

Use Cases for Digital, Customizable Jewelry



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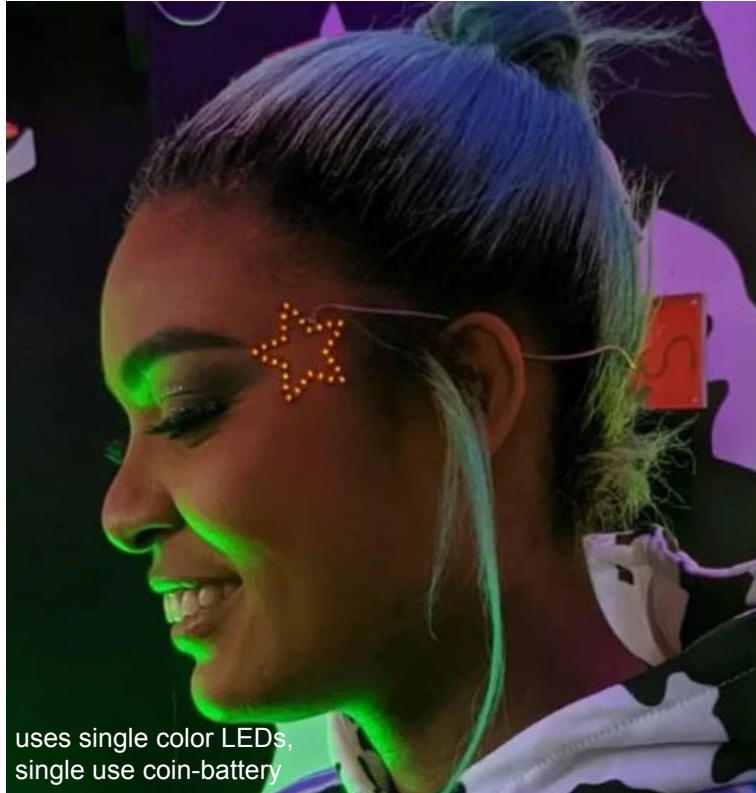
Oura Ring Gen 3 (\$299)



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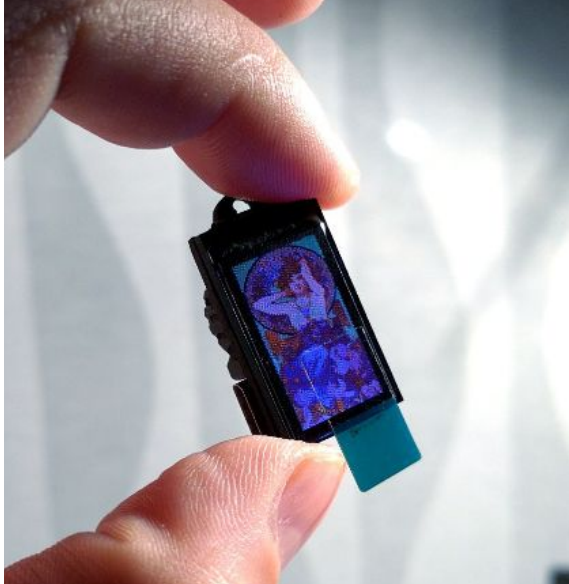


HALO-90 open source earrings: uses 90 single-color red 0402 diodes, STM8L151G4 microcontroller, CR2032 coin battery, microphone & button



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Video pendant: uses ATSAM21 microcontroller, 0.9" TFT ST7735S screen and LIR1220 battery (8mAh), upload images/gif files by connecting device to computer (no wireless)



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Use-Case Requirements: Physical Design

Spec	Requirement	Proposed methods to satisfy requirements
weight	< 20 g per earring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manufacture the earring body from a material with a low density• Employ a simplistic design with minimal details• Design a hollow earring body, externalize some components to a back-of-ear mounted device (similar to hearing aids)
temperature	< 40 C device temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manufacture jewelry from body-safe metals such as titanium, surgical steel, platinum etc.• Coat or plate outside of jewelry in hypoallergenic material• Use a biocompatible polymer as an alternative to metal• Integrating current-limiting resistance into circuit design
material	earring post must be skin-safe, hypoallergenic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporate features for heat dissipation into the earring casing (i.e. heat sinks, holes etc.)• Avoid manufacturing the earring from a conductive material (steel and bronze have the lowest heat conductivity)

Use-Case Requirements: Functionality

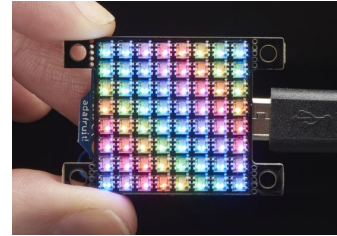
Spec	Requirement	Proposed methods to satisfy requirements
update speed	< 1500 ms to update design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using BLE for data transfer: considering the resolution of the LCD, average image size will be 40-80 kb and BLE data transfer is 1Mbps• compressing larger images (within a set range) before sending to device
setup time	< 90 s to scan/pair device and set custom pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• not using looped scanning to pair device• clear, simple UI with preset pattern options• easy to use pattern customization interface
battery life	3 hr for RGB matrix 45 min for LCD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• design variations to elongate battery life: making the battery external to the earring body to allow for a larger battery (hearing aid type mount)• optimizing update functions to use minimum power

Technical Challenges

- Physical shape and design of device casing to contain, protect and withstand the operating conditions of all components: controller, sensors, power supply
 - dependent on weight and material constraints
- Careful PCB design to make sure microcontroller, screen, and battery can be integrated within the earring size requirement
 - The size of the earring should be no bigger than the screen itself, all electrical components should be hidden under the screen
- Consistent Bluetooth pairing with user mobile and successful image transmission via BLE
 - impacts speed and usability
- Power-aware hardware and software designs that maximize the battery life
 - Energy consumption should be taken into consideration
- Software algorithms that allow aesthetically pleasing moving patterns
 - Good algorithm design that ensures quick computation of the pixel value update

Solutions Approach: Hardware

- Microcontroller: STM32WB55RGV6
 - Matter connectivity. Has both built-in BLE to communicate with user mobile and SPI peripheral to interface with the screen
- Development Board: P-Nucleo-64
 - ultra-low power, BLE compatible, easy to program. For firmware and software development purposes.
- LED panel: Adafruit DotStar RGB Pixel Matrix
 - 8x8 RGB DotStar pixels, individually addressable
- Screen: Non-Touch Graphic LCD Display Module
 - 128x128 RGB pixels, TFT type
- Button: KXT311LHS
 - low actuation force
- Casing for electronics:
 - 3D printed manufacturing: 316L grade Surgical Steel (Markforged), Silicon (Formlabs)



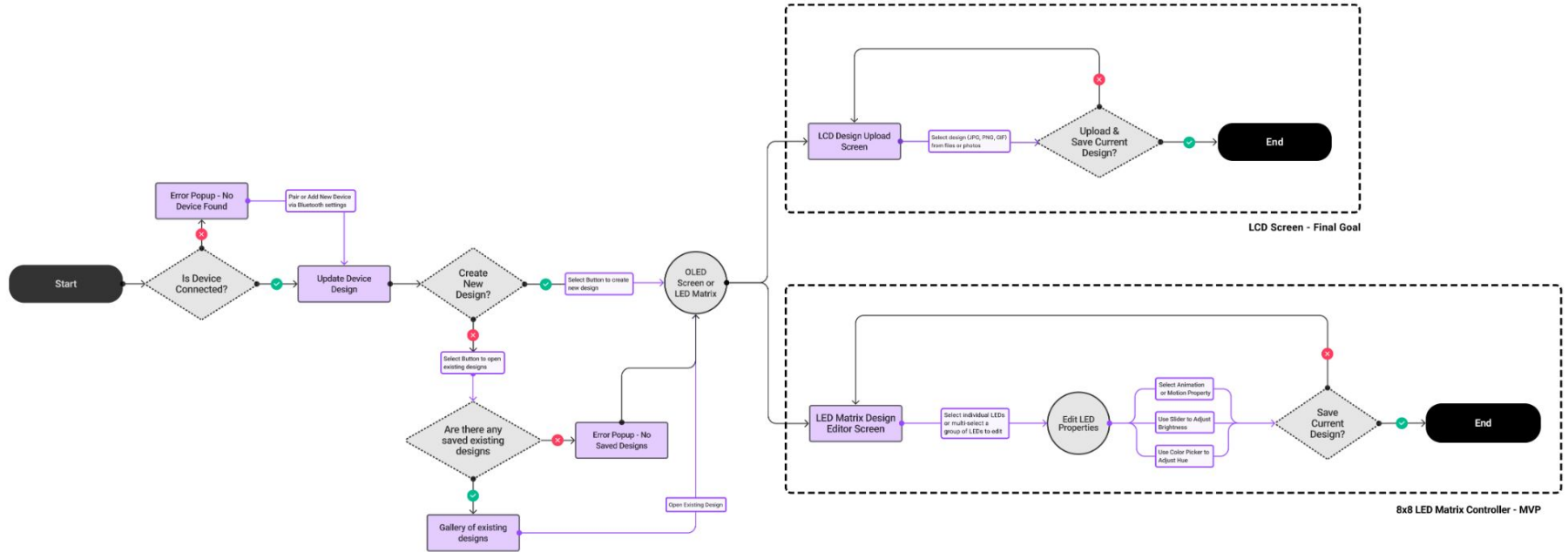
Solutions Approach: Firmware

- Communication Protocol: BLE (Bluetooth Low-Energy)
 - used in smart watches, smart home light bulbs
 - no IP addressing, designed to use smartphones as the gateway
 - data transfer speed is ~1Mbps
 - Existing libraries: react-native-ble-plx, react-native-ble-manager
 - works with iOS and Android, iOS is simpler, Android has more flexibility
- Interface with screen using SPI peripheral
 - Use the SPI 4-wires peripheral to interface pixel data with AFK128128A0 TFT LCD screen
 - HAL library peripheral driver eases the development and testing of SPI peripheral
 - Saleae logic analyzer for debugging and SPI peripheral driver
- Develop on nucleo development board
 - Use STM32WB55 Nucleo for developing the BLE and SPI firmwares
 - Get the full stack working on nucleo and breadboard first before assembling the actual physical design

Solutions Approach: Software

- Application Platform: iOS 16
 - Meets user needs of convenience and accessibility
- UI/UX: Figma
 - Intuitive views design and cloud sharing across team members
- SDK: SwiftUI
 - Optimised for iOS 16 Development
- Peripheral Interface: Core Bluetooth
 - Inherent Swift framework that enables foreground & background communication with BLE devices
- Data Management: Core Data

Proposed iOS Application User Flow



Testing, Verification and Metrics

Requirement	Testing/Verification Method
Weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Beyond weighing the device, we will survey users on the comfort of a heavier earring and measure the length of time it can be worn comfortably
Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Run the pattern update loop as close as possible to the data transfer limit for the device (~1Mbps so maybe 2-3 times per second for images, more for RGB matrix patterns) and track heat increase from the processor- User testing for comfort while the processor is operating at higher speeds
Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provide a sample to several users to ensure the device can be comfortably worn without irritating skin- Stress testing: dropping the device, high/low weather temperatures

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Update Speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Timing tests: pre load a series of patterns to user interface end, time the length it takes for device to respond and execute a pattern switch
Setup Speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Time from opening the app to setting a pattern; includes BLE scanning, pairing, naming device (optional) and rendering the pattern control UI- Individually time subprocesses (scanning/pair/UI) to find weaknesses
Battery Lif	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Time length of constant usage from full charge or new battery until device dies- Time required to charge fully

Task Areas and Division of Labor

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Hardware Design & Assembly			x
PCB Development			x
Software: Firmware		x	x
Software: iOS Application	x	x	
Software: UI/ UX	x		
Product / Jewellery Design	x	x	x
Assembly & Testing	x	x	x
Parts Ordering & Inventory		x	
Gantt Chart & Meeting Notes	x		