# **Design Notebook**

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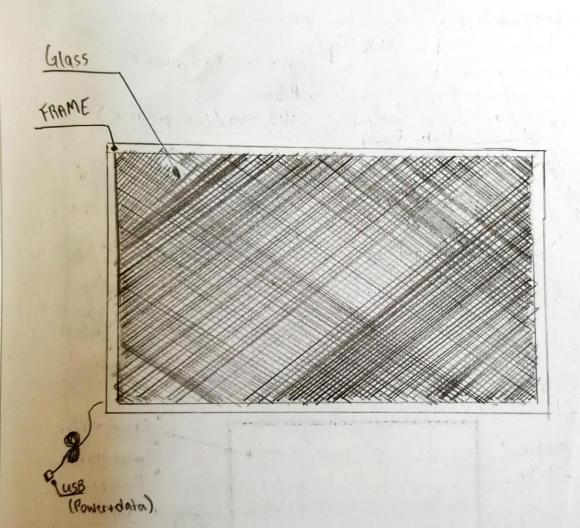
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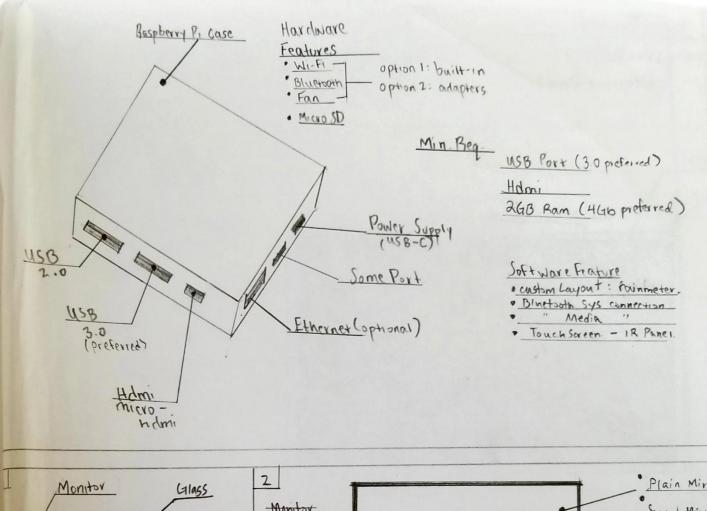
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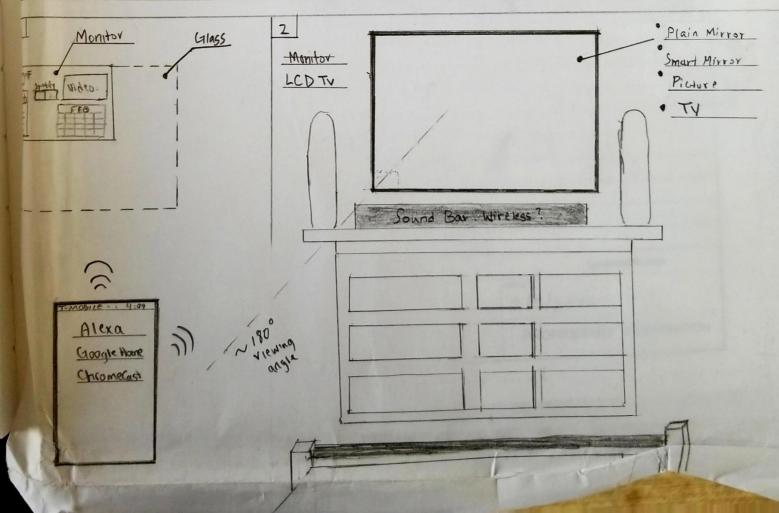
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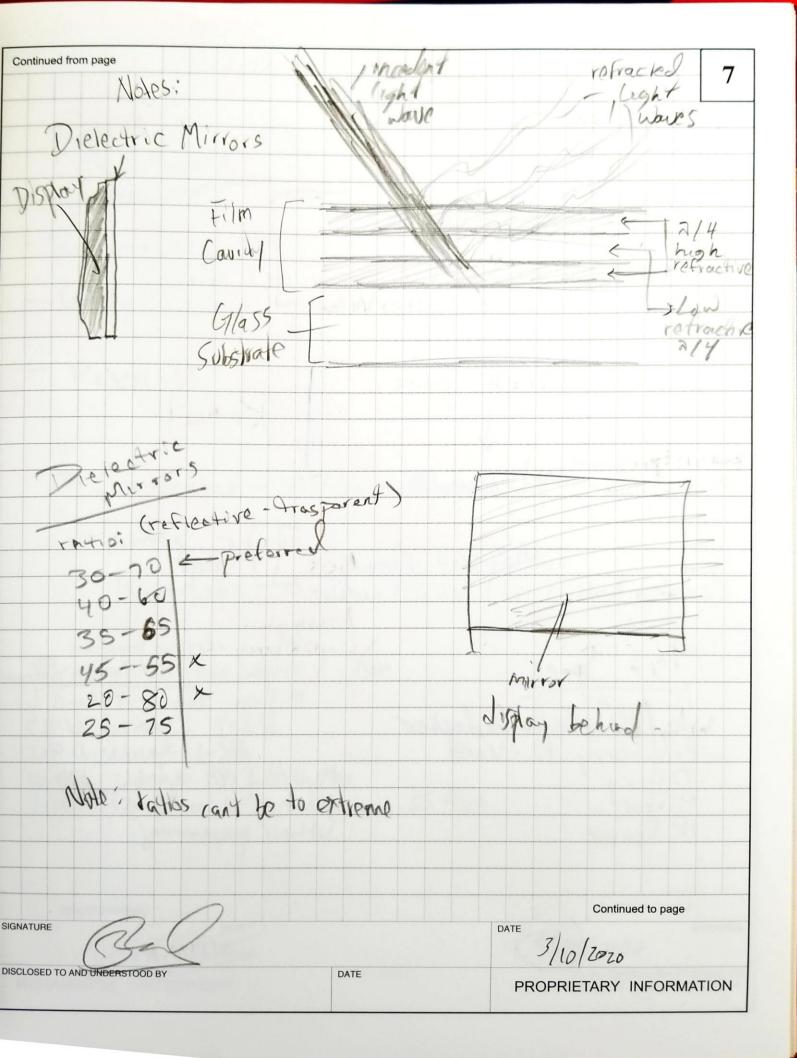
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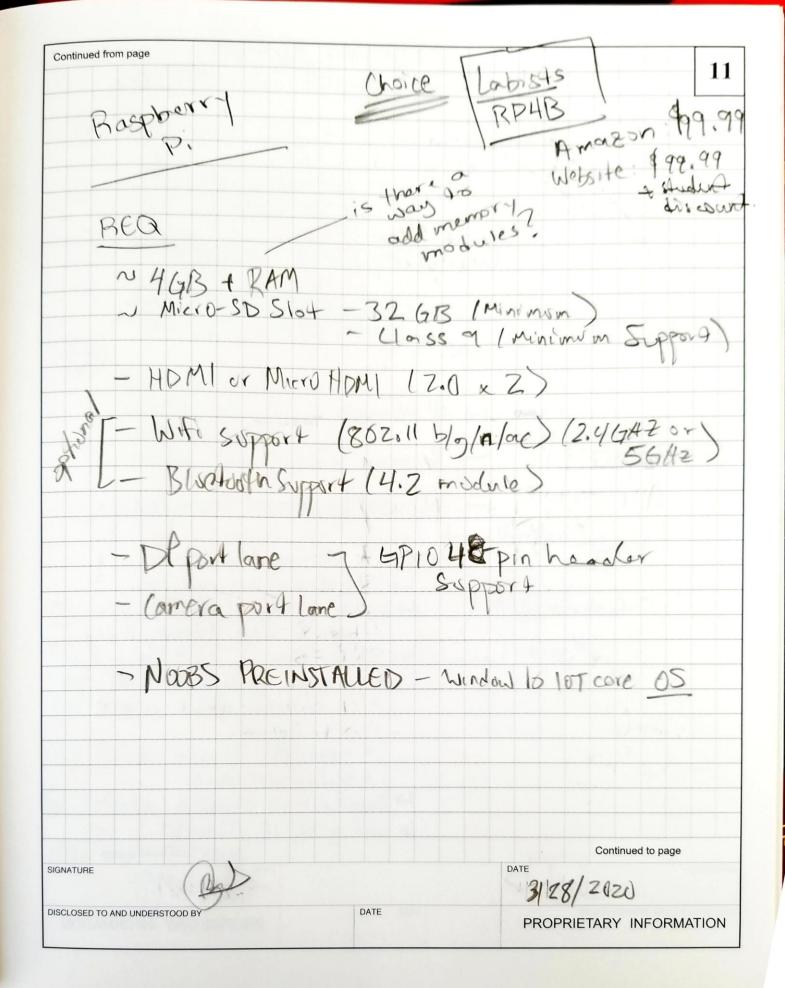
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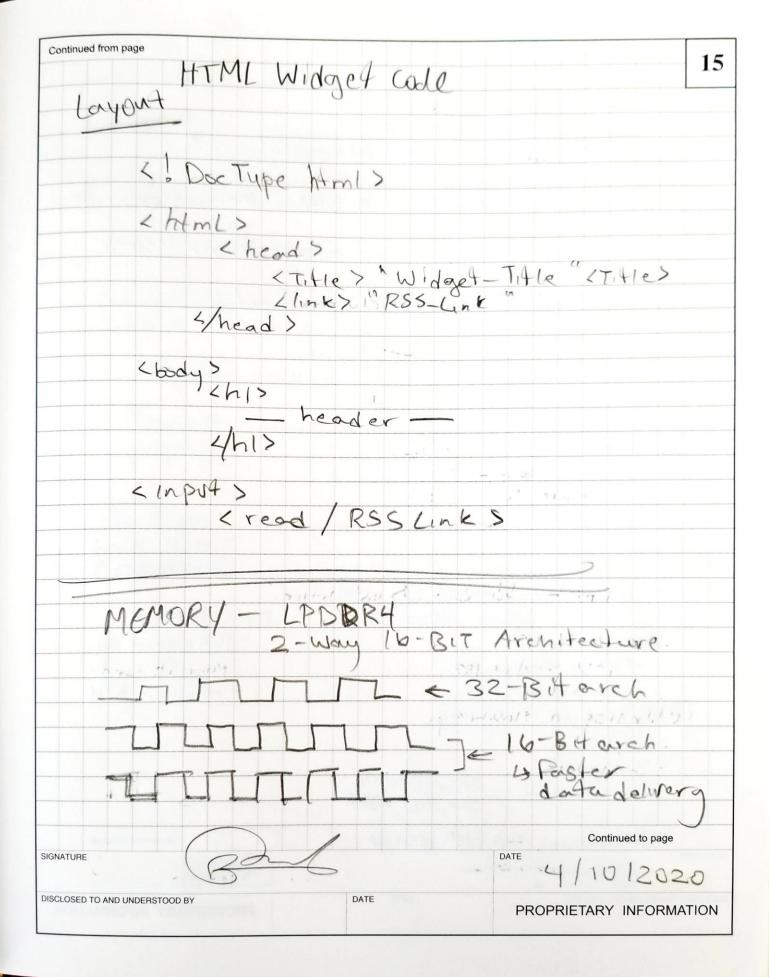


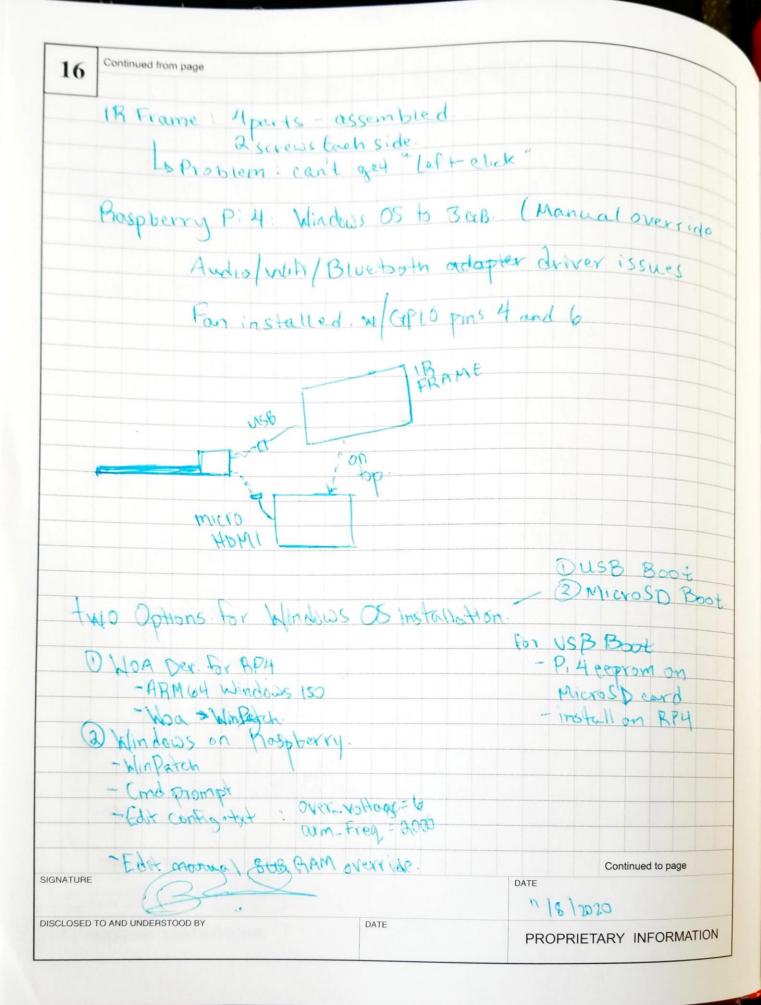
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#### **Problems:**

- Budget is \$700, can't find sponsors
- We need to consider materials

# **Current Status:**

- Met new group members from the summer
- Have a good idea of materials we need to purchase
- Go through syllabus

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- We decided to have weekly virtual meetings with our group and advisor on Wednesday's at 12:30
- Additional group meetings will be on Monday's at 12:30 if needed

- Oral presentation powerpoint w/advisor Dr.Wills, Wednesday August 26th 12:30 p.m.
- Update proposal based on advisor feedback
- Contact manufacturers for quotes

#### **Problems:**

- Not sure if we will have sponsorship yet, so Caleb will look for materials already available to borrow from the IDC
  - We are taking steps to seek sponsorship, putting together a sponsorship letter of sorts and sending it to Dr. Frazier. Then he will send it to the appropriate sponsors

#### **Current Status:**

- Working on sponsorship summaries and will send those out this week
- Starting to choose desktop customization tool (Conky vs. Rainmeter)

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Created presentation for the oral presentation to the advisor
- Revised proposal based on feedback from the first semester

# Planned Tasks: Action Items for the upcoming week

- Download and become familiar with Conky / Rainmeter as user interface software
- Try to customize an interface and share features with the group
  - Madi and Jake will experiment with Rainmeter
  - Tara and Caleb will experiment with Conky
- Once we hear about sponsors, revise proposal to narrow down what functionality the mirror should have
- Reach out to manufacturers for quote on materials after we get confirmation on sponsorship

# Updates/links

https://www.canakit.com/raspberry-pi-4-8gb.html?cid=usd&src=raspberrypi (\$120 + tax)

\*NOTE\* Caleb has a raspberry pi 3

Materials / Manufacturer Quotes

#### **Problems:**

- Still not sure if we will have sponsorship yet
  - We sent the sponsorship documents to Dr. Frazier, however, we still haven't heard any response
- Caleb went to look for materials already available to borrow from the IDC, didn't have a lot of the materials that we were looking for other than a raspberry pi unit
- A couple of us don't have monitors/HDMI/keyboards to connect to raspberry pi to experiment with it

#### **Current Status:**

- Team members compared desktop customization tool (Conky vs. Rainmeter)
- Rainmeter seems easier to use
- Start creating a story board

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

Team members experimented with Rainmeter/Conky to get familiarized and to compare usability

# Planned Tasks: Action Items for the upcoming week

- Experiment with Raspberry Pi Caleb will give extra Raspberry Pi's to the rest of us
- List of what we would want to include in user interface, make some drawings for visual design
- Create storyboard
- Update Jake on what we talked about
- Windows on Raspberry Pi Noobs: https://www.raspberrypi.org/documentation/installation/noobs.md

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Materials / Manufacturer Quotes

#### **Problems:**

- We have to figure out material quotations, so we have to reach out to manufacturers
- What is the process for buying materials? Is it through FPL? Or reimbursement?
- Mirror mode transitions, multitasking, store the state?

#### **Current Status:**

- We got sponsorship from FPL (~\$1k + maybe more)
- Smart home features, display energy stats
- Decide on Windows/Rainmeter because many resources for it

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Created storyboard
- Continued experimenting with Rainmeter

- Finalize costs since we have a sponsorship now
- Finalize materials and send quote requests to mirror/IR-frame manufacturer Rahul
- Follow up with FPL/Dr. Frazier (may have different goals, figure out how we will purchase materials) - Rahul
- Document why we chose Rainmeter over Conky (pros and cons) Rahul, Caleb
- Start prototyping with Rainmeter Caleb, Madi, Tara
- Check out open source home automation softwares/other softwares (phase 1) Jake

#### **Problems:**

- What is the process for buying materials? Is it through FPL? Or reimbursement?
  - Haven't been able to contact Dr. Frazier regarding a meeting with sponsor
- Mirror mode transitions, multitasking, store the state?

#### **Current Status:**

- We got sponsorship from FPL (~\$1k + maybe more)
  - ~\$100 -> Raspberry Pi 4
  - ~\$350 (32") or ~\$500 (40") -> Dielectric Mirror, from <u>TwoWayMirrors</u>
  - ~\$250 for IR frame
    - Most likely will buy from amazon
  - ~\$300 for 32" or 40" display

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- ~\$1000 \* includes estimated tax rates but not shipping expenses
   We meet our sponsor's given budget
- Started making Rainmeter interface
  - Use this skin:
    - https://www.deviantart.com/michaelpurses/art/Sonder-Rainmeter-skin-838147223
  - There's a button that can turn on/off rainmeter (smart mirror <-> mirror transition)
- Looked at OpenHAB (home automation, Windows)
  - Complex installation
  - Unsure about interface
  - Supports Amazon Alexa
- Home Assistant
- FPL Energy App: https://appsforwindowspc.com/download-fpl-for-pc-windows/
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  - Use mobile emulator
  - Ask FPL for a demo account
- Covid tracker <a href="https://gatech-covid-tracker.com/">https://gatech-covid-tracker.com/</a>

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Created storyboard
- Continued experimenting with Rainmeter
- Prototyped with Rainmeter
- Researched open source home automation softwares + Raspberry

- Finalize materials (create spreadsheet) and start ordering ASAP
- Sponsor noted on all relevant documents Rahul
- Continue prototyping on Rainmeter Madi, Tara, Caleb
- Document why we chose Rainmeter over Conky (pros and cons) Rahul, Caleb
- Follow up with FPL/Dr. Frazier (may have different goals, figure out how we will purchase materials) - Rahul
- Research home automation software Jake

#### **Problems:**

- What is the process for buying materials?
  - Is there a form for submitting orders?
- Mirror mode transitions, multitasking, store the state?
- The quotes received from the mirror manufacturers are doubled to what we had previously allocated for it, but with FPL sponsorship funding we are still underbudget
- Still no quotes from IR frame manufacturers
  - Worst case scenario, we can order IR frames from Amazon

#### **Current Status:**

Dielectric Mirror:

32": \$302.21+shipping40": \$448.17+shipping50": \$1477.39+shipping

- IR Frame: 32" ~\$150 || 40" ~\$200

Discuss meeting times for meet w/FPL

Monday: 12:30pm-5pm Tuesday: 11am-4pm Wednesday: 12:30pm-5

Wednesday: 12:30pm-5pm

Thursday: 1pm-5pm

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Prototyped with Rainmeter
  - Linked to apps rather than websites
  - Found template for sliding/different screens
- Researched open source home automation softwares + Raspberry

# Planned Tasks: Action Items for the upcoming week

- Rainmeter create sliding screens, other apps
  - Possibly get mobile emulator to work
- Send a intro email to James Steinberg, he will be our contact for FPL
  - Discuss progress in terms of Rainmeter and/or raspberry pi integration
  - Type Weekly report and send it for submission
  - Discuss changes for documentations (mainly summary/proposal)
  - Discuss creating a "How-to" manual for software setup

# Send email to FPL to plan meeting time

- For FPL meeting
  - Create a specific list of items to order and prices to present to FPL
  - Update proposal
  - Update presentation to include current prices and screenshots of storyboard
  - Live demo of Rainmeter
- Start ordering materials after meeting (\$1k limit)

# **Problems:**

- Not sure about the status of our sponsorship with FPL so we might have to revert back to ECE funding, in which case we need to reconsider some budget.

# **Current Status:**

- We want to stick with our original mirror design/purpose rather than redesigning our entire work/progress

#### Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Continued working with Rainmeter
- Prepared presentation for FPL

- Get in touch with Dr. Frazier, set up follow up meeting
  - CC Dr. Steinburg
  - Thursday or Friday
- Build BOM -> Dr. Steinburg for ordering
  - Raspberry Pi == #1 priority
- Bluestacks -> check if emulator works (for home automation)

#### **Problems:**

- Never had follow up with Dr. Frazier about sponsorship

#### **Current Status:**

- Need to order parts ASAP

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Continued working with Rainmeter
- Continued working with home automation
- Sent follow up emails, but no responses

- See if Dr. Frazier responds about follow up All
- Start ordering parts All
  - Look at the process for ECE: <a href="http://eceseniordesign2020fall.ece.gatech.edu/labs/FundingSources/2020Fall/FundingSources.htm">http://eceseniordesign2020fall.ece.gatech.edu/labs/FundingSources/2020Fall/FundingSources.htm</a>
  - Amazon Prime Day
  - Order dielectric mirror after checking measurements of display upon arrival
- Continue creating Rainmeter interface Madi and Tara
  - Bluestacks -> check if emulator works (for home automation)
- Compile all bill of materials Rahul
  - Meet Monday to look over build materials then send them to Dr. Steinberg All
  - Raspberry PI 4 || 32" display || 32" IR frame

# **Problems:**

- Never had follow up with Dr. Frazier about sponsorship
- Have to place two separate orders, possibility of a delay

# **Current Status:**

- Need to order parts ASAP (by the end of the week)

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Continued working with Rainmeter
- Continued working with home automation
- Created bill of materials and will order soon

- Send out materials to ECE department to order Rahul
- Continue creating Rainmeter interface Madi and Tara
  - Bluestacks -> check if emulator works (for home automation)
  - Add more applications
- Test rainmeter files to work with the RaspberryPi Caleb
- Home Automation Jake
- Get started on team website Caleb

#### **Problems:**

- Need to find a time to meet up
- We couldn't buy a dielectric mirror we wanted, was too expensive for us to buy despite reimbursement
  - Bought 1-way mirror sheets instead
- Hardware limitations with Raspberry Pi 4
  - Need Windows on Raspberry for Windows 10 very slow but the image processing software works
    - Runs on IOT core
  - Most peripherals would not be available, so features like Bluetooth, WiFi, and Ethernet would need adapters
  - Uncertain about IR frame
  - Can we have Windows on Raspberry and all the other features running on the Raspberry Pi at the same time?
- Where to meet?
  - HIVE has limited hours
  - Dr. Wills lab probably shouldn't leave stuff because door could be left open
  - Can we bring our equipment there each time?

# **Current Status:**

- Parts ordered through amazon, and ALL part have arrived
- We have a sudo test version of a functional rainmeter interface
  - Need to integrate it into raspberry pi
- Meet up next week to start working with hardware

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Need to meet up soon to assemble and integrate parts

- Continue creating Rainmeter interface Madi and Tara
  - Bluestacks -> check if emulator works (for home automation)
  - Add more applications
- Test rainmeter files to work with the RaspberryPi Caleb
- Home Automation Jake
- Get started on team website Caleb
- Meet together to put hardware together (next Wednesday) all
- Send Dr. Wills name and GTID all

#### **Problems:**

- Planned on meeting up but we decided to not carry all the materials in the rain so postponed in-person meetup
  - Possible other collaboration methods

#### **Current Status:**

- All parts arrived
- Ready to assemble
- Rahul and Caleb will work on hardware together and update the rest of us
- Madi and Tara and Jake can finalize software (Rainmeter) once hardware parts are assembled

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Bluestacks
  - Downloaded app/emulator successfully
  - AT&T digital life app works with bluestacks emulator; need to log in still
- Researched Raspberry Pi/Windows issues
  - Updated Windows version that doesn't mess with ports
  - There's a way to start up Raspberry Pi where it uses all 8GB RAM

- Continue creating Rainmeter interface Madi and Tara
  - Stay updated on hardware progress
- Get started on team website Caleb
- Need to meet up soon to assemble and integrate parts Rahul and Caleb will meet (maybe virtually)
  - Test rainmeter files to work with the RaspberryPi
- Reimbursement need to submit request by Nov 30th Madi, Tara, Jake

#### **Problems:**

- TV we ordered does not work so we have to wait for the new one to come in

#### **Current Status:**

- IR frame, raspberry pi are connected and work together
- Currently have a draft Rainmeter skin

# Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Most of the hardware is put together

# Planned Tasks: Action Items for the upcoming week

- Test Rainmeter on the Raspberry Pi
- Test IR frame with monitor
- Keep working on Rainmeter skin
- Download applications on Raspberry Pi

# **Integration Testing Procedure:**

#### IR FRAME

Came as 4 separate parts. Assembly was very easy, just attach the sides with correct labels and secure it with 2 screws for each attached side. Then connect the usb connection on to a system. It was driver free and compatible with various devices. At this moment, i did not have the Raspberry Pi assembled and configured so i tested it with my personal windows laptop and it worked perfectly. The only problem is that i can't get the "left click" aspect of the touch to work because there is no wall or block support to register as touch since right now it's just an open back. I believe it will work better as a double tap and will test it out when the new monitor arrives.

# Raspberry Pi

Original issues: Windows OS installation on the RP4 limits ram to 3gb, disables ports and drivers (audio/wifi/bluetooth), slightly slow.

Current status and issue: I disabled the Memory limiter manually on the device boot manager itself, that fixed the ram limitation to where it functions on all 8GB ram. I installed an updated version of the WoR Windows10 Core that patched the port issues on boot-up. The Drivers are all still disabled. However since the ports are all working a work-around solution can be to use USB adapters for each driver. The ethernet port is functional so we have access to the internet via ethernet. With audio issues, the driver basically doesn't exist. So other than getting an audio adapter, another method could be to manually reroute all audio directly to the TVsys with the hdmi controls. Essentially, it will be like manually registering the TV audio driver as the raspberry pi's audio driver.

Fan installed on raspberry pi with the GPIO pins 4 and 6 as instructed in the RP4 manual and works upon startup correctly. Heat sinks were installed on the highest heat sources, CPU and two microcontroller grids.

Next step would be to install rainmeter and test it on the RP4 with KBM prior to testing it with touch functionality IR frame installed.

#### **Problems:**

- Raspberry Pi w/ Windows OS is slow. Testing Multiple versions of the windows OS.
  - Some versions are either slower, non-functional peripherals, etc.
  - Rainmeter skins generated is slow and borderline not usable
    - I believe it is due to the hierarchy of our rainmeter skins format
    - NXT OS Rainmeter

#### **Current Status:**

- Testing Multiple versions of the windows OS.
- Caleb and I (Rahul) are testing different versions of Windows Arm OS on our own Raspberry Pi devices to observe performance variations between the Windows OS
  - Need to finalize version selection by Thursday (11/12)

#### Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Tested Rainmeter on the Raspberry Pi
- Tested IR frame with monitor
- Finalized Rainmeter skin
- Downloaded needed applications on Raspberry Pi

# Planned Tasks: Action Items for the upcoming week

- Updated Rainmeter skin with applications and connected with filepath.
- Proposal needs to be updated
- Make a how-to-guide
- Figure out presentation deliverable for EXPO
- Create website and upload current deliverables by (Nov 23rd)

# Integration Testing Procedure (Rahul) Email transcript sent to team and advisor:

I did get windows working on the Raspberry Pi 4. After our meeting I was able to get Rainmeter running browse the internet and use the app store to install few apps, however two things with that – ONE is that some of the Rainmeter actions didn't work (I assume it is because when I download it from the google drive it doesn't download completely with necessary or equivalent file paths and I met with madi and tara later today regarding this to see if we can find a solution) and TWO is that it is very very slow.

I found a few different versions and/or methods of installation for the Windows on Arm imager where the some version's are quite frankly running faster and smoother than the version I currently have installed on the RP4. Each installation takes anywhere between 3-4 hours because the imaging software takes a long time to format the boot SD card. We still have 4 weeks for the final submission for the prototype, so I think it would be beneficial if I took the next couple days trying to install and test different versions of the windows imager. This would allow me to get faster and smoother RP4 windows to work with and I've seen some installation tutorials for a few of these versions that show that the audio driver working, which if you remember was one of the drivers that was not functional with our currently installed RP4. Ideally, I'd like to stop these trials either after trying out 4 versions or by this Thursday, whichever comes first, just so we don't hinder on the this for too long. Once these trials are over, I will load or reload the boot SD with whichever one was or seemed the fastest.

@Alexander, Caleb S If you have the time, would you mind doing the same thing. Like try installing your Raspberry Pi device with a couple versions and test it out and get whatever observations you can about each of them, i.e. the responsiveness and functional peripherals. I know since you would probably be driving to GA on Wednesday during our meeting you and I can briefly discuss your versions. And by Thursday we will have a final version that will be uploaded into the boot drive.

#### **Problems:**

- Nothing much

#### **Current Status:**

- Hardware works, mirror is pretty reflective
- Audio driver does not work because we aren't using official Windows OS
  - Can use Bluetooth speaker

#### Task Status: Actions on last week's Action Items

- Found RockPi which is a good windows alternative to Raspberry Pi
- Basically done with prototyping the mirror brought it to campus

- Finish up documentation: Rahul
- Presentation: Jake lead: Jake & Caleb & Rahul record parts;
  - Everyone make slides -> Once we make slides -> split into parts
  - Outline:
    - Overview
      - Purpose
      - Functionality (4 in 1)
    - How everything is put together / components
      - Hardware (IR frame, Raspberry Pi)
      - Software (Rainmeter)
    - Why each part is important to project
      - IR frame: Touch screen
      - Raspberry Pi: compact
      - Rainmeter skin: Customization
    - Future Work
      - Rock Pi?
      - Audio / voice capability
- Video Demo: Tara & Madi
- Website: Caleb
- Poster: based off of presentation: everyone
- Look at past demos/presentations: everyone