

# Team 16 MDR Trash-E

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# PROBLEM STATEMENT

Bringing garbage to the curb can be a difficult task for some, whether they are physically disabled or elderly. Aid lent by caring companions can be unreliable as everyone has their own schedule and may not be available at the necessary time. Those in need of refuse removal can be assisted using *Trash·E*. *Trash·E* will take the strenuous part of taking the barrel to the curb out of the process; it is a Wi-Fi enabled robotic system to move garbage from its near-home collection site to the curb on a path and at a specified time.

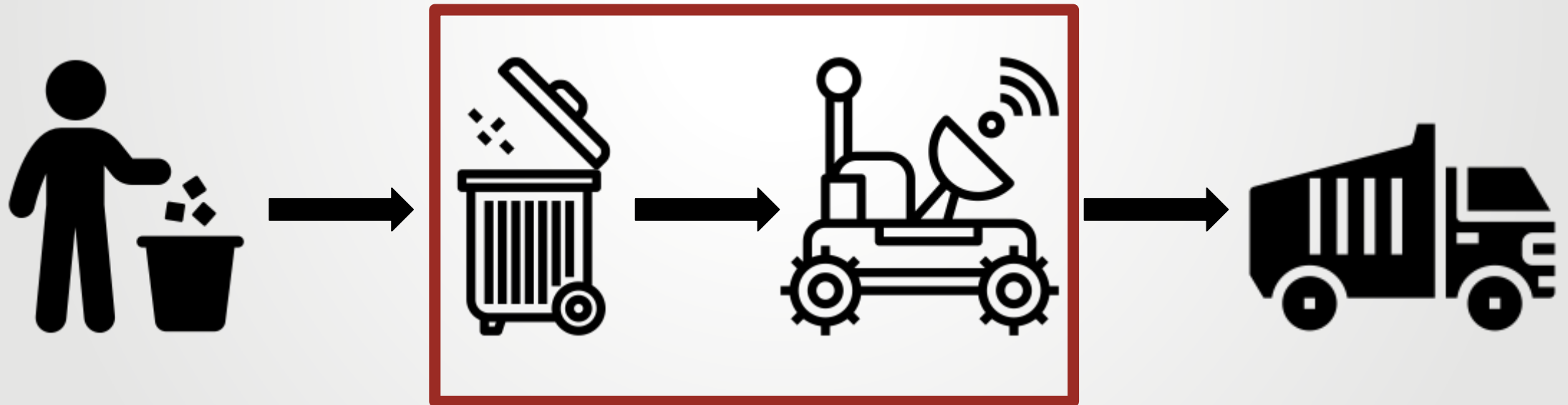


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# DESIGN GOALS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND TESTING PLAN

# GOAL

The goal of the *Trash·E* is to provide an automated and convenient way to move trash from its place of collection to the location needed for removal by a trash service with minimal user intervention.



# What has changed since PDR?

- **Navigation System**

- ~~Stepper motors~~
- Line tracking
- GPS
- IMU

- **User Interface**

- ~~Route preset~~
- Scheduling
- Obstacle alerts

- **Prototyping Phase**

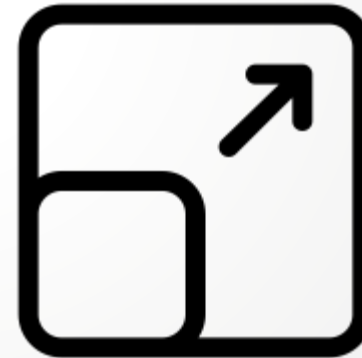
- Small tabletop model
- Scale up for CDR

- **Power Supply**

- Ground based power for MDR

- **Why did we make these changes?**

- Guidance from course coordinators
- Chris Caron (TA)
- SDP Scope



# Design Goals

- The System shall
  - specify what days and times *Trash·E* will run
  - wait for a preset amount of time at the pickup location before returning to its starting location
  - detect when trash is picked up
- Navigation
  - follow designated line forward and backwards
  - return to line if deviation occurs
- Obstacle Detection
  - detect and stop before obstacles in front of the system
  - alert the user of an obstacle
- Environmental Restrictions
  - fully functional on paved surfaces



# System Specs (Updated)

| Requirement                          | Specification            | Value   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Arrive before specified pickup time  | User-inputted day/time   | Arrive 10 minutes before time specified, alert user                     |
| Payload of average trash bag         | Pounds                   | Greater than or equal to 25 lbs.  |
| Battery Life                         | Trips / Time             | Two round trips on one full charge                                      |
| Wait at Pickup Location              | Time / Load Verification | Wait until load is take away or EOD                                     |
| Object Detection                     | Distance                 | Detect objects <= 1 meter from rover (90% accuracy)                     |
| Navigation [Primary]                 | Line Tracking            | Follow line from start to pickup and back (90% accuracy)                |
| Navigation [Secondary]               | Line Finding             | Find line after disturbance or error within five minutes (80% accuracy) |
| Movement                             | Surface, Slope           | Work on paved surfaces up to 10° slope                                  |
| WiFi Connectivity                    | Distance                 | 20 meters, LOS  |
| Arrive at Starting & Pickup Location | Error Tolerance          | Arrive within 2 meters of final destination (90% accuracy)              |
| User Alert [Obstacle]                | Time                     | Alert the user of an obstacle within one minute (90% accuracy)          |



# Testing Plan

## Navigation [Primary]

- Design test track with varying designs (straight, curvy, angled, etc.)
- Designate start and pickup locations
- Test 10 times per track
- Measure distance from pickup location, emulate trash pickup
- Measure distance from start location
- Repeat for different layouts
- Repeat process outdoors

## Object Detection

- Design test track of varying designs
- Place obstacle on line, mark location
- Run Trash-E on the track, mark where system stops
- Begin timer when object detected
- End timer when alert is received
- Measure distance between obstacle and rover
- Repeat 10 times

## Load Detection

- Obtain varying weights up to 25 lbs
- Place weight on sensor
- Remove
- Verify detection
- Repeat 10 times

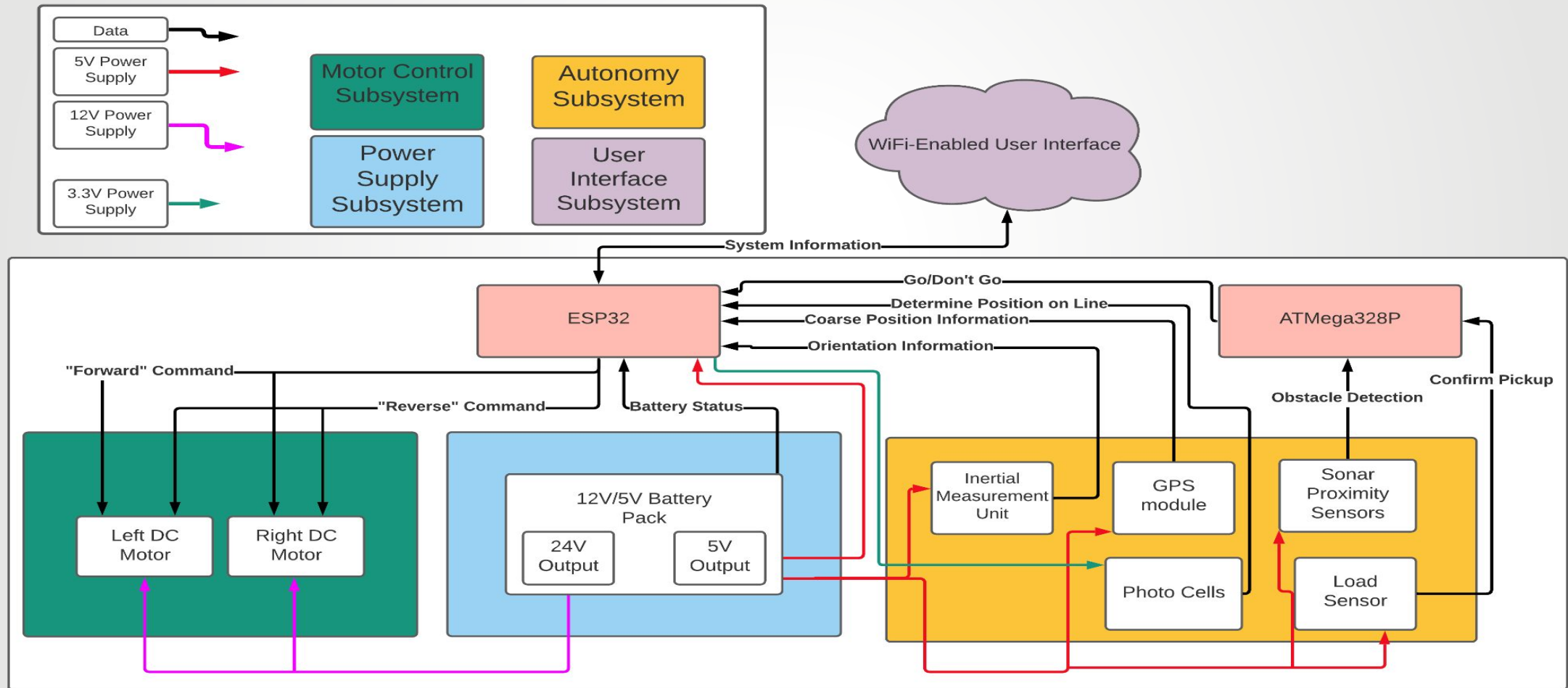
## Navigation [Secondary]

- Trash-E follows line correctly, stores data
- Emulate outside force (place rover off line)
- Start timer
- Wait until rover returns to line
- Stop timer, verify under 5 minutes
- Repeat 10 times

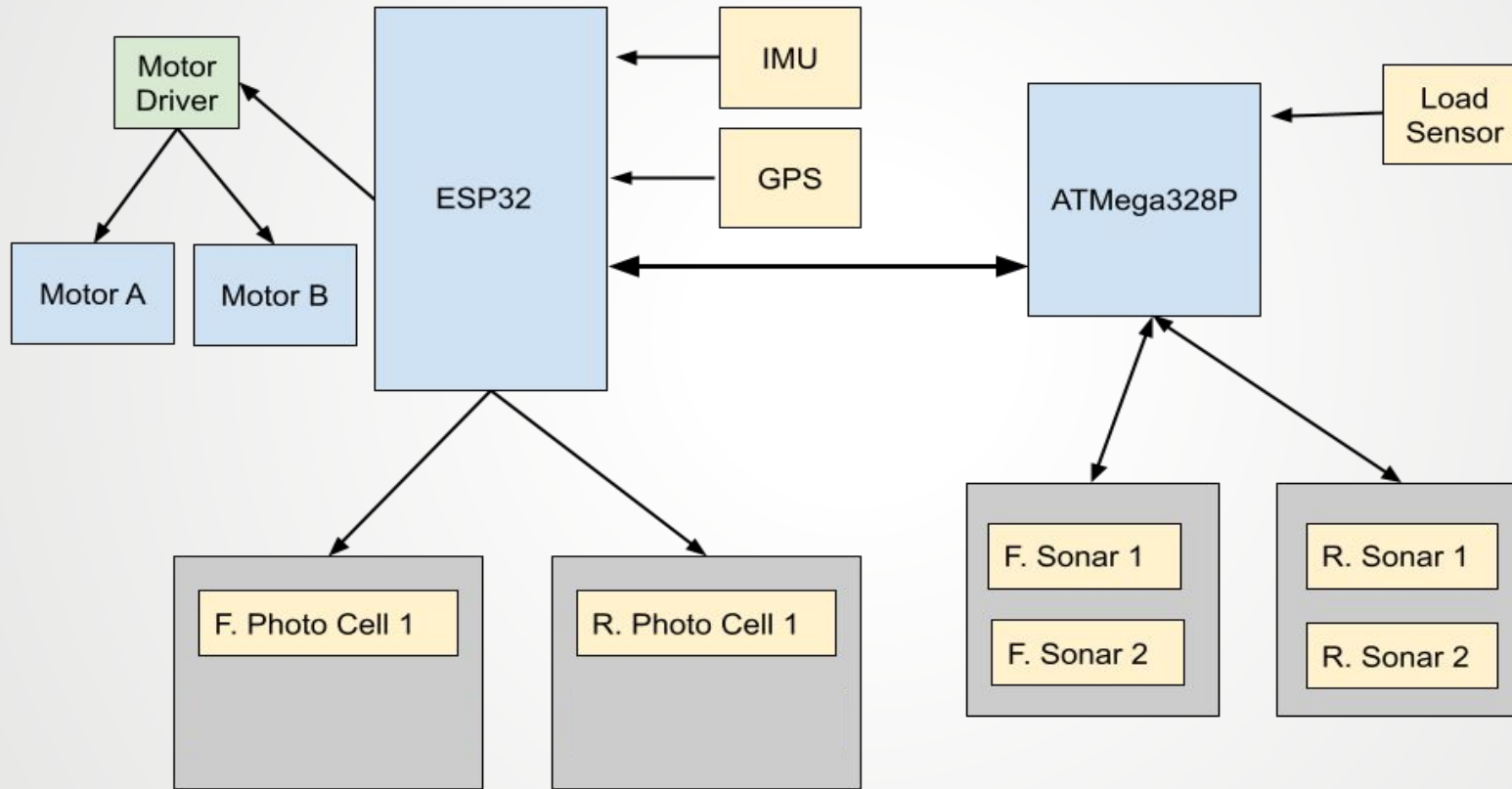
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# BLOCK DIAGRAMS & PCB DESIGN

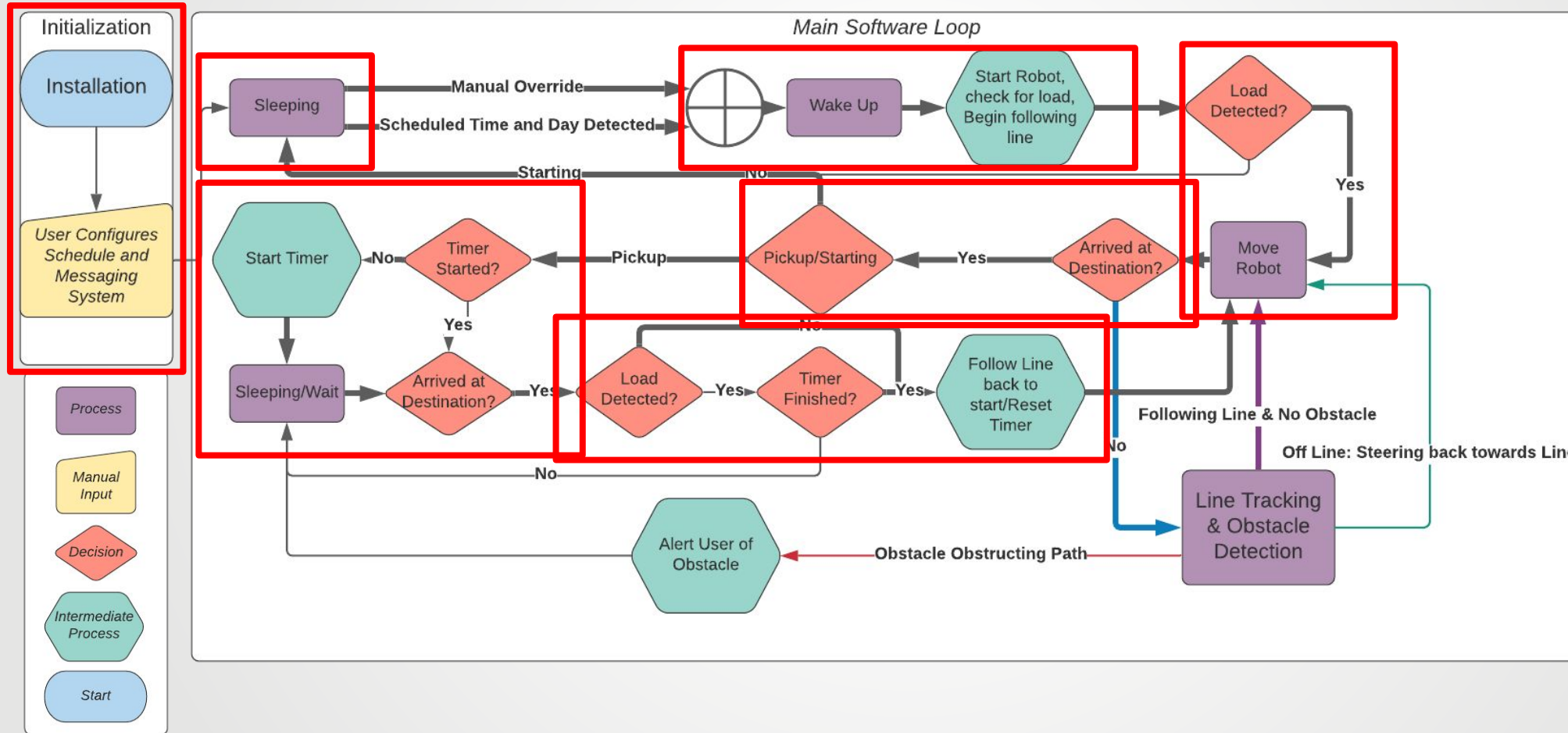
# (UPDATED) SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM



# Hardware Block Diagram

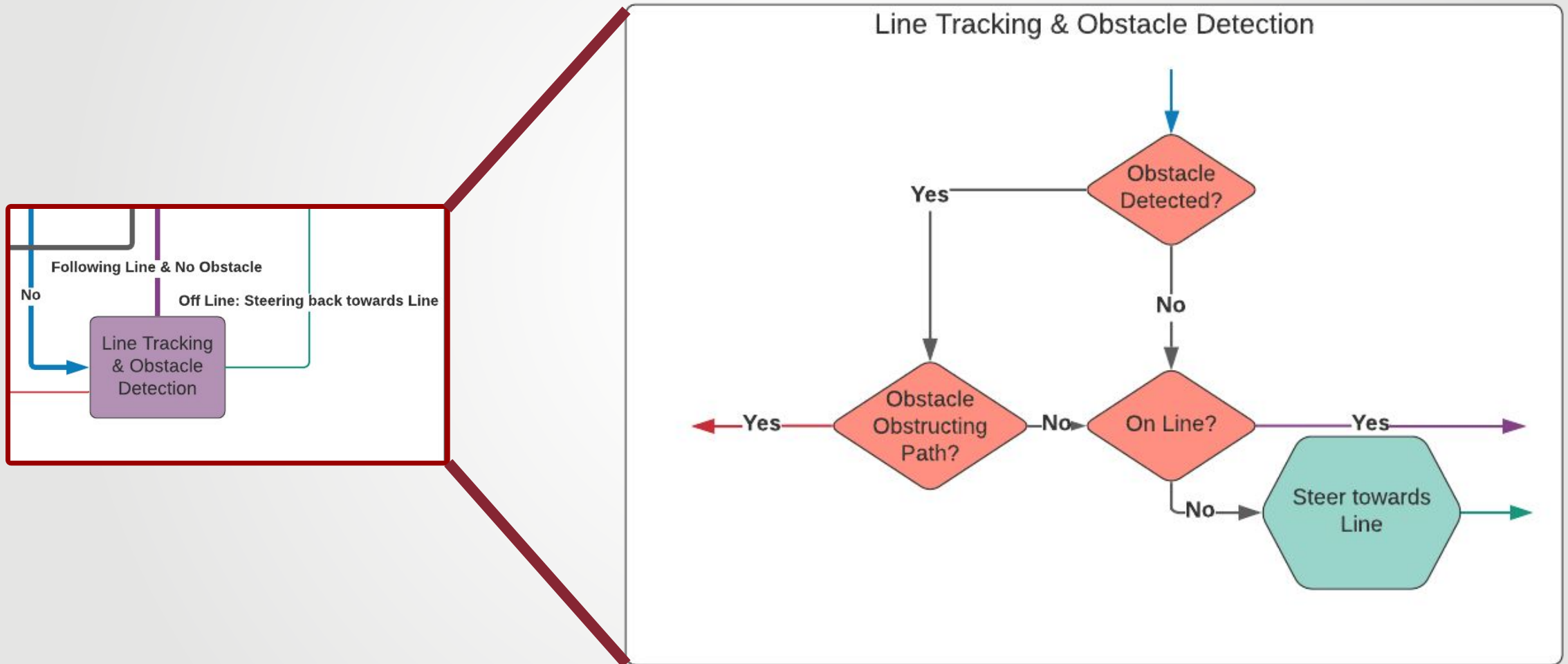


# Software Block Diagram

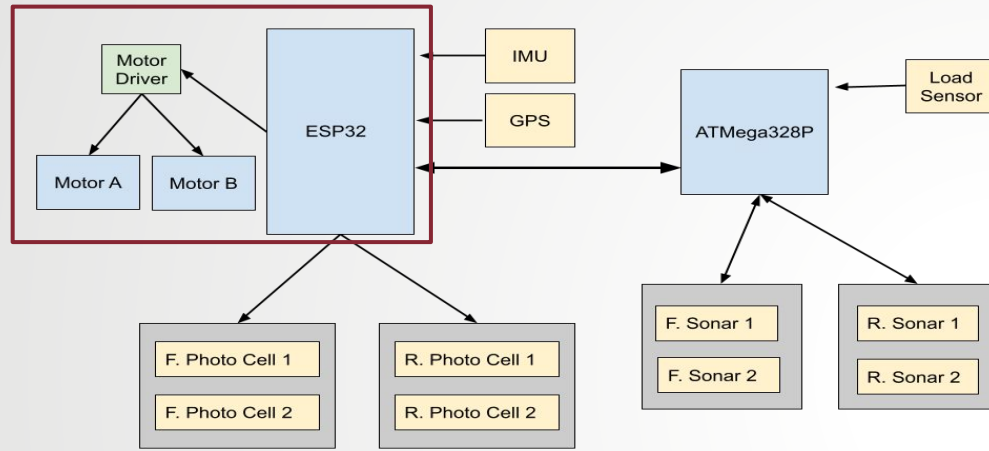


In **Bold** represents the main software path, if there were no obstacles

# Deeper Look: Navigation and Obstacle Detection



# Subsystem Analysis: Motor Control



```
void motor_move(uint8_t highPin, uint8_t lowPin, uint8_t PWM, int spd)
{
    analogWrite(PWM, spd);
    digitalWrite(highPin, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(lowPin, LOW);
}
```

```
void forward(int speed) {
    motor_move(ain1, ain2, pwmA, speed);
    motor_move(bin2, bin1, pwmB, speed);
}
```

```
void forwardLeft(int speed, int size) {
    motor_move(ain1, ain2, pwmA, (speed/size));
    motor_move(bin2, bin1, pwmB, speed);
}
```

Motor Driver Logic Overview

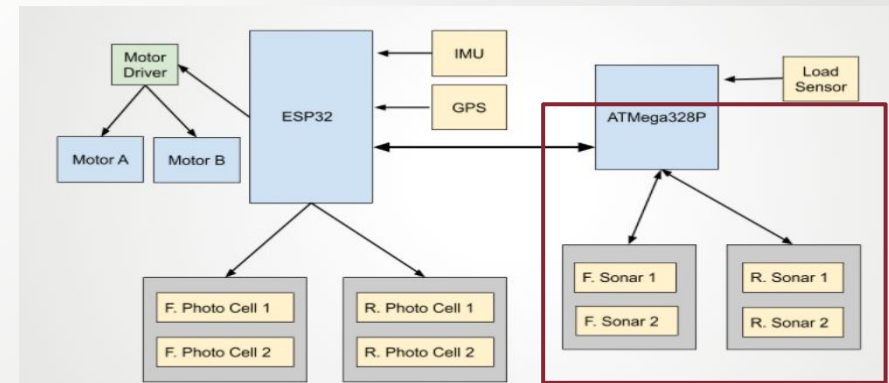
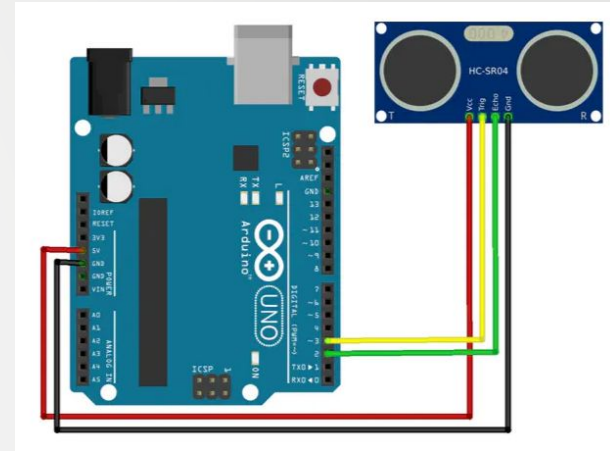
| In1 | In2 | PWM   | Out1 | Out2 | Mode        |
|-----|-----|-------|------|------|-------------|
| H   | H   | 1-255 | L    | L    | Short Brake |
| L   | H   | 1-255 | L    | H    | CCW         |
| L   | H   | 0     | L    | L    | Short Brake |
| H   | L   | 1-255 | H    | L    | CW          |
| H   | L   | 0     | L    | L    | Short Brake |
| L   | L   | 1-255 | OFF  | OFF  | Stop        |

# Subsystem Analysis: Sonar Sensors

```
bool direction = true; // true = forward / false = backward
```

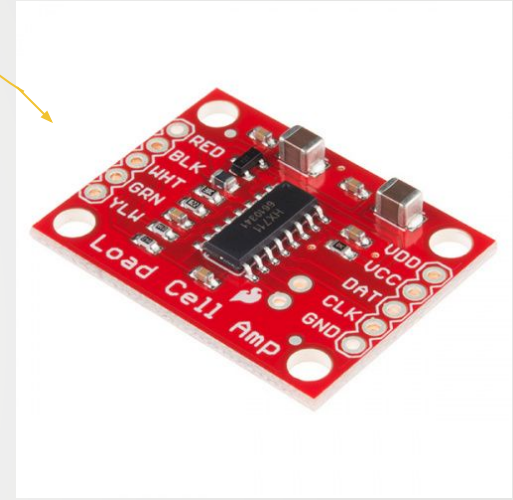
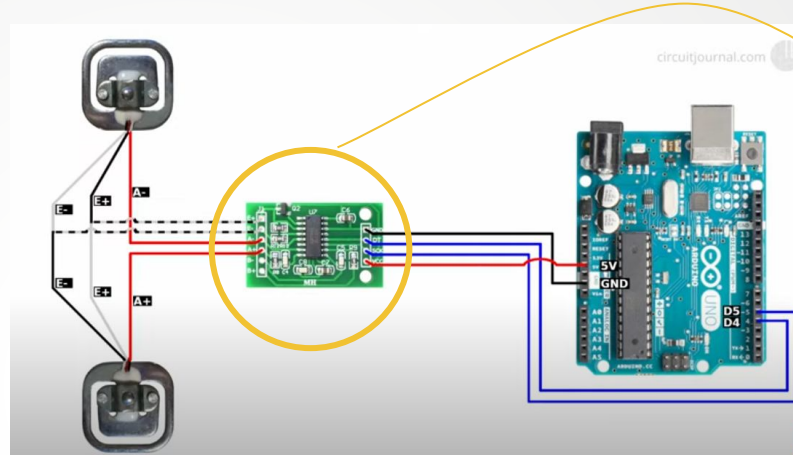
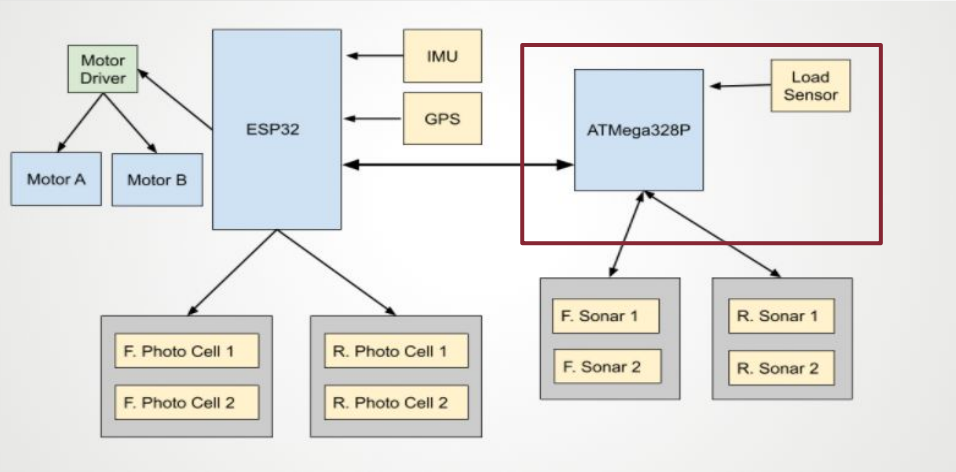
```
if (direction) { // if we are facing forward
  if (SonarSensor(trigPin, echoPin, distanceThreshold, led) || SonarSensor(trigPin2, echoPin2, distanceThreshold, led2)) {
    digitalWrite(obstacleLED, HIGH);
  }
  else {
    digitalWrite(obstacleLED, LOW);
  }
}
else {
  if (SonarSensor(trigPin3, echoPin3, distanceThreshold, led3) || SonarSensor(trigPin4, echoPin4, distanceThreshold, led4)) {
    digitalWrite(obstacleLED, HIGH);
  }
  else {
    digitalWrite(obstacleLED, LOW);
  }
}
```

```
if(distance <= threshold) //if distance is less than 10 cm
{
  if (LED >= 0) {
    digitalWrite(LED, HIGH);
  }
  return true;
}
```





# Subsystem Analysis: Load Sensors



## HX711 load cell amplifier:

- gets measurable data from load cells

```
scale.begin(LOADCELL_DOUT_PIN, LOADCELL_SCK_PIN);
scale.set_scale(calibration_factor); //This value is obtained by using the SparkFun_HX711_Calibration sketch
scale.tare(); //Assuming there is no weight on the scale at start up, reset the scale to 0
```

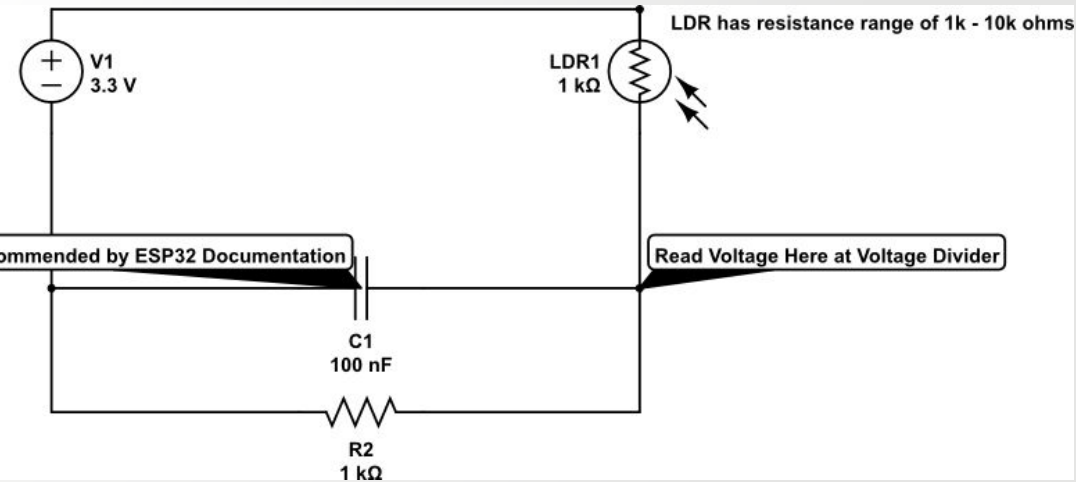
```
if (scale.get_units() > 150) { //150 grams ~ .3 lbs
    digitalWrite(10, HIGH);
}
else {
    digitalWrite(10, LOW);
}
```

# Subsystem: Line tracking via Photoresistor

## Step by Step Process:

1. Calibrate Photoresistors
  - a. Find brightest color -> highest voltage value
  - b. Find darkest color -> lowest voltage value
2. Perform Analog Read via ADC on voltage divider
3. Squeeze newly read value into our calibrated range
  - a. Convert to a boolean value
4. Translate Boolean Values into human understandable cases
5. Repeat steps 2 - 4

```
void readRawPhotoVal(uint8_t photoCellPin) {  
    if ((Left_Ph) /*  
        if (Left_Ph /* Singular version of readRawPhotoCells, does the same thing except only for one photocell.  
            return 1; /*  
        }  
        return analogRead(photoCellPin);  
    }  
    else { //Right  
        return 2; /*  
    }  
    /* Fair self-explanatory: Reads raw data from both of our photo cells and stores into our photoVals struct which we have a pointer to.  
    }  
    if (calibrated) {  
        if (photoVals == NULL) {return;}  
        (*photoVals).Left_Photo = readRawPhotoVal(LeftPhotoresistor);  
        (*photoVals).Right_Photo = readRawPhotoVal(RightPhotoresistor);  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```



$$V_{\text{upper out}} = 3.3 * 1000 / (1000 + 1000) = 1.65V$$

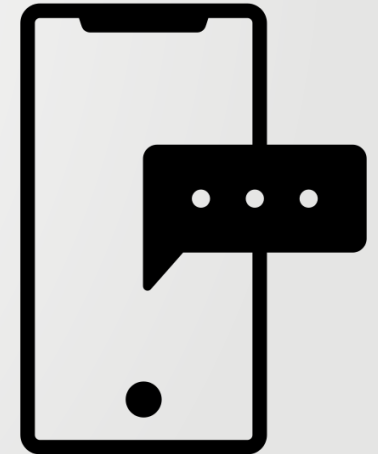
$$V_{\text{lower out}} = 3.3 * 1000 / (10000 + 1000) = 0.3V$$

$$V_{\text{out}} = V_{\text{in}} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

# Subsystem: Messaging System on ESP32

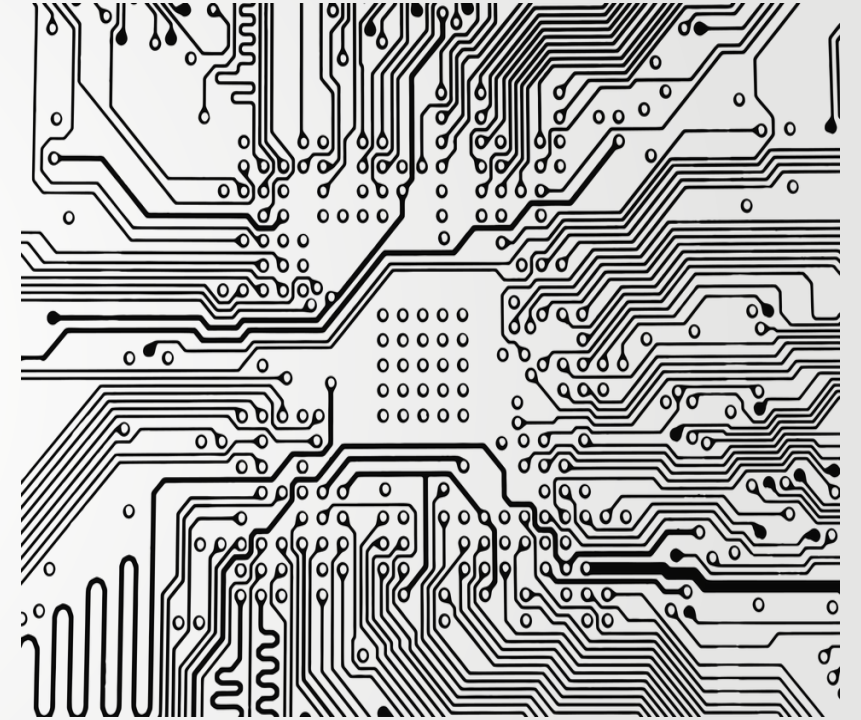
```
void teleBotSetup() {  
    // Attempt to connect to Wifi network:  
    Serial.print("Connecting Wifi: ");  
    Serial.println(ssid);  
  
    WiFi.mode(WIFI_STA);  
    WiFi.begin(ssid, password);  
    client.setCACert(TELEGRAM_CERTIFICATE_ROOT); // Add root certificate for api.telegram.org  
  
    while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {  
        Serial.print(".");  
        delay(500);  
    }  
  
    Serial.println("");  
    Serial.println("WiFi connected");  
    Serial.print("IP address: ");  
    Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());  
  
    bot.sendMessage(CHAT_ID, "Bot started up", "");  
}
```

```
void alertUser(const String& message) {  
    bot.sendMessage(CHAT_ID, message, "");  
}
```



# Forward Looking: PCB Design

- **Custom PCB will include:**
  - Atmega328p Microcontroller
  - ESP32 Wifi Microcontroller & Bluetooth
  - ESP32 WIFI Booster Antenna
  - HX711 Load Cell Amplifier
  - Adafruit MTK3339 - GPS
  - Adafruit 9 DOF LSM9DS1 - IMU
  - Dual TB6612FNG - Motor Driver
  - Voltage Regulator



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# COST ESTIMATE

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## Costs (Up to MDR)



| Component            | Predicted Cost  |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| GPS                  | \$39.06         |
| Motor Driver         | \$5.45          |
| Battery*             | \$12.99         |
| Huzzah32 Feather*    | \$19.95         |
| Proximity Sensor x4* | \$15.80         |
| Testing Platform     | \$29.99         |
| Load Sensor x2       | \$15.86         |
| IMU*                 | \$14.95         |
| Load Cell Amplifier  | \$6.05          |
| Redboard*            | \$19.95         |
| Photocells x3*       | \$2.85          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$176.45</b> |

\*Items sourced from M5 so actual cost is zero

## Costs Estimate (MDR to CDR)

| Component          | Predicted Cost  |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Platform Materials | \$80            |
| Load Sensor x2     | \$15.86         |
| PCB                | \$125           |
| Antenna            | \$1.72          |
| Atmega328p Chip    | \$2.86          |
| ESP32 Chip         | \$3.15          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$222.58</b> |

**Total Cost Estimate: \$400.03**



### GPS - Adafruit MTK3339 B.O.B

- Location of system
- High-sensitivity receiver
- Low power



### Photocell - CdS photoresistor

- Light sensor
- Light =  $\sim 1K\Omega$
- Dark =  $\sim 10K\Omega$



### Ultrasonic Sensor - HC-SR04 x 4

- Very General Purpose
- Can measure distance



### Lithium ion Battery Pack

- 2200mAh
- 11.1 V
- $\sim 5$  hours run time



### IMU - Adafruit 9 DOF LSM9DS1

- Magnetometer, accelerometer, gyroscope
- Determine facing direction



### Load Sensor x 4

- Cheap
- High Measurement range (up to 110kg or  $\sim 242.5$  lbs)



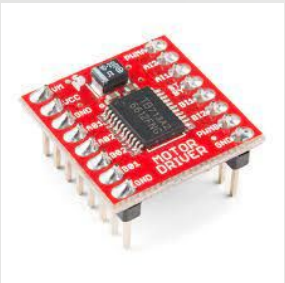
### Huzzah32 ESP32 Feather Board

- Wifi enabled
- Many GPIO pins
- Many ADC I/O pins
- SPI / I<sup>2</sup>C (For GPS and Communication across boards/chips)



### ESP32 Antenna

- 2.4GHz Antenna
- 20 meters added distance



### Motor Driver - Dual TB6612FNG

- Up to 15VDC
- H-Bridge for precise motor control



### Redboard Qwiic - ATmega328p

- General purpose MCU
- Cheap
- Analog & Digital IO
- Easy to prototype



### Load Cell Amplifier - HX711

- 24 bit precision
- Read the changes in the resistance



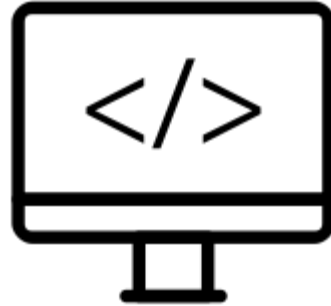
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# Responsibilities

# Team Member Responsibilities

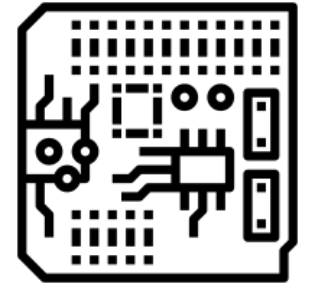
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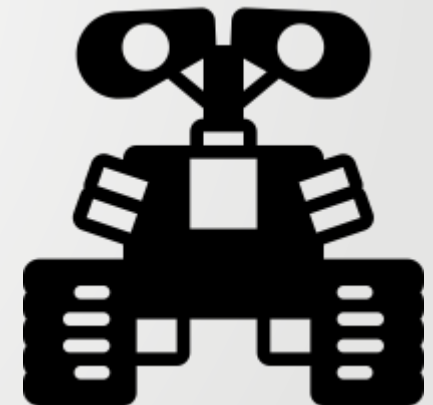
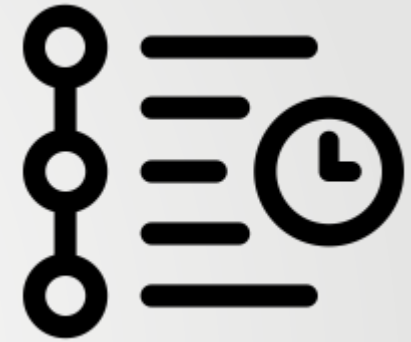


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# MDR Deliverables

# Proposed MDR Deliverables (From-PDR)

- **Be able to preset a route for the system to navigate ✓**
- **Tabletop demonstration of Ultrasonic obstacle detection ✓**
  - Show 2 meter detection range specification
- **Tabletop demonstration of load detection ✓**
  - Show  $\geq 5$  lbs detection specification
- **Demonstrate a mobile system ✓**
- **Define platform for User Interface ✓**



# Schedule Moving Forward

| GANTT CHART (POST MDR -> CDR) |               |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                               |               | Finals Weeks (POST MDR) | Winter Break | Winter Break | Winter Break -> Spring 2022 | Spring 2022 | Spring 2022 | Spring 2022 (Pre-CDR) |
| Task to be Done               | Team Members  | 12/6 - 12/19            | 12/20 - 1/2  | 1/3 - 1/16   | 1/17 - 1/30                 | 1/31 - 2/6  | 2/7 - 2/20  | 2/20 - 3/6            |
| Large Scale Motor Enclosure   | Stephen, Smit |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |
| Antenna Design + Research     | Smit          |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |
| PCB Design                    | Jasmine       |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |
| Migration to Embedded C       | Stephen, John |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |
| GPS Integration               | Stephen, Smit |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |
| IMU Integration               | Smit, Jasmine |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |
| Scheduler                     | John          |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |
| UI                            | John          |                         |              |              |                             |             |             |                       |

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# Demonstration

An aerial photograph of a large crowd of people, likely students, gathered on a football field. The crowd is arranged in a large, irregular shape, possibly forming a logo or a specific pattern. The field is green with white yard lines. In the background, there are several buildings, including a prominent tall brick tower, and a clear blue sky with some clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# QUESTIONS?

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