

# **IntelliStorage (D3)**

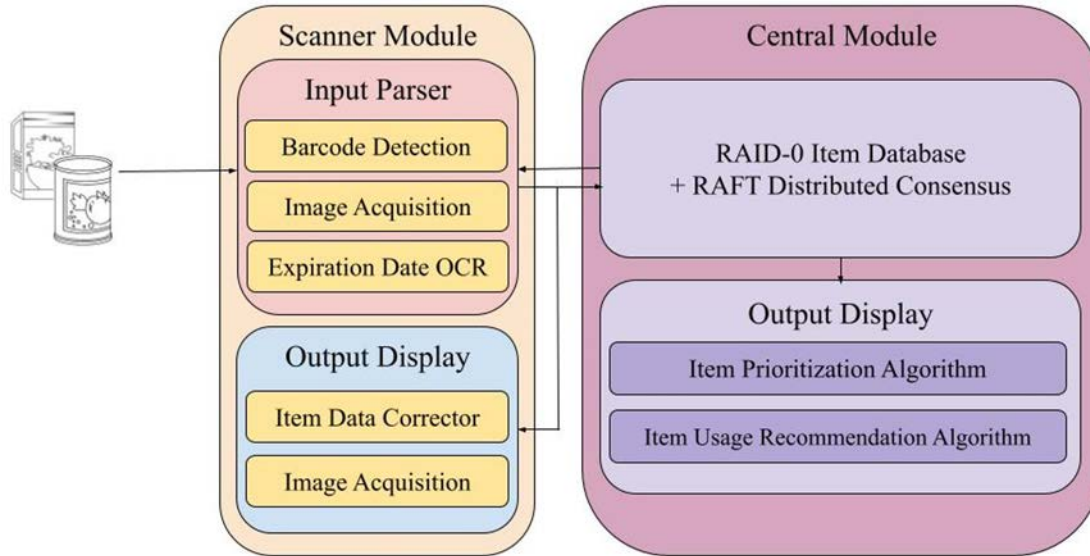
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## Use case

Provide a convenient method of keeping track of groceries at home

Requirement #1 (Item Registration & Tracking)	Requirement #2 (Scaling)	Requirement #3 (Accessibility/Ease of Use)
> <b>90%</b> read-in accuracy	<b>40 items</b> per storage space	Store information within <b>1 sec</b> of scanning
<b>30 degree</b> scanning angle	<b>3 storage spaces</b> per network	Display info within <b>500 ms</b>
<b>15-25 cm</b> scanning distance	<b>10 sec</b> Synchronization	Daily report of expiring item
<b>4 sec</b> registration time	Data integrity	<b>5 min</b> setup node

# Solution Block Diagram



# Complete Solution (Hardware)

- WoneNice USB Laser Barcode Scanner
  - Barcode acquisition
- NexiGo N60 1080P Webcam
  - Expiration Date acquisition
- FREENOVE 5 Inch Touchscreen Monitor (central module)
  - User Interface
- iPistBit 7 Inch Touchscreen Monitor (scanner module)
  - User Interface, Manual Overrides
- Raspberry Pi 4/5
  - Logic Unit for Scanner/Central Computer Modules



# Complete Solution (Software)



Boundingbox: 2021.08.03

Date Format: YYYYMMDD

Exp Date: 2021/08/03

Scan the Barcode:

016000335301

barcode: 016000335301

name: Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bars Oats N Honey 18 ct 26.82 oz

brand: Nature Valley

Is this Item correct?

Y or N:

Y

Item selected

Scan the Barcode:

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Sent: {'ScanDate': datetime.date(2024, 4, 21), 'Itemupc': '016000335301', 'ItemName': 'Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bars Oats N Honey 18 ct 26.82 oz', 'ItemBrand': 'Nature Valley', 'MessageType': 'REGISTER', 'messageID': 695873, 'ID': 222366147360316}
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Item in Database

Scan the Barcode:

27983478

Not found in Database

Item not found. Please manually enter its information

ItemUPC (barcode number) (enter 0 if none):

0

Item Name:

Potato

Item Brand (enter NA if none):

NA

Item not found

# Design Trade Offs

- Human Interaction
  - Ease of Use (larger touch screen) vs cost of system (accessibility)
  - Chose 7" for scanner module, 5" for central computer (based on usage)
- Camera Focusing Time
  - Quality of Image (blur, light saturation) vs cost of system
  - Chose a cheaper camera with slower focus speed, more work on OCR algorithm
- Message Broadcast Intervals
  - Fresher Data vs Idle Computational Load
  - Chose 1 minute broadcast during idle (as heartbeat), 4 second broadcast during active (non-negligible workload)



# Design Limitation

- Item Regionality (Mainly US Products)
  - Limited to what is stored in UPC Item Database (US standard)
  - Limited EAN codes (international standard)
    - Very hard to find comprehensive EAN database



4908012001489  
(EAN - Japan) ❌



8996212800332  
(EAN - Indonesia) ❌



04142006781  
(UPC - US) ✅

EAN-13



13 digits



Country Indicator

0: for the US and hidden by the UPC-A format  
1-9: for EAN-13 codes

UPC-A



12 digits  
leading zero is not displayed

# Testing, Verification, and Metrics 1

## Temperature Sensor Accuracy

- Expected:  $\pm 2$  °C of relative temperature,  $\pm 3\%$  of relative humidity.
- Actual:  $\pm 1$  °C of relative temperature,  $\pm 2\%$  of relative humidity. ✓

## Recommendation Algorithm Testing


- Expected: In order results on boundary conditions (100% Exp Date, 0% Scan Date, etc)
- Actual: In order results, sensical output ✓






# Testing, Verification, and Metrics 2


## 1. **Single** Module Testing – Item Registration

- Mimic use case. Continuously scan items in manner that tests parameter boundary. Use items found at home. Scan items varying in shape and sizes.
-  if observed values hit design requirement target.

## 1. **Multi**-Module Testing – Scaling & System Reliability

- Test overall system by scaling up single module test to three modules. Simulate crash by shutting down nodes and ensure data restoration & shared consensus afterwards.
-  if scaling meet threshold values; synchronization, data consistency, are maintained.

## 1. **Usability** Testing – UI Ease of Use

- Test UI lag and ease of use on actual hardware
-  if intuitive to use (subjective) and hits use case lag requirement (quantitative).

# Testing Summary

Requirement #1 (Item Registration & Tracking)	Requirement #2 (Scaling)	Requirement #3 (Ease/Accessibility of Use)
Target: <b>&gt;90%</b> read-in accuracy Result: <b>73%</b> accuracy Cause: Blurry saturated photos from shaky hand ❌	Target: <b>40 items</b> per storage space Result: <b>&gt;100 items</b> ✅	Target: Store information within <b>1 sec</b> of scanning Result: <b>100ms</b> ✅
Target: <b>30 degree</b> scanning angle Result: max <b>35 degrees</b> ✅	Target: <b>3 storage spaces</b> per network Result: ✅	Target: Display info within <b>500 ms</b> Result: <b>In progress</b> ▲
Target: <b>15-25 cm</b> scanning distance Actual: <b>5-30 cm</b> ✅	Target: <b>10 sec</b> Synchronization Result: <b>500ms</b> ✅	Target: Daily report of expiring item Result: <b>In progress</b> ▲
Target: <b>4 sec</b> registration time Actual: <b>3 sec</b> ✅	Target: Data consistency Result: ✅	Target: <b>&lt;5 min</b> setup node Result: <b>4 min</b> ✅



# Conclusion

## Challenges

- UI integration
- OCR development

## Takeaways

- Integration takes *time*
- Don't try to *overachieve*
- Considering and dealing with edge cases is *hard*

