

sdmay19-12: Automatic Solder Dispenser

Week 10 Report

November 12 - December 3

Client: Leland Harker

Team Members

Jason Austin – Software Lead

Justin Wheeler – Mechanical Lead

Zachary Bumstead – Electrical Lead

Kevin Carlson – Mechanical/Electrical Integrator

Trenton Allison – Software/Electrical Integrator

Samuel Willford – Report Manager and Meeting Facilitator

Summary of Progress this Report

- Tested sensor options for jam detection - Jason, Justin, Trent
 - Tested photodiode, photoresistor, inductive sensing, capacitive sensing
 - Inductive and capacitive had too small of voltage swings (a few mV)
 - Photodiode did not work
 - Photoresistor worked and had voltage swings of 100mV
 - Later a circuit with op-amp was devised to increase voltage
- Attempted to fix PCB - Trent
 - Driver #3 has not been working
 - Attempted to resolder chip
 - Pads tore off
 - Attempted to connect wires directly
 - Pins tore off chip
 - New board will be created later with updates
- Drilled and Tapped holes - Justin
 - Any holes that could be drilled without CNC mill were made
 - Files for milling were sent to client
 - Should be done this week
 - Pins and hardware were ordered and received
- Designed and created testing house for photoresistor and coiler - Jason
 - Testing house for photoresistor holds it in place
 - Hole goes through it for tubing
 - Coiler was made
 - This is for coiling the tubing
 - Coils' radius was slightly too small for tube to fit through.

- Will hopefully allow us to dispense solder similar to vending machine
 - Goal is to avoid a pipe protruding from box
- Card reader implemented with database - Jason
 - Card reader now works with database
 - Student can swipe ID
 - Program will check database and see if student has gained solder in last 20 minutes
 - Program will deny solder if time is less than 20 minutes
 - Verified to work

Pending Issues

- Solder tube/collector piece design
 - Needs to keep people from grabbing the solder and pulling more out
 - Needs to look nice (No elephant trunk/tail hanging from box)
 - Can't be risky in terms of a clog or jam

Plans for Upcoming Reporting Period

- Make circuit for sensors - Jason, Trent, Zach
 - Test circuit for jam sensor and open box sensor
 - Add circuit to PCB
 - Order and create PCB
 - Test
- Finish extruders - Justin
 - Put aluminum extruders together and test
 - Refine if necessary
- Complete Programming - Jason
 - Refine program, make screens visually appearing
 - Basic functionality screens currently being used for test purposes
 - Add solder descriptions to screens
 - Add box functionality descriptions to screens
 - Generate usage reports, determine when 5% remaining
 - Send emails
- Create and test updated coiler - Jason
 - Last coiler made was slightly too small for tubes to fit
- Research and pick a battery/capacitor for power outages
 - Should hold enough power to send email to ETG
- Integrate extruder, cutter, spools, and tubes - Justin, Kevin
 - Use tubing to make solder flow from spool to extruder to cutter
 - Figure out how to get solder to the user after the cutter

Individual Contributions

| Team Member | Contribution | Weekly Hours | Total Hours |
|----------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| Sam Willford | Managing schedule, reports, Design Document, Project Plan final updates, presentation | 22 | 89 |
| Jason Austin | Worked on testing sensors, card reader/database programming, coiler and photoresistor testing house, presentation | 42 | 103 |
| Trent Allison | Worked on fixing PCB, sensors, presentation | 22 | 87.5 |
| Justin Wheeler | Worked on sensors, drill and tapping holes, presentation | 20 | 77.5 |
| Kevin Carlson | Research open box sensor, presentation | 9 | 55 |
| Zach Bumstead | Updated website, presentation | 10 | 55 |
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Gitlab Activity Summary

 Action: pushed to, Sat Sep 08 2018
 Author: willford
 Title: Added Parts List

Action: joined, Sat Sep 08 2018
 Author: wheeler1

Action: pushed to, Sat Sep 08 2018
 Author: jsaustin
 Title: Added stepper pinout file

Action: pushed to, Tue Sep 04 2018
 Author: jsaustin
 Title: updates

Action: pushed to, Tue Sep 04 2018

Author: jsaustin
Title: Upload of test app and env set

Action: pushed new, Thu Aug 30 2018
Author: jsaustin

Action: joined, Tue Aug 28 2018
Author: carlson5

Action: joined, Tue Aug 28 2018
Author: zrbum

Action: joined, Tue Aug 28 2018
Author: willford

Action: joined, Tue Aug 28 2018
Author: jsaustin

Action: created, Tue Aug 28 2018
Author: sd
