

Progress Report 2/10/19 - 2/16/19
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This week I worked on creating the schematic for our first PCB revision. I also began working on the layout and routing of the board. For our first revision, the PCB will be 2.5" X 2". It will have breakouts for the IO pins on the ESP32 microcontroller. We decided on the SPH0645LM4H-B MEMS microphone, available on digikey, for it's high signal to noise ratio (65db). Our wake up mic will be the Vesper VM1010 as it is a leading microphone marketed as a wake up mic, with the features we need. Since we would like to experiment with the VM1010, we will incorporate breakouts for the ports on the mic.

The board will be battery powered, but we also want to charge the battery on the board. Thus the inclusion of a battery charging circuit is necessary. To accomplish this, we are using a battery management IC chip, the Microchip MCP73871, which can power the device via a 5V line while charging the battery. Since the output of the MCP73871 is unregulated, a boost converter, TI TPS61091RSAR, is needed to stabilize the output at 3.3V, which is required by the ESP32 and main mic. We also included a 1.8V linear regulator, LM1117, to power the Vesper wake up mic.

Since our group has no experience in PCB design, we asked a post-doc we know for some tips. He was very helpful and gave us some great pointers about assembly and layout requirements. I was also able to find some reference schematics on adafruit to help me layout the design.

I am behind on the signal processing side of the project. I was not able to collect data using a MEMS microphone since we lacked the hardware required. I decided to wait to collect data with the ADC on the ESP32, which is being bread-boarded. I instead focused on PCB design while Ronit worked on the bringup of the microcontroller.

Next week I plan on completing the schematics and the routing of the PCB. Our goal is to have it completed by Wednesday 2/20/19. I will also begin to collect data with the breakout SPH0645 mic we bought from Adafruit. James has started some of the keystroke detection using his cellphone mic. I will aid him with this and by the end of the week we should have a very accurate keystroke detector for hunt and peck style of typing. I assume further work will have to be done for touch typing, as keystrokes are closer together and usually softer.

Below I have the schematics and layout for our first revision of PCB.



