

Mappa Signa

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Abstract

Throughout many homes, offices, and buildings the consistency of wifi signal strength wavers significantly. However, by creating a wifi signal strength heatmap of the room(s), users can strategically place signal boosters that optimize their wifi signal strength throughout an area. Earlier approaches to this issue require users to have a pre-made map in addition to supplying copious user input as they traverse the room. To make the process of heatmap generation and signal booster placement easier, Mappa Signa provides a handheld device which simultaneously maps the room, marks the user's location, and measures the wifi signal strength at the user's current location. The data collected by the handheld device is then offloaded to an external PC nearby which generates the heatmap while also recommending the optimal placement for a wifi signal booster.

RPLIDAR A2M8 WiFi Antennas (2) **Device Controls** Raspberry Pi 3B+ • Record Data • Generate Heatmap LCD Display • Transfer Data Safe Shutdown Battery PCB • Rechargeable Li-Ion Battery • 7.2V /6500mAh, 46.8 Wh Node MCU Kill Switch Amica (2) Power Disconnect Step Down Regulator

System Overview

Block Diagram



Specifications

Results

Mappa Signa has created a fully portable hand held device capable of creating a map of an area and an overlaid heatmap of WiFi signals. After about a minute of boot up, the device is ready to record and begins with the touch of a button. Similarly, ending the record and transferring files is as easy as pushing a button. On our computer application, there's another button to generate and overlay the heatmap.



Specification
Lasts \geq 3 hours of continuous use or long enough to map entire building.
Map creation and trajectory estimation without user input of pre-existing map.
Uses LiDAR and NodeMCU Amica data to create heatmap of Wifi signal strength.
Suggest optimal signal booster placement based on heatmap results.
Turn on and go, no user intervention until data analysis.

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