

Use Case

- Automatic drinks maker
 - Bluetooth enabled to allow user to select drinks
 - Avoids manual labour by user
 - High precision of liquids measurement/percentages
 - Insightful and interesting data metrics presented to user
 - User can customize/create drink recipes for machine to undertake
- Has sensors to weigh the bottles for exact measurements
- Has visual sensor to ensure glass in under dispenser
- IoT enabled device
 - Using raspberry pi for communications and sensors
- Areas Covered:
 - Software Systems, Hardware Systems (embedded)

Requirements (Customer)

- Liquids must be pre filled into the machine
 - Liquid names must be entered into the phone application
 - Minimum amount of liquid in each bottle must be satisfied or else app will alert users
- Cup must be under dispenser
- iOS device is required for application installment
- Device will have to be connected to power
 - Raspberry Pi & Arduino
- Only one glass at a time on the belt (hence only one customer at a time)
 - Can queue drinks orders on apps and machine will execute in order once glass is placed on belt

Requirements (Hardware)

- Raspberry Pi 4 Model B
 - Bluetooth Communication with iOS device
 - Process sensor readings
 - Control Motors
- FSR sensor to check if glass is actually on platform
 - 100% accuracy required as liquids should not be poured if no glass
- Motors, timing belt, and sliding platform to move the glass on the belt in position for the different liquids
 - Movement must be 100% stable as we cant have the glass tipping over or liquids falling.
 - As the glass gets fuller the stopping and starting of the belt must be very smooth as abrupt start/stop will cause liquids to pour out
 - Positioning of glass (under the we can allow for 95% accuracy) as glass is round so not required to pour exactly in center of glass.

Requirements (Software)

- iOS App
 - Communication protocol between phone and raspberry pi will be done using **MQTT protocol**
 - App is built using Swift for iOS
 - User must be able to register and log in so will need backend database to store this information
 - This is needed for individual users data insights (drinking habits, calories etc.) that the app will provide to them
 - User must be able to choose a drink and the machine should make this drink (100% accuracy)
 - App must confirm selection or reject selection in ~50ms
 - Different users can all login to the app and add drinks to the nearby machine and these drinks will be queued up and executed
 - App should not allow user to choose a drink that cannot be made (liquids are finished or the required liquids for the drink are not available.)
 - App will provide insightful weekly report to users on liquids consumed, total calories, total drinks per day etc.

Technical Challenges

- Drink accuracy (ratio of liquids, correct drink poured)
- Moving platform won't spill drink with arbitrary amount of liquid
- Platform positions cup correctly under each dispenser
- Lossless communication between app and system
- Learning Swift
- Making up-to-date liquid levels available in-app

Risk Mitigation

- Adjustable valves to account for over/under-pouring
- 3 preset cup sizes to determine how fast the platform can move (similar to Keurig mug options)
- Weight sensor to determine amount of liquid left in bottles
- Weight sensor to determine amount of liquid dispensed into cup on each pour

Solution Approach (Mechanical/Hardware)

- Liquid Dispenser
 - Control valves with variable volumes
 - Wooden structure to support 4 liquids
- Raspberry Pi
 - Communicate with sensors
 - Weight
 - Position
 - Control moving platform
 - Timing belt
 - Stepper motors

Solution Approach (Software)

- iOS app created in Swift
- Communicate with RPi over Bluetooth
- Allow users to request a drink from the app
- Track liquid levels direct from the app

Testing, Verification, and Metrics

- Hardware
 - Liquid is dispensed within 2 mL of what is expected
 - Use liquid density and weight sensors to determine volume
 - Timing belt places glass under valve with 100% accuracy
 - Ensure motor accounts for differently weighted/sized glasses to deliver to correct spot
- Software
 - Drink process is started within 3 seconds of sending request from the app
 - Ensure correct drink is dispensed
 - Keep track of liquids dispensed and drink selected once a request is received

Tasks and Division of Labor

- Mechanical
 - Build enclosure - Tyler, Aryan
 - Connect dispensers to platform - Tyler, Aryan
- Hardware
 - Coding RPi to control servos, moving platform, valves - Tom
 - Sense when we are running low on liquids - Tom
 - Sense where cup is on platform - Tom
- Software
 - Establish Bluetooth communication with RPi - Tyler, Aryan
 - Add ability to select drink from pre-made list - Tyler, Aryan
 - Queueing system to support multiple users - Tyler, Aryan

Schedule

	2/22/2021	3/1/2021	3/8/2021	3/15/2021	3/22/2021	3/29/2021	4/5/2021	4/12/2021	4/19/2021	4/26/2021	5/3/2021	5/10/2021	5/17/2021
Deliverables													
Proposal Presentation Slide	AC,TOM,TD												
Proposal Presentation	AC, TOM, TD												
Design Presentation			AC, TOM, TD										
Final Presentation										AC, TOM, TD			
Public Demo												AC, TOM, TD	
Final Report													AC, TOM, TD
Logistics													
Ordering all hardware/software components		TD											
Ethics Section						ALL							
Weekly Status Reports	ALL												
Individual Status Reports	ALL												
Design													
Final design work		ALL											
Final design confirmed					ALL								
Building of outer casing						AC, TD							
Building of conveyor belt							AC, TD						
Building of casing for bottles									AC, TD				
Implementation													
Setting of Raspberry Pi			TOM										
Configuring MQTT protocols				AC, TD									
Configuring communications					AC, TD								
Configuring sensors						TOM							
Setting up phone app (SWIFT)							AC, TD						
Testing communications between app/device									ALL				
Refining UI for app									AC, TD				
Creating data reporting modules for user										AC, TD			

Conclusion

- The BaristaBro machine will bring a new level of comfort and excitement to enjoying drinks.
- The data insights provided to users will completely transform their experience and provide them with a new experience
- The ease of using the machine through the mobile app will guarantee a seamless process for the user.