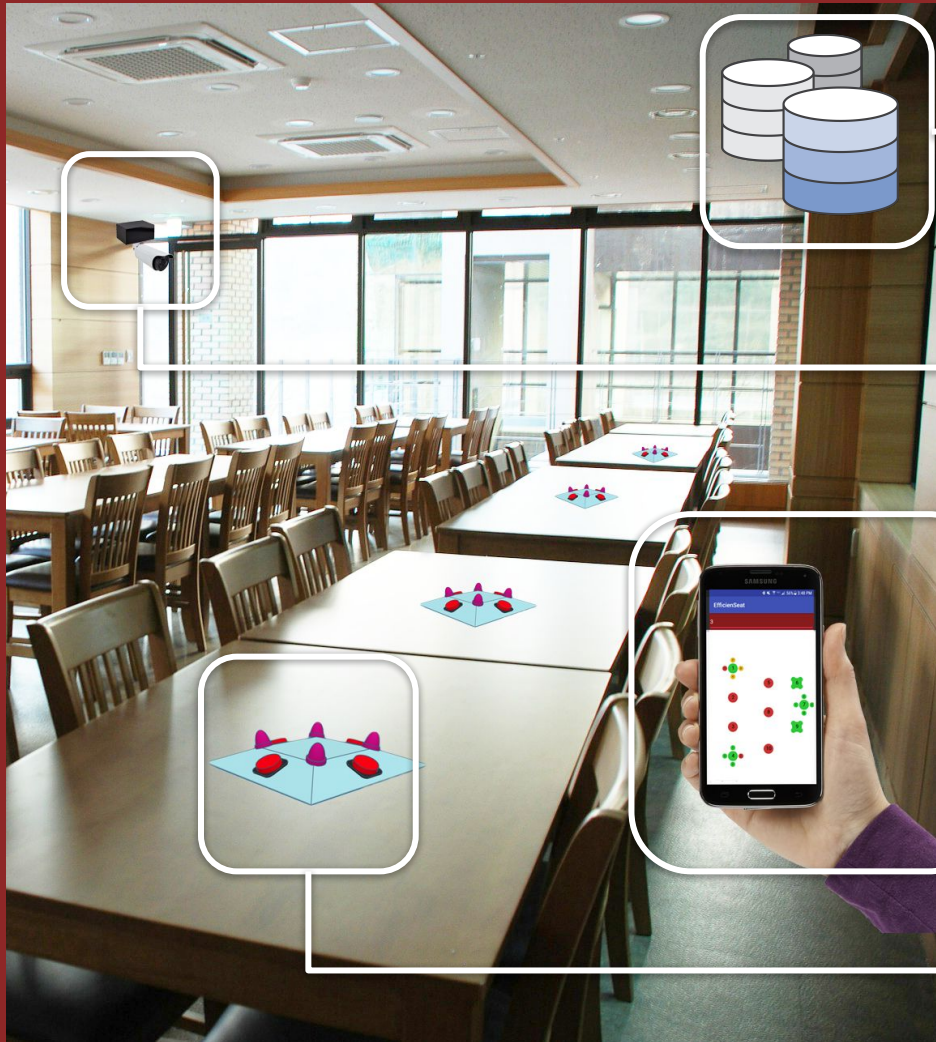


# Problem Statement

- Dining halls suffer due to seating inefficiencies
- A useful solution is convenient and saves time
  - Patrons need improved seat identification methods
  - Dining halls need an easily implementable and maintainable system



# Our Vision for a New System



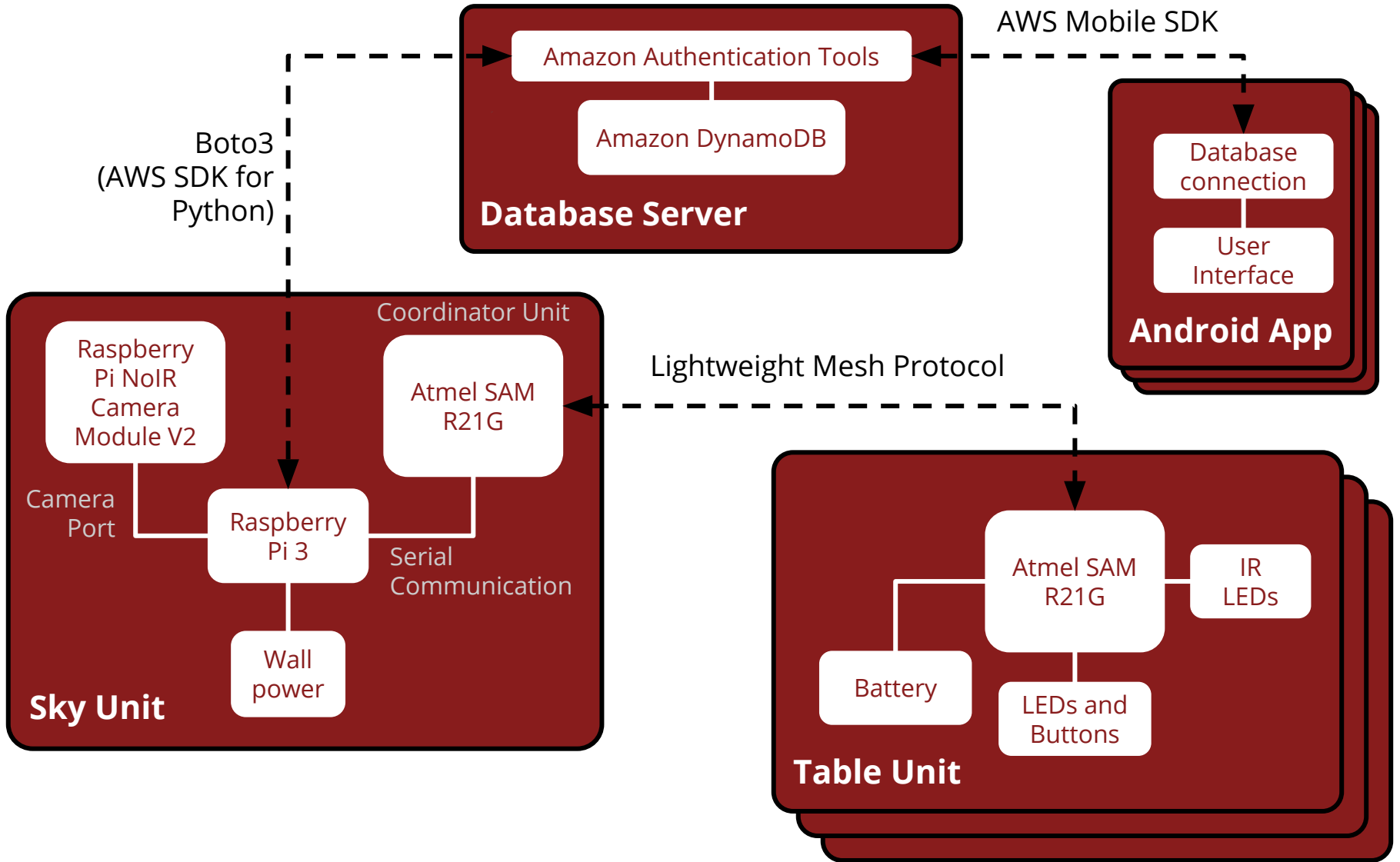
Database to act as hub for table seat data

Sky Unit for data relay and table positioning

App for mobile interaction with dining hall

Table Units with pushbuttons, four seats per table

# Block Diagram



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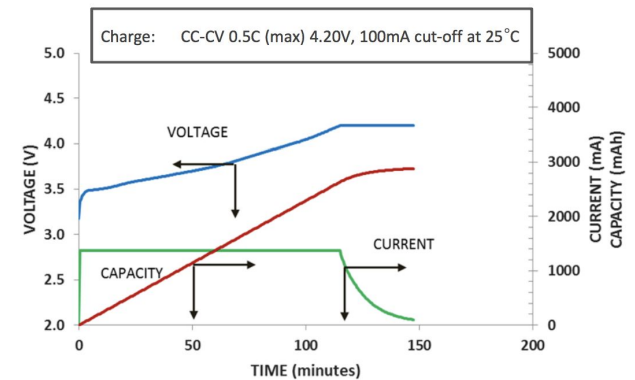
# Table Unit Power

## Battery Characteristic

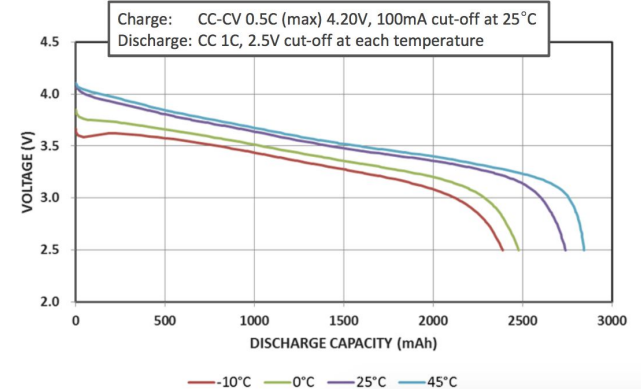
- Battery Voltage - 4.2V to 3V
- Xplained pro working time - 15 days
- Total board working time - 6 days.
- Charging time - 10 hrs

Part	Power
Atmel Microcontroller(with all leds)	142 mW
Power Consumption through PCB	330 mW
Power (off state)	25 uW
Battery Capacity (4 batteries)	50320 mWh

## Charge Characteristics



## Discharge Characteristics (by temperature)



source:<http://www.omnitron.cz/download/datasheet/NCR-18650PF.pdf>

# Cost of Materials

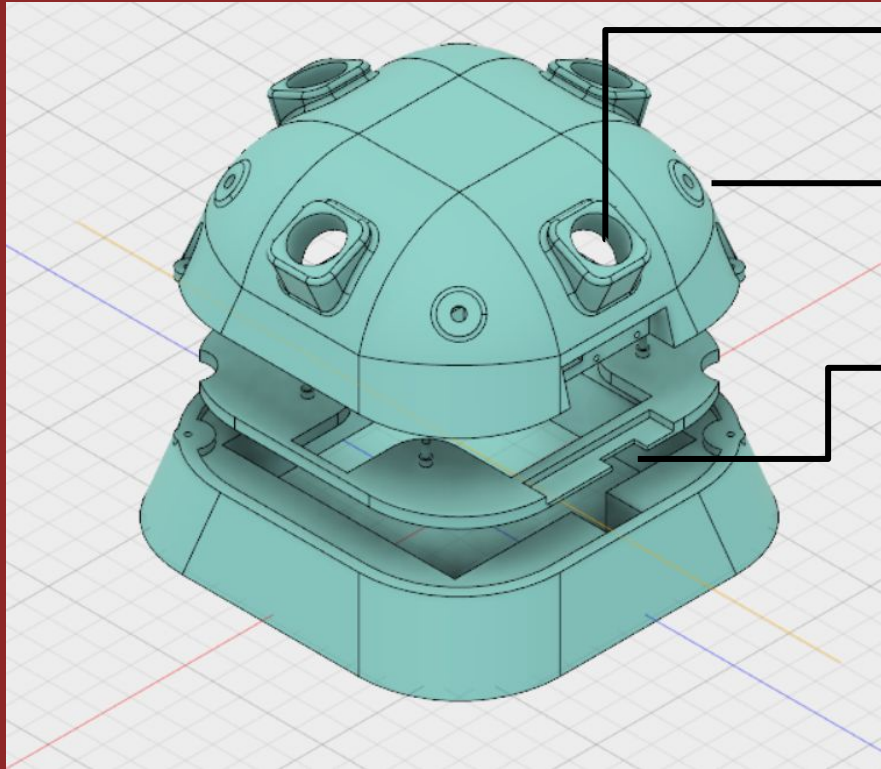
ITEM	QTY	PER UNIT	PER 1000 UNITS
<b>Table Unit</b>			
SamR21 Microcontroller	1	4.73	3.63
PCB	1	20	1
SMD Components	50	25	12.5
Pushbuttons w/ LED	4	6	4.8
IRLED	4	2.8	2.8
Wires	26	0.2	0.2
Ribbon Cable	1	2.5	1
Battery Holders	2	5.3	1.5
Batteries	4	32	30
Case	171g	3.1	3.1
<b>Total (Table Unit)</b>		<b>101.63</b>	<b>60.53</b>
<b>Sky Unit</b>			
Xplained Pro SamR21	1	60	6
Raspberry Pi 3	1	35	3.5
Wires	3	0.2	0.2
Pi 3 Camera	1	28	2.8
850 nm IR Filter	1	10	1
Pi 3 Heat Sinks	3	7	0.7
Power Adpater	2	15	12
Case	58g	1.5	1.5
<b>Total (Sky Unit)</b>		<b>156.7</b>	<b>27.7</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>258.33</b>	<b>88.23</b>
AWS	<1req/sec	Free	Free



# FPR Deliverables

- Deployable Table Unit
  - Case, PCB built and fully integrated
  - Case protects Table Unit from food/spills
- Demonstrate complete Table Localization ability
  - Improve algorithm for large scale implementation
- Complete and robust system operation
  - All parts fully integrated and working as one
  - Complete user App experience
  - Reservation and claim timers implemented

# Case Design



● LED Pushbutton

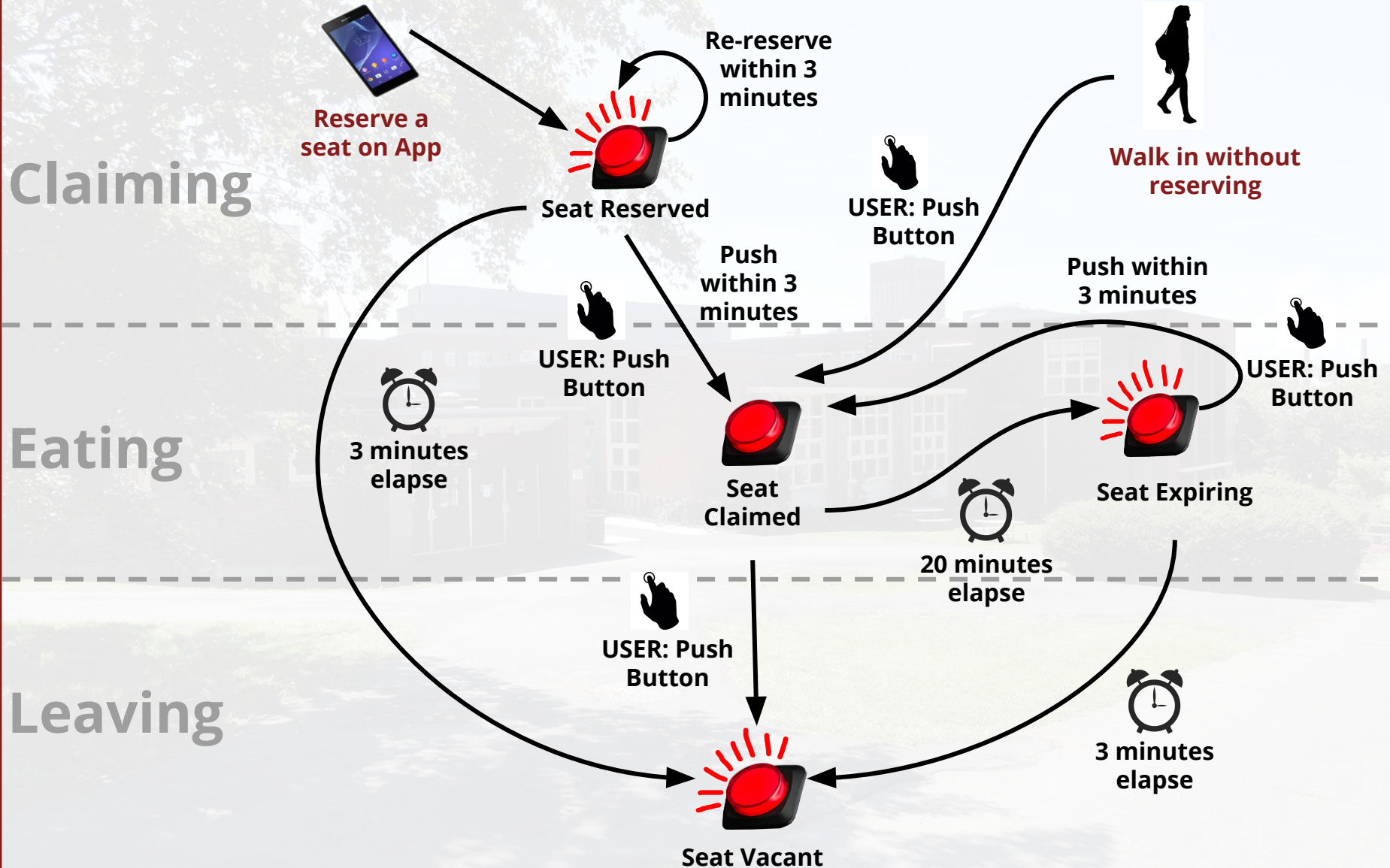
● 10mm IR LED

● Off switch for non-operation

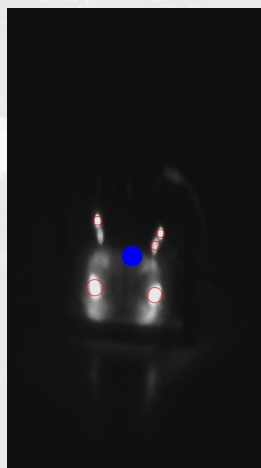
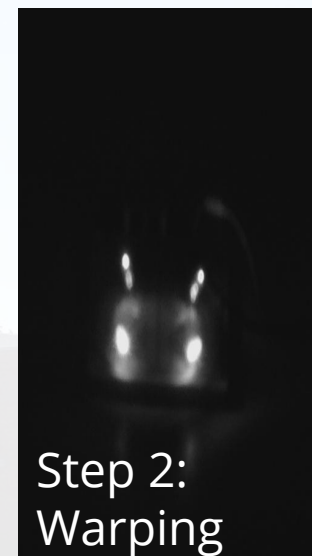
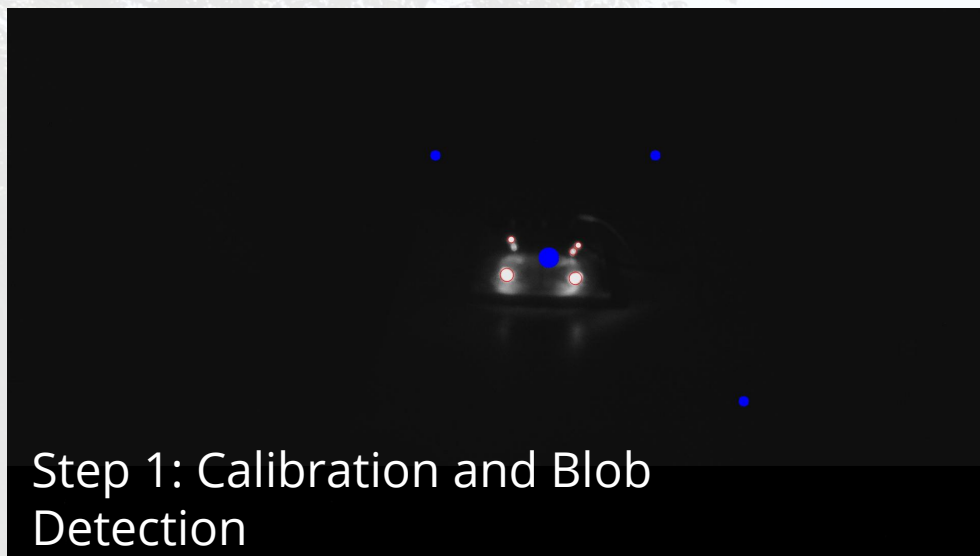
## 3D Printed Case

- Finished product will have sanded surface
- Aimed to have silicone casing for sanitation and waterproofing

# User Interaction State Diagram



# The Process for Finding Tables



Final Step: Blob Detection

## Results of Test

Actual Position	Calculated Position
(20cm, 45.5cm)	(22cm, 48cm)

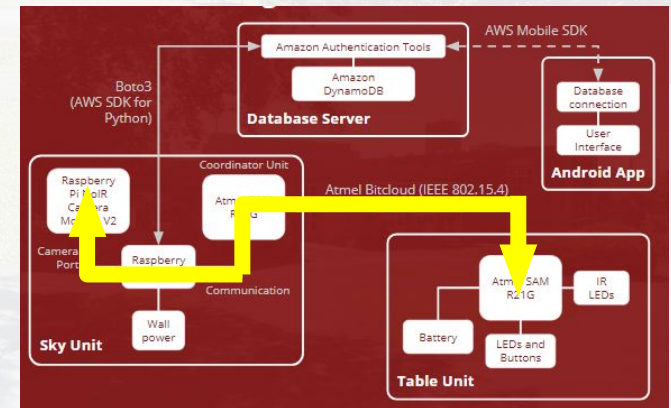
**Questions?**

# Table Localization Demonstration

**Purpose:** Find position of table given the length and width of a room

## Demonstration Steps:

- Calibrated for marked area before presentation
- Run script to find coordinates of Point A
  - Display final result and coordinates
- Move IR LEDs to Point B and run script again



# Locating Tables in the Room

**Challenge:** Simple way to find table locations

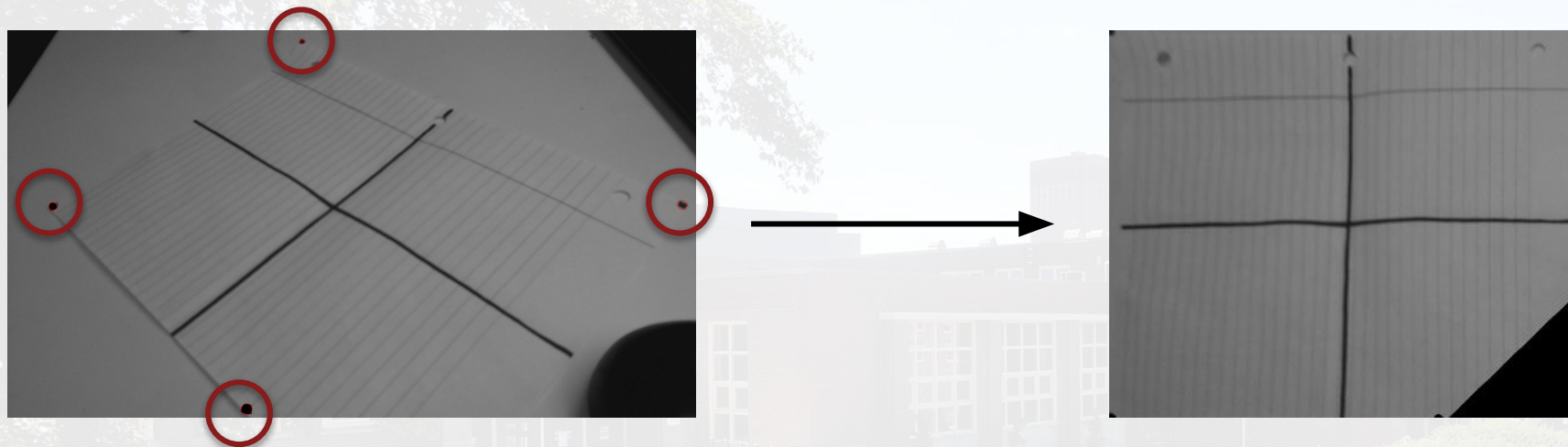
- Accuracy: up to half a table length
- Speed: update every hour

**Solution:** Use IR LEDs and camera to find the positions

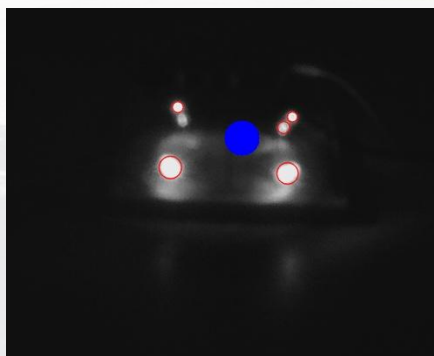


# The Process for Finding Tables

**Step 1:** Calibration - getting a “top down” view of room



**Step 2:** Blob detection - find Table Units by IR LEDS one at a time





# Questions to Consider I

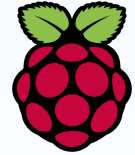
- Power concerns - current power consumption
  - What we're going to do to reduce it
  - Quick analysis? Take power reading and calculate
- Timing coordination
  - Where will the timing take place?
- Session IDs
- Authentication and Confidentiality
- LED ON/OFF situation
  - The workers will shut system down after operation hours
  - 9-3, 6-10 7-12 it's busy 60% of the time OFF is taken final answer - it's an aesthetic choice, easier to see a lit up LED
  - Take google plot for evidence

# Questions to Consider II

- Orientation of table unit
  - Know which LED is on
- Low battery indication, error
- Single reserve tables vs multi reserved tables?
  - If yes, how are we handling it?



Amazon DynamoDB



Raspberry Pi on  
Sky Unit



# Table Unit

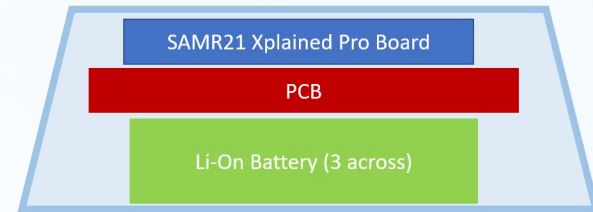
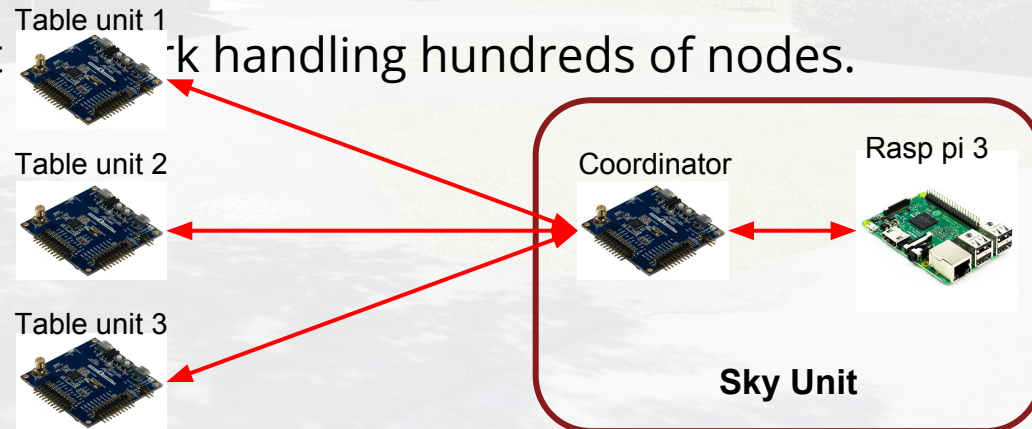


Table unit features:

- Low powered chip with SoC for communication.
- Communication over IEEE 802.15.4 built on LwMesh.
- System powered through three 3400mAh batteries.
- Battery capacity upto 25 days with 14 hrs working.
- Charging and boosting features included.
- Compact and modular design.
- Robust network handling hundreds of nodes.



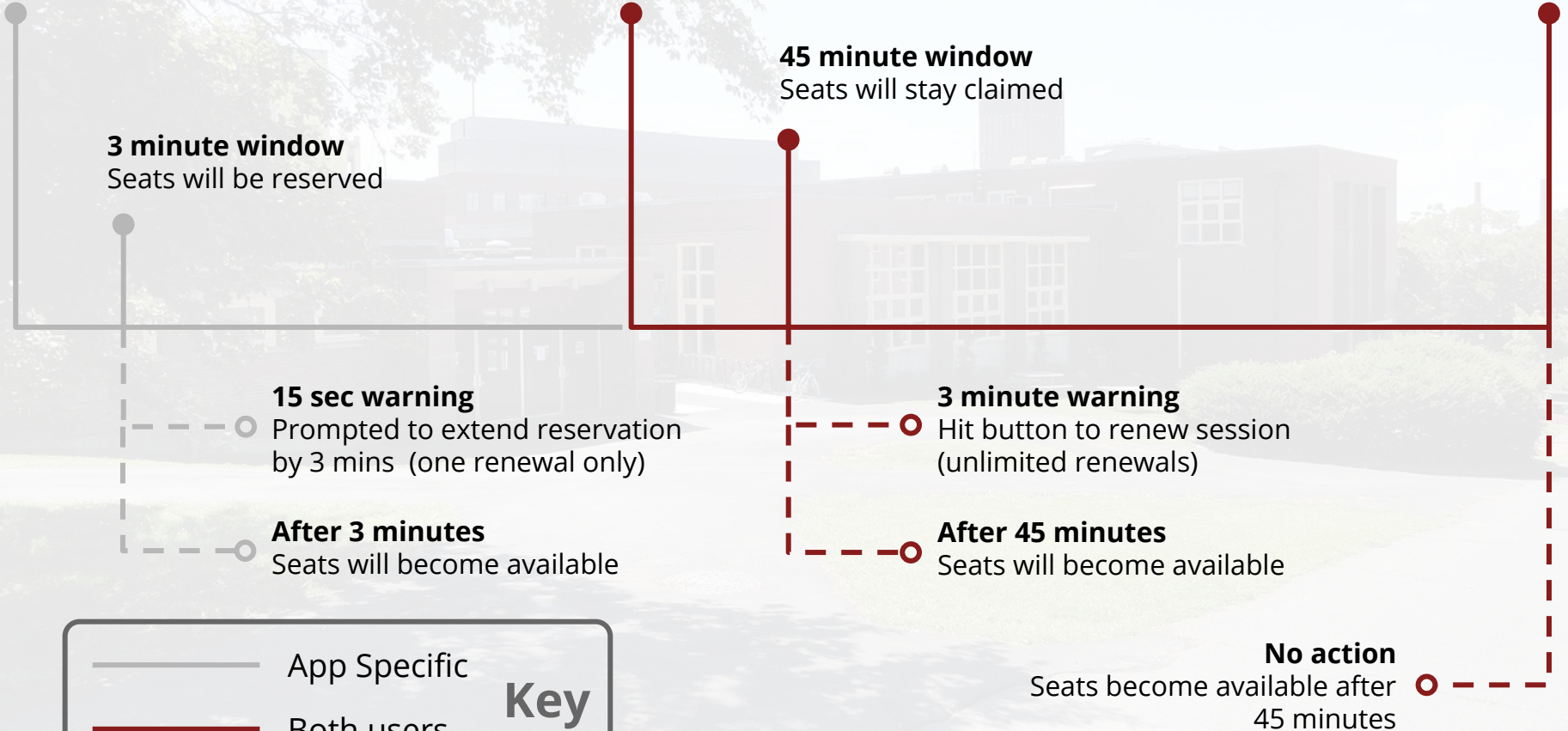
# Timeline for User Interaction MOVE

## App-Users

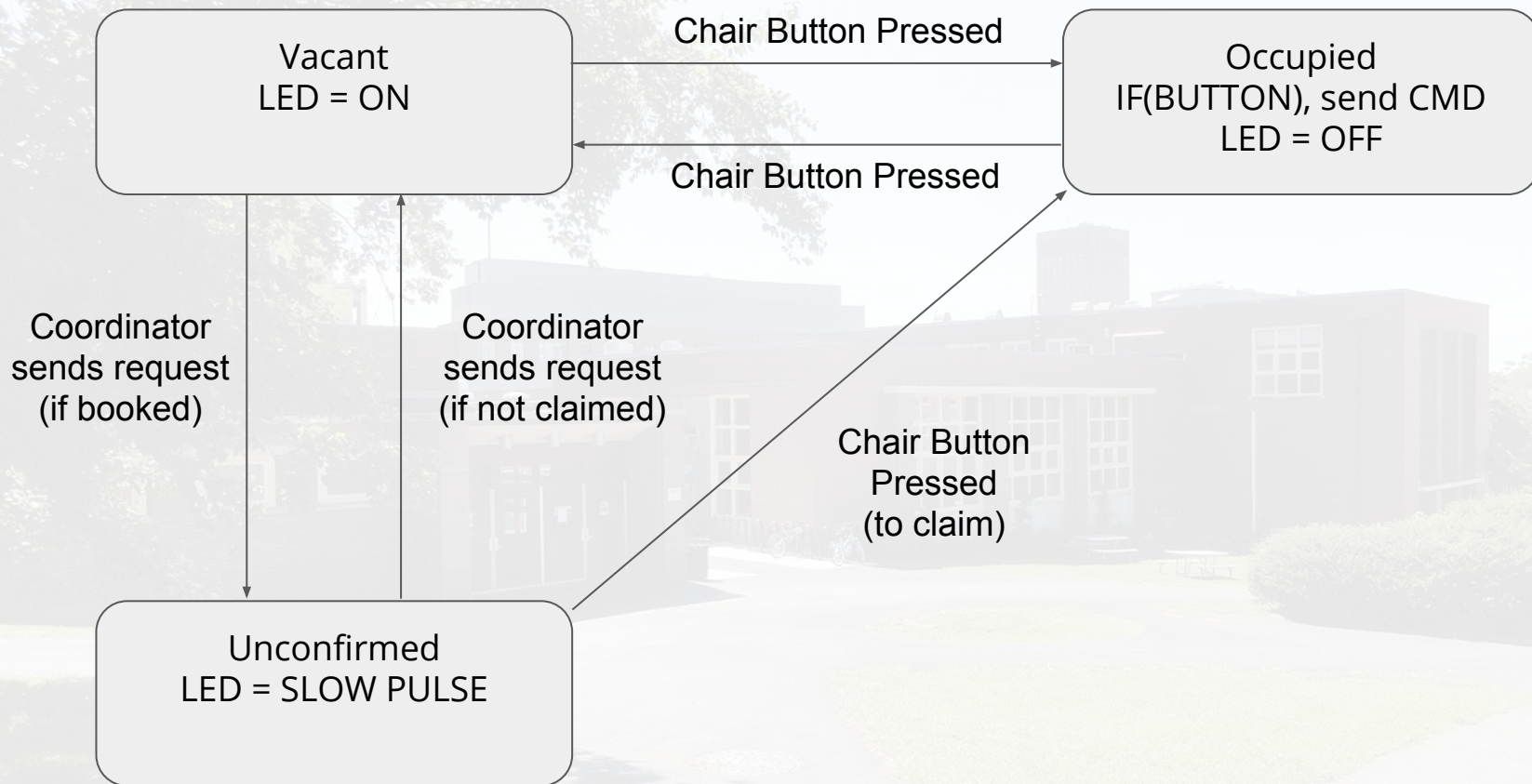
At or approaching the dining hall, find seats and reserve.

## Leaving

Patron will hit button to leave, seat will become available



# Table Unit: State Diagram



# Table/Sky Unit Communication Protocol

## Payload

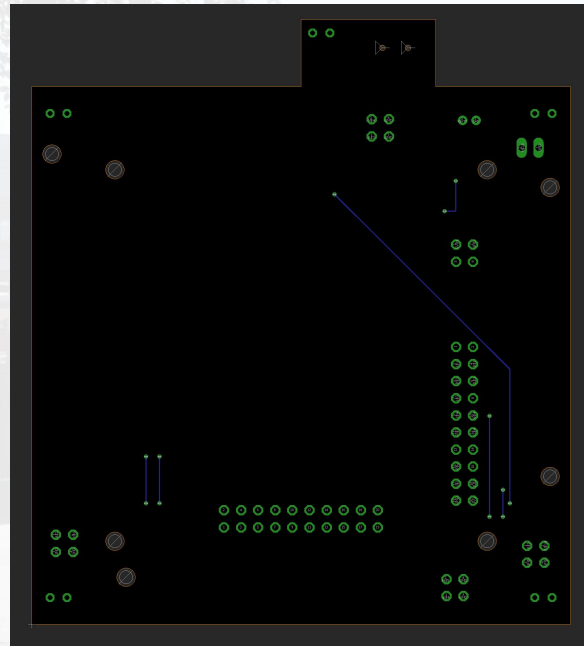
2 bytes	1 byte	4 byte
<b>addr</b>	<b>cmd</b>	<b>light state</b>

## Definitions

ID	Command
0	Invalid
1	Change seat state
2	Change IR LED state
3	Wake up

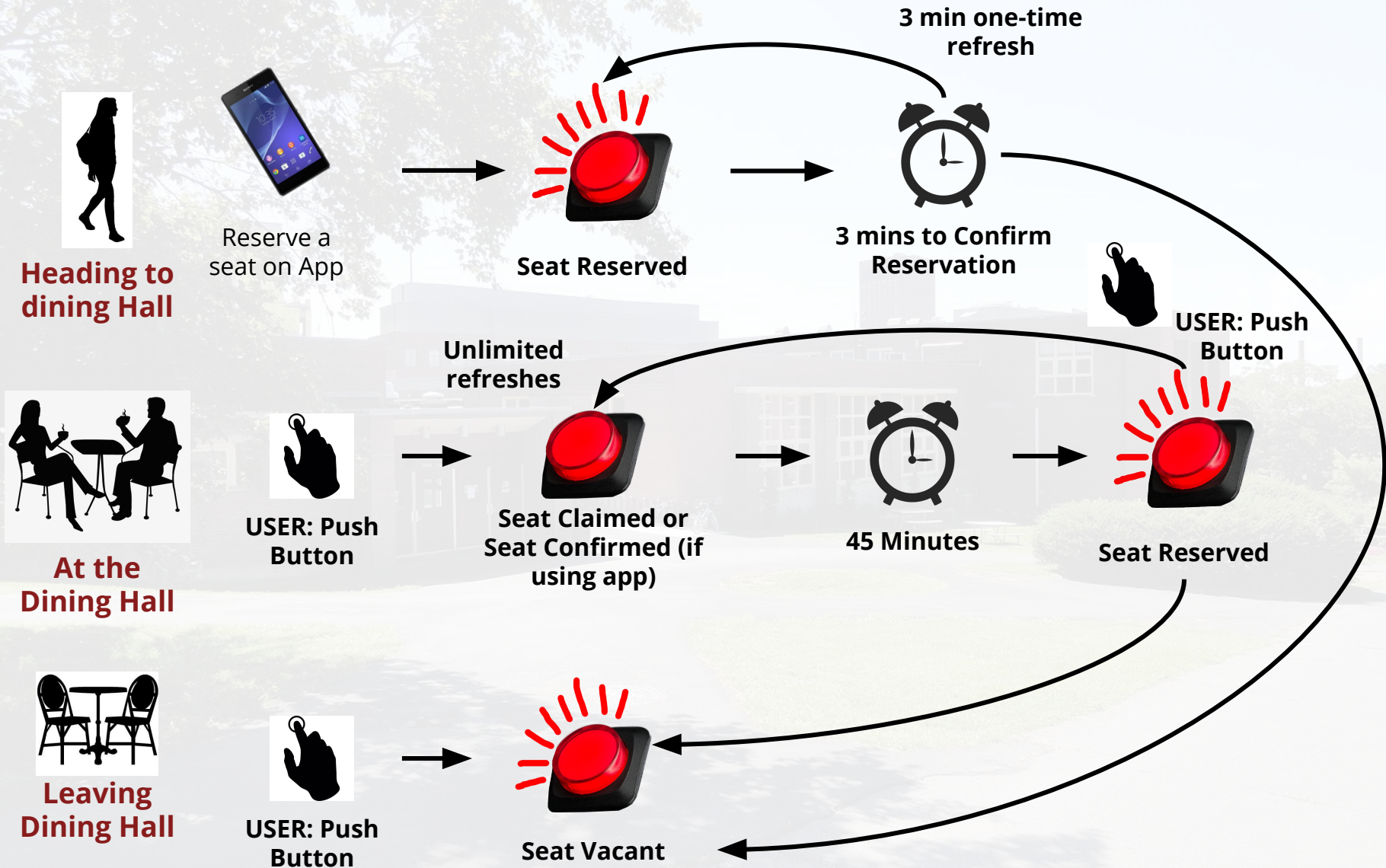
ID	Seat/IR State
0	Vacant/on
1	Occupied/off
2	Reserved

# Bottom Layer





# Nominal User Interaction

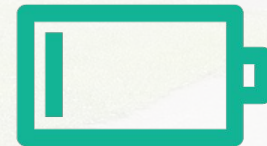




# Extra

# Challenges

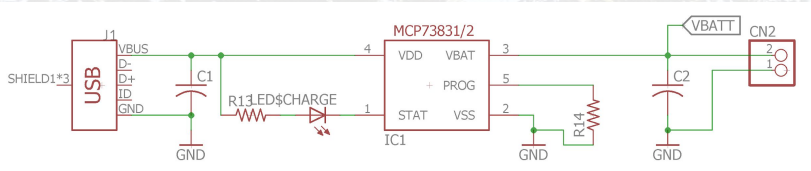
1. System Communication  
→ Interfacing between four mediums
2. Data Synchronization  
→ Table data agreement across system
3. Table Localization  
→ Indoor positioning problem to find tables
4. Low power, Unobtrusive Nodal Units  
→ High-functioning with low power costs



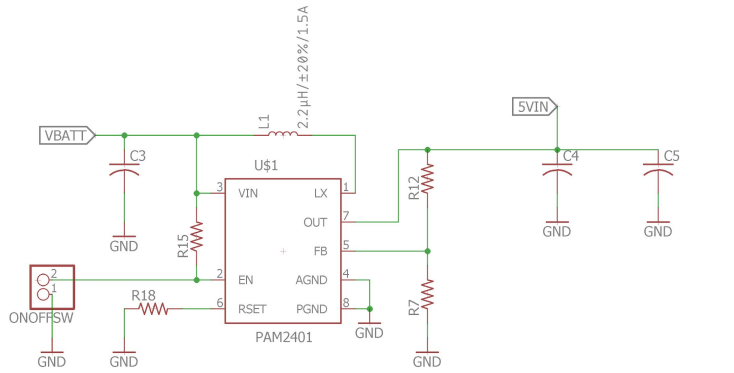
# System Requirements

- Patrons should be able to:
  - Use an app to interact with dining hall
    - View a map of the dining hall
    - Make timed seat reservations
    - Search for seats by party size
  - Have choice of not using app
    - Table Units have physical user interface
- System implementation should be:
  - Easy to maintain
  - Safe around food

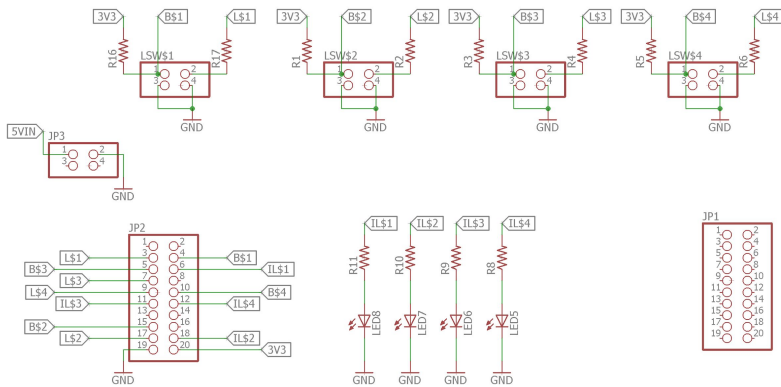
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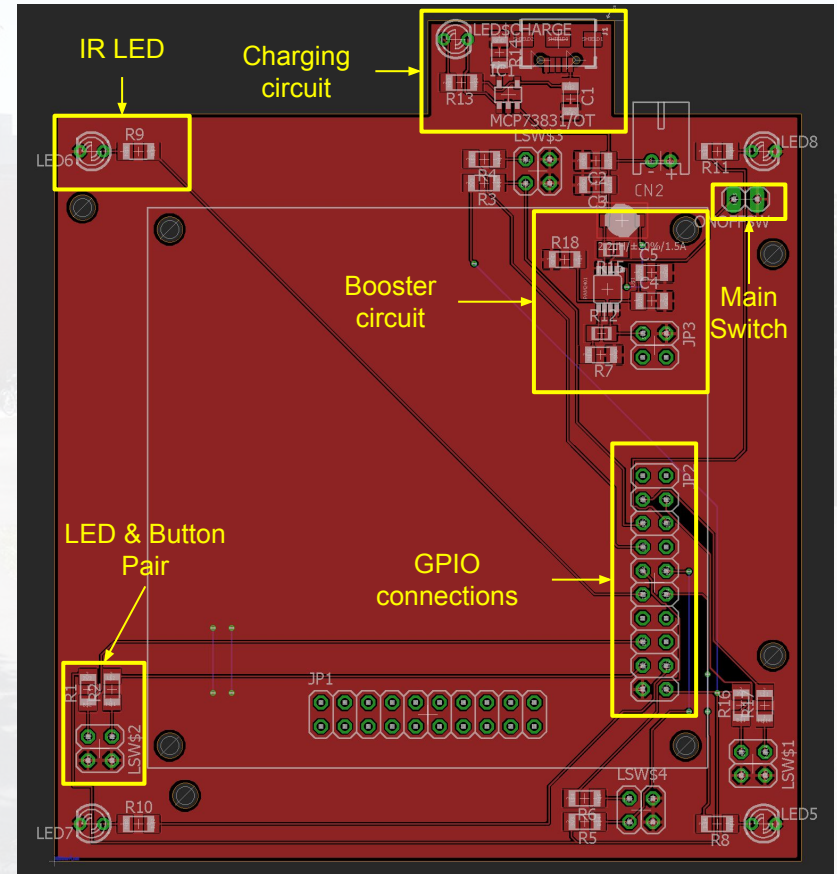
**Charging Circuit**



**Booster Circuit**



**GPIO, Power and LED connections**



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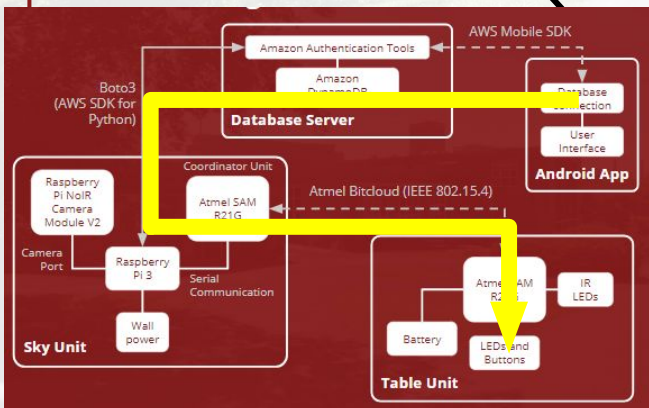
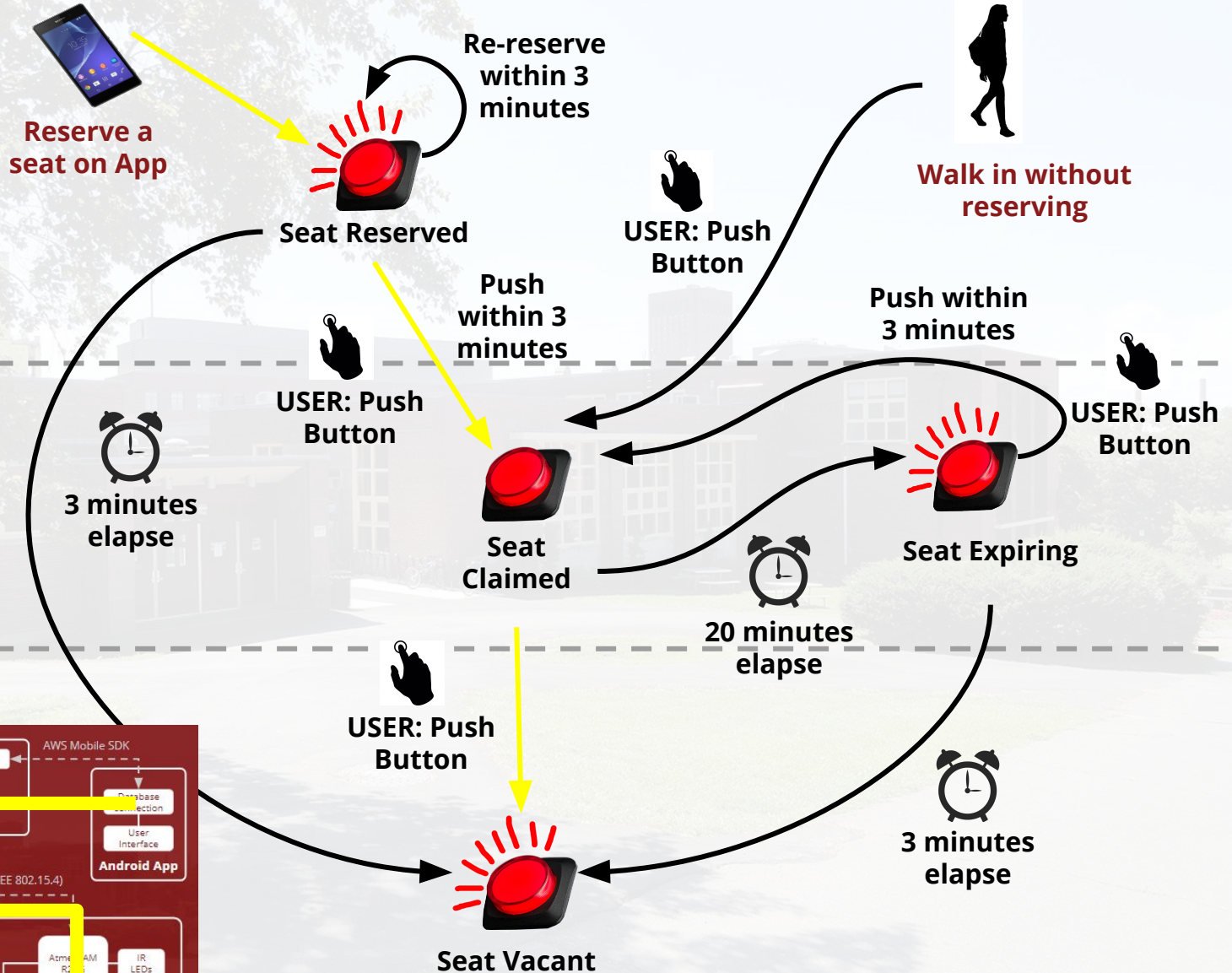
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# App reflected on Table Unit

Claiming

Eating

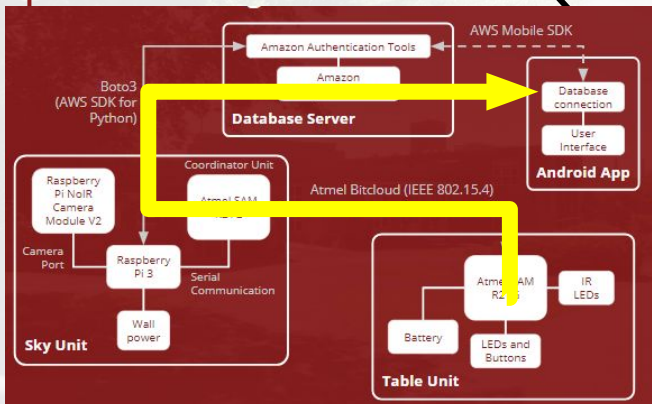
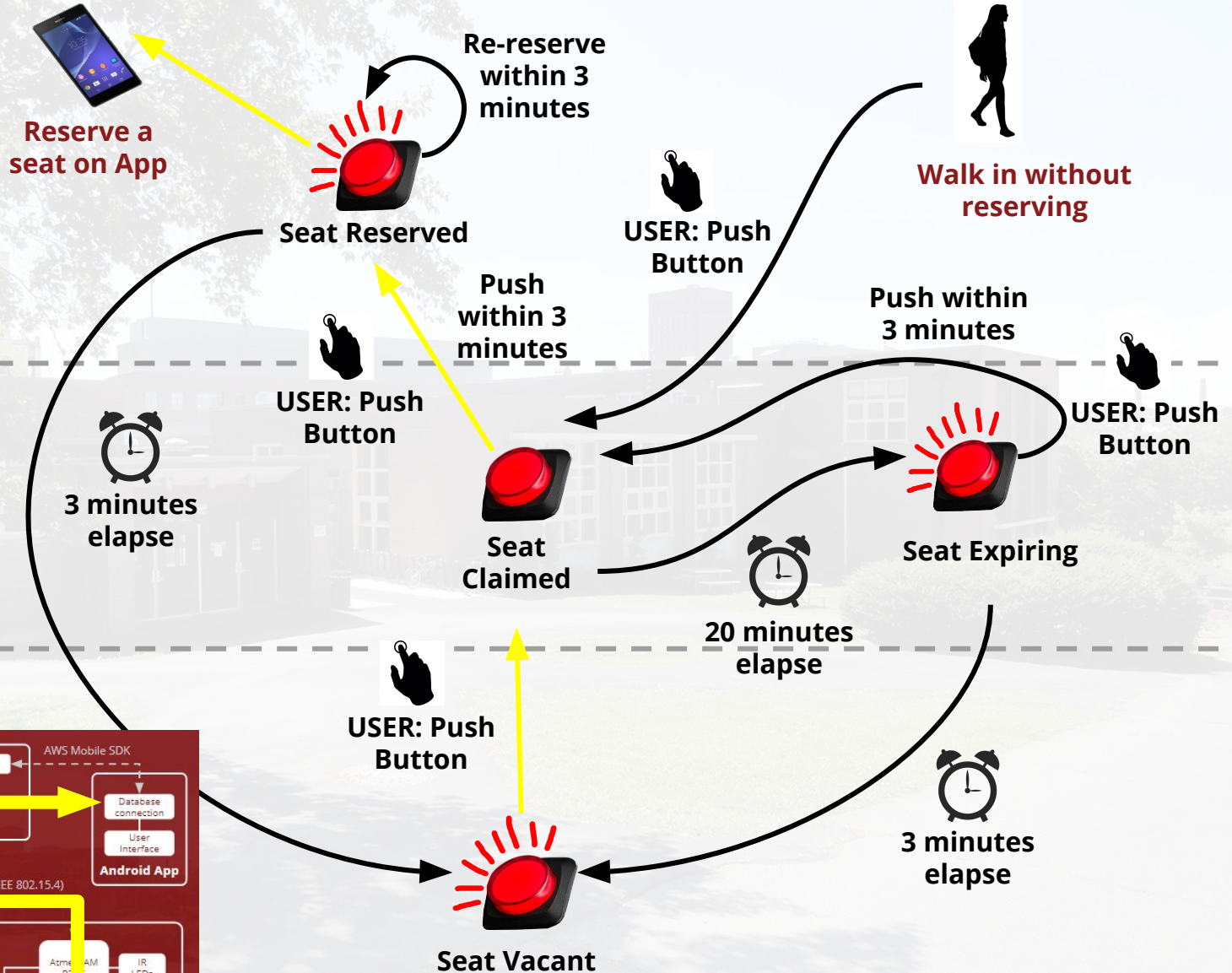




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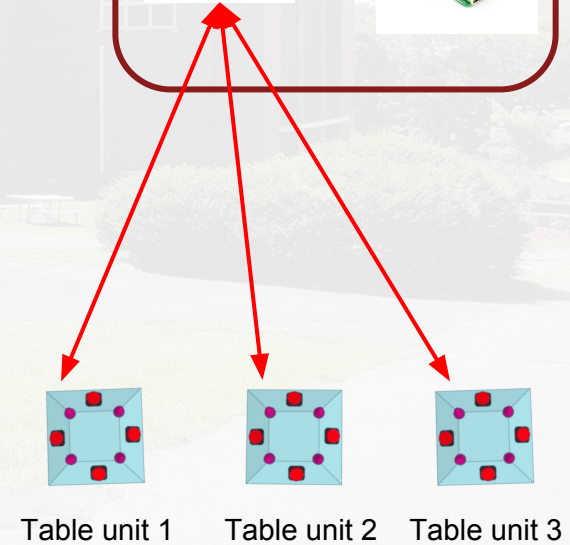
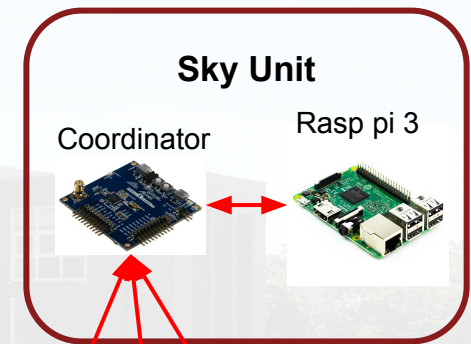
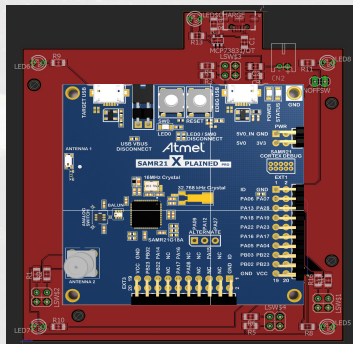
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# Low Power, Unobtrusive Modular Units

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- Low powered chip with SoC for communication.
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- Compact and modular design.
- Rechargeable battery with micro USB port.



# System Communication and Data Agreement

**Challenge:** Smooth system integration and state preservation

- Seat states must be reliably communicated throughout system
- States must be safely modified from two different systems (App, Table Unit)

**Solution:** Consistent conditional writing and efficient protocol

- From request to render takes an average of 38.6 milliseconds

