

EcoSort

✓ Use Case

- Recycling bin that automatically sorts items as recycling or trash
- Provides a quick and accurate way for people to sort their recycling at home
- Prevents recycling contamination and wishful recycling
- Encourages users to purchase recyclable materials

✓ Design Changes

Four → Two categories: Recycling and trash

- Determine if classified objects are recyclable
- Reject items that require special procedures, ie. batteries

Game subsystem

- Displays the weekly average of recycled vs. non-recyclable items
- Keeps track of the highest average

✓ Design Requirements

Design Requirements	Quantitative metrics
Item placement detection	100% accuracy
Classification	>90% accuracy
Drop item into the classified bin	100% accuracy
Overall process time	< 7 seconds



✓ Solution Approach

Object detection	Use YOLOv7 object detection model, fine-tune on dataset of recyclable items to improve accuracy
Error handling	If CV can't classify image, assume it's trash
Categorization	Use item classification to determine if item is recyclable Bins have predetermined locations inside the bin
Placement	Use HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensor to detect item placement on the bin
Display screen	OLED I2C IIC Display Module 12846 as a display screen

✓ System Specification: CV

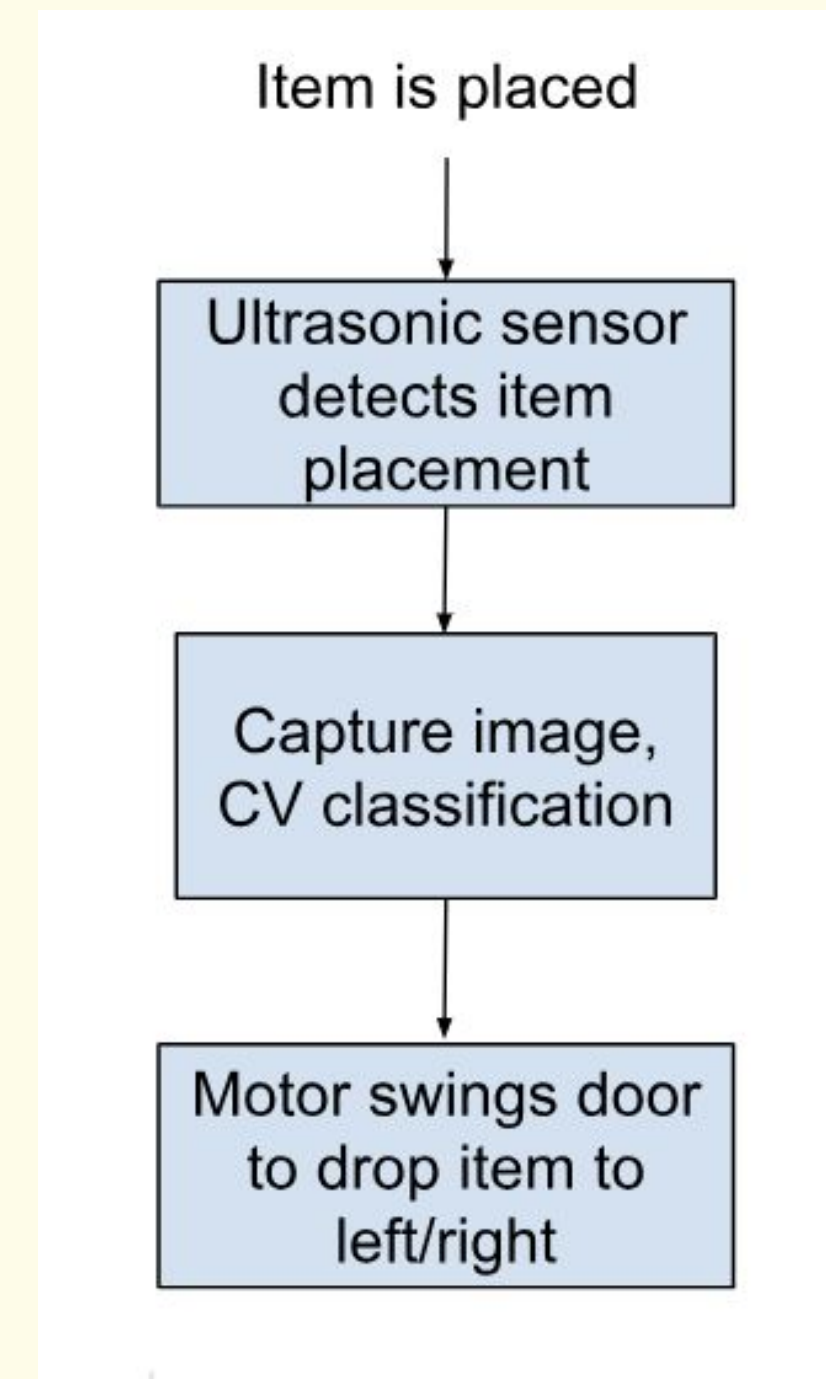
YOLO v7 model

- Identifies potential objects with a bounding box + label, assigns confidence score
- Perform classification on captured images if item is detected by the bin
- Items recognized with sufficient confidence score (>0.90) are disposed in the corresponding bin or rejected



✓ System Specification: Item Placing

- Ultrasonic sensor measures distance to the object
- If the distance is below a certain threshold, camera will be triggered to capture the image
 - CV classifies
- Based on the output the door will either swing to the left or right

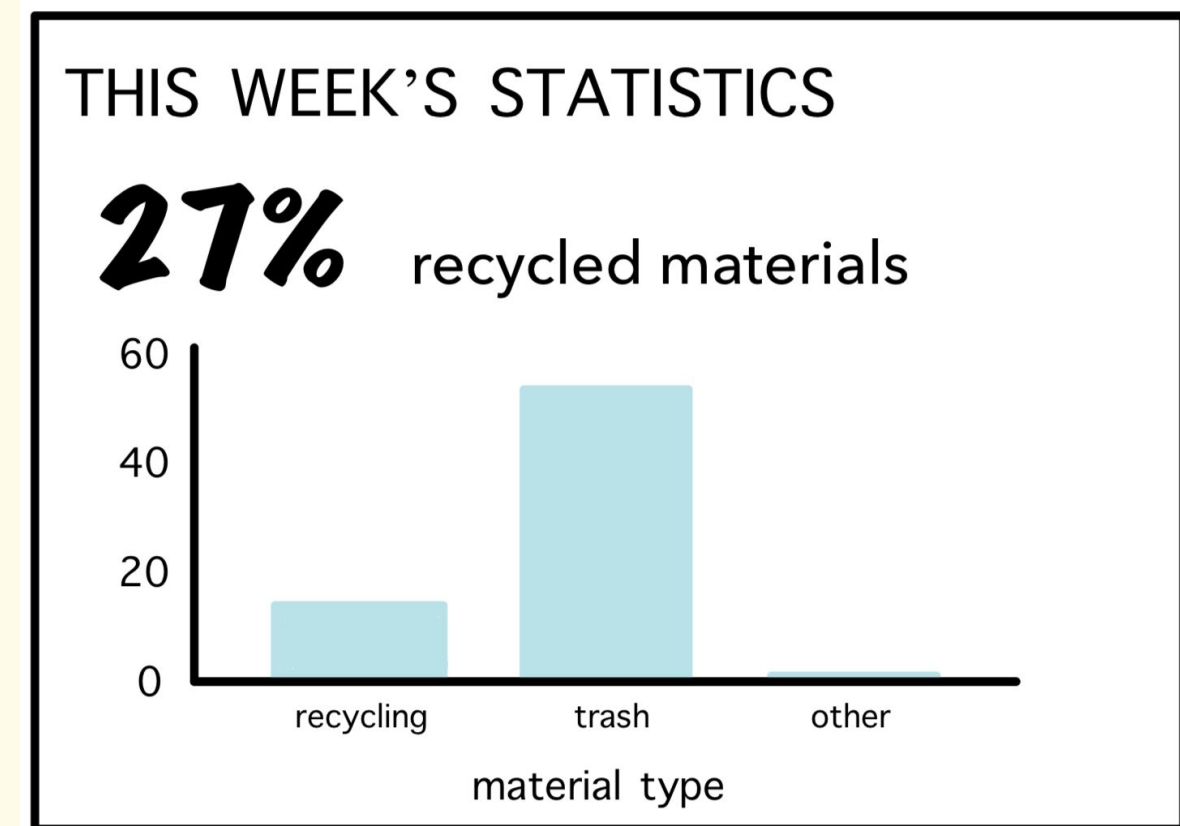


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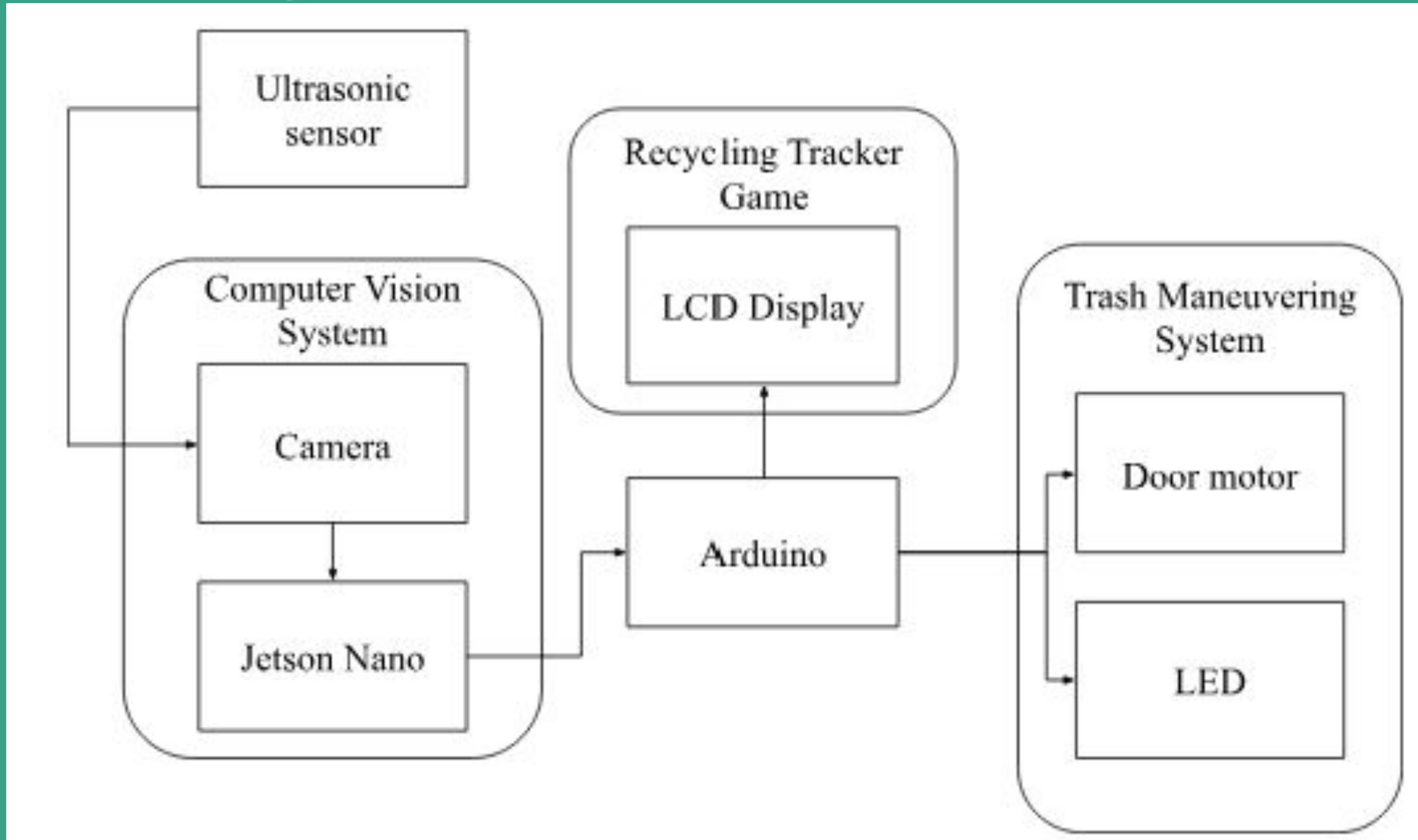
✓ System Specification: Game

OLED I2C IIC Display Module

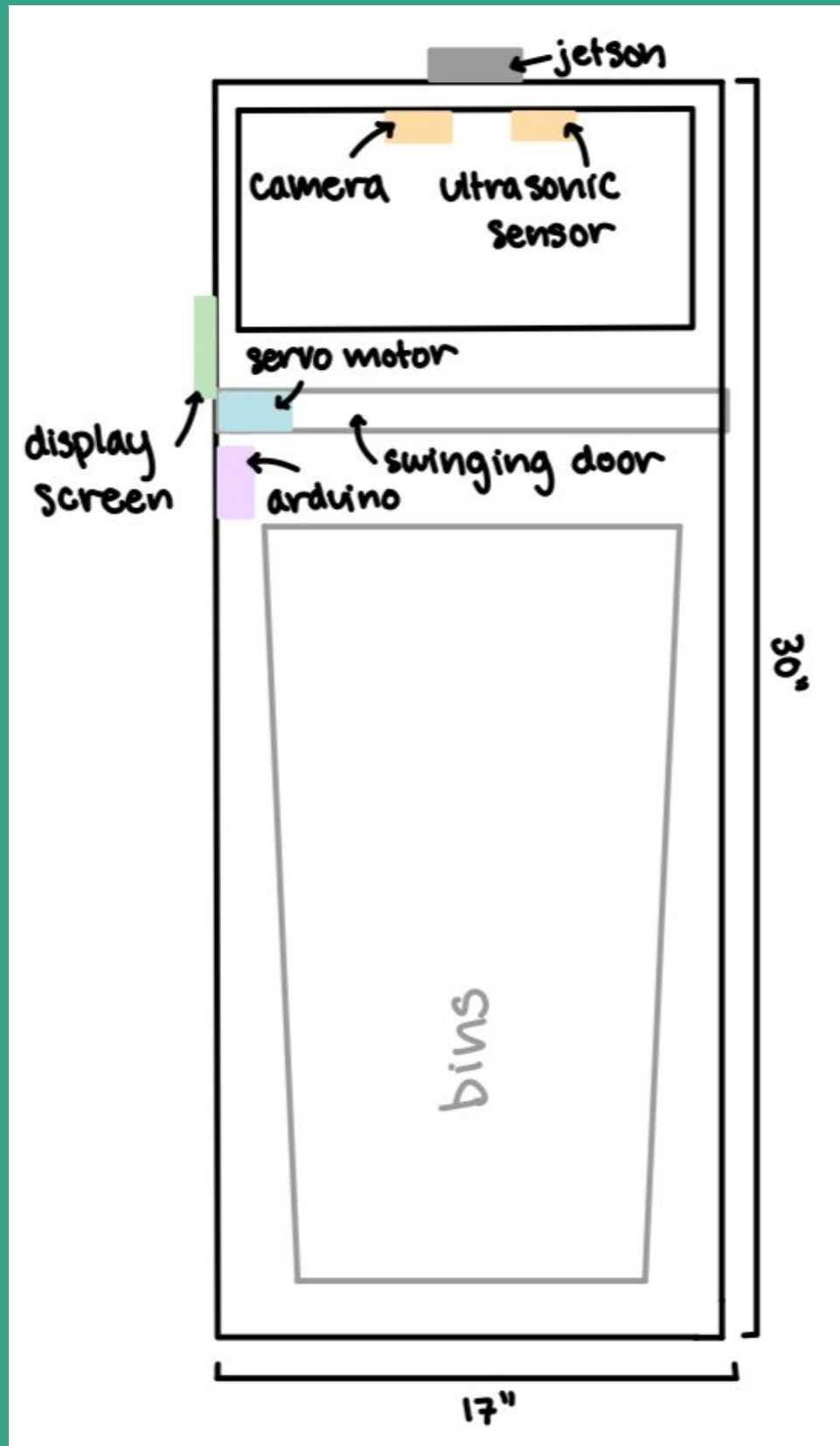
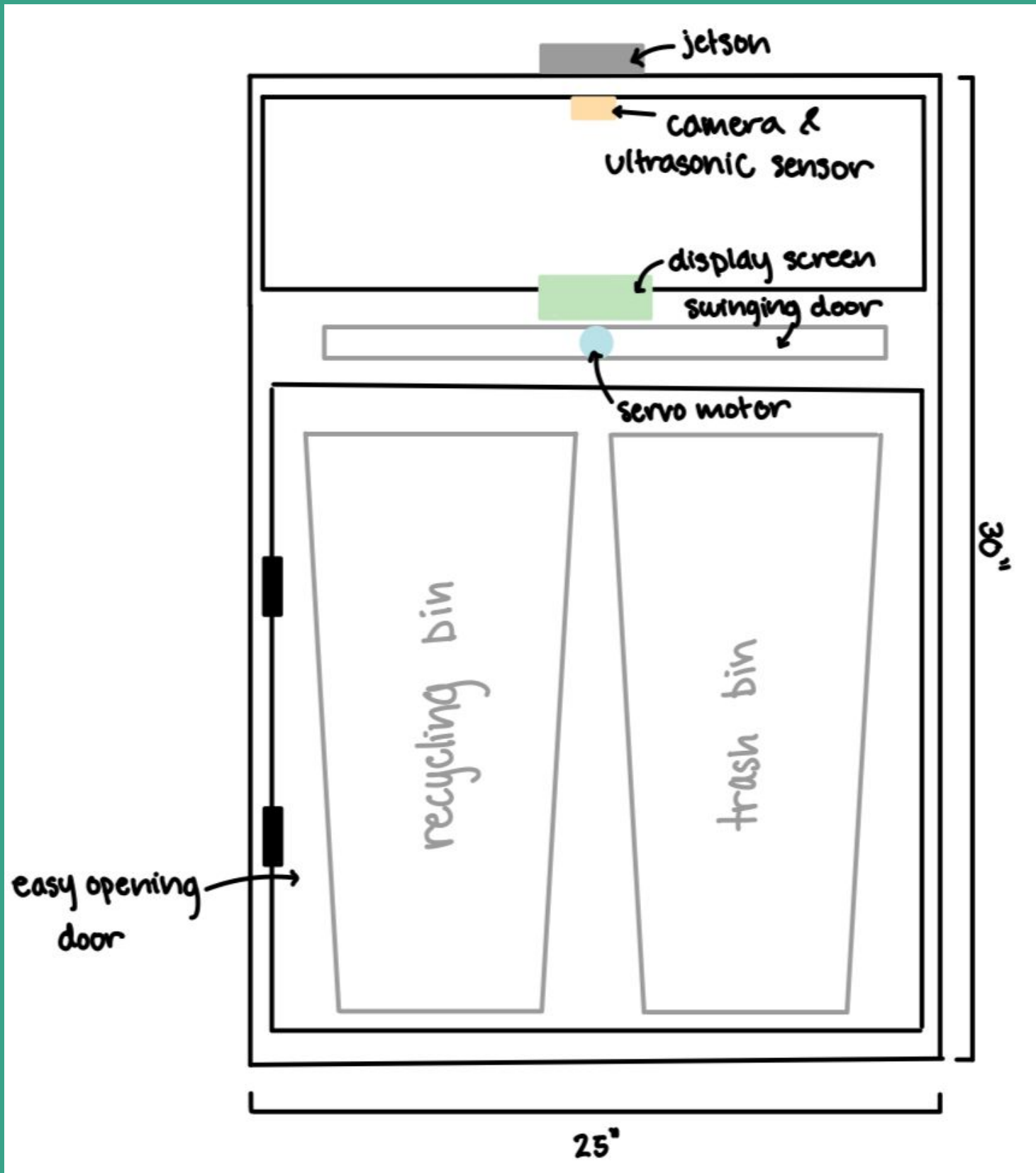
- Connects to Arduino through SDA and SCL lines
- Loops through different screens that display the recycling percentage of the current week, previous week, and overall best



Block Diagram



Design Sketch



✓ Implementation Plan

Buy/Download	<p>Hardware: Jetson, Arduino, Camera, Ultrasonic Sensor, LCD display, servo motor(s)</p> <p>Software: YOLOv7, dataset on recyclable material</p> <p>Mechanical: Bins, building material, door panel</p>
Design/Build	<p>Hardware: Circuitry for Arduino, serial communication between Jetson and Arduino</p> <p>Software: Modified YOLOv7 model, control algorithm for Arduino + motors, tracking + display control for recycling game</p> <p>Mechanical: Bin structure, door mechanism</p>

✓ Testing, verification, and validation

System	Design components	Testing Plan	Metrics
Object detection	Ultrasonic sensor + serial communication	Objects of various sizes, positions on platform	100% accuracy
Computer vision	YOLO algorithm	Build testing dataset Commonly mis-recycled items	>90% accuracy
Object placing	Arduino + motor control	Objects of various sizes and shapes, verify placement algorithm	100% accuracy

