# EE/CPRE/SE 491 - sdmay29 Automating Inventory Management & Routing through Sensor Networks Week 3 Report

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# Team Members:

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# Past Week Accomplishments

- Sensor setup Adam
  - Learned how to write programs onto an Arduino
    - Practiced using David's Arduino kit
  - Learned about wireless microcontroller communication
    - Methods researched
      - Ad hoc network using sockets
      - UART communication
    - Done using an actual Arduino and Raspberry Pi
  - Affirmed that sensor network will behave as a master-slave network
    - Easy to implement
    - Microcontrollers processing sensor input will send data directly to master microcontroller
      - Master microcontroller will process and send all data to database
    - This will enable us to arrange our sensors in a variety of ways to adjust for each client site
  - Implemented basic socket network between microcontroller and PC
    - Successfully transmitted data between both systems
    - Implemented 3-way handshake communication to ensure no packets were dropped
  - Attempted to implement communication via UART communication
    - More difficult to implement
    - Probably not ideal to use for solution
  - Decided that Raspberry Pi will be used as master microcontroller
    - Has built-in wifi connectivity
    - Began developing Python code
- Web Project Set-Up David
  - Set up back-end for web project

- Simple NodeJS run-time using ExpressJS framework
- Constructed API endpoint architecture to help realize the Controller component of our intended MVC architecture
- Set up front-end for web project
  - Made using ReactJS
- Wrote script to easily deploy both front-end and back-end simultaneously for easy testing on local machines
- Basic architecture for web application is now complete. This should make it much easier to work collaboratively on the project moving forward.
- Designed and Implemented Database & Web Project Connection Sam
  - Designed database schema capable of maintaining all of the valuable data points necessary for project.
  - Implemented database into project using MySQL
  - Developed Back-End of Web Project
    - Developed database connection using NodeJS and express framework
    - Developed Backend Model Framework
  - Developed Hardware-to-Database Connection
    - Built microcontroller code that connects and sends data to the database
- Sensor Research Noah
  - Found helpful manuals on how to select the proper RFID sensor
  - Searched different companies that sell RFID sensors
  - Narrowed down the selection for RFID sensors but ran into problems with price, connecting device
- Started to create front-end pages using ReactJS
  - Create screen sketches of how pages are to be laid out
  - Page to select specific office
    - Once office selected will be taken to page with status of products at that office
  - Page that displays products at certain office
    - Attributes of each product
      - Current weight
      - Set threshold value
      - Whether threshold has beens met
    - Search bar to look up specific products

#### Pending Issues

- RFID Sensors Noah
  - Need to collaborate with team to choose the right RFID sensor for our communication setup
  - RFID's may be over budget
- Microcontrollers Adam
  - Need to determine whether it will be more cost effective to use Raspberry Pi or Arduino for our slave microcontroller

- Raspberry Pi would require Analog to Digital Converters
- Arduino would require wifi connection unit
- Test Server from ETG David
  - Sent a request in during reporting period for a test server for project integration testing
  - Currently waiting on IP from ITS before the ETG deploys it for our usage

## Plans for Upcoming Reporting Period

- Raspberry Pi vs Arduino Adam
  - Research price points for various Arduino and Raspberry Pi models
    - Determine which would be cheaper to get
      - Raspberry Pi with an Analog to DIgital converter or
      - Arduino with wifi connection unit
  - Make final decision on UART vs Ad Hoc Network
- Passing Data Adam, Sam, David
  - Implement a system for passing data wirelessly from master microcontroller to online database
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# Individual Contributions

Team Member	Contribution	Weekly Hours	Total Hours
David Bis	Set up front-end and back-end of project, began implementing API architecture	8	19
Hanna Moser	Developed simple web page showing different products and their status	5	16
Adam Hauge	Researched different sensor setup strategies	7	19
Sam Guenette	Design and Setup Relational Database, Developed Backend Database Connection and a Model Back-end Architecture, Developed beginning Software for Microcontroller & Database Communication	7	19
Ben Gruman	No contributions this week	0	9
Noah Bix	Researched possible RFID selections	4	14

## Gitlab Activity Summary

\_\_\_\_\_ Action: closed, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: dsbis Title: Establish API endpoint architecture, Type: Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Action: pushed to branch api skeleton, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: dsbis \_\_\_\_\_ Action: pushed new branch api skeleton, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: dsbis -----Action: opened, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: guenette Title: Model Relational Setup, Type: Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Action: closed, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: guenette Title: Database Setup, Type: Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Action: pushed to branch mvcSetupSam, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: guenette \_\_\_\_\_ Action: opened, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: guenette Title: Database Design, Type: Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Action: opened, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: guenette Title: Microcontroller Data Transcription, Type: Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Action: opened, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: guenette Title: Model Migration, Type: Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Action: opened, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: guenette Title: Database to Backend Connection, Type: Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Action: opened, Sun Sep 23 2018 Author: guenette Title: Model Setup, Type: Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Action: pushed to branch mvcSetupSam, Sun Sep 23 2018

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