

2E10 Project Plan

Group Y1

Overall Group Objective

The objective of the group is to achieve a gold rating in this project. We aim to use a GitHub and Linear workflow to efficiently develop a buggy that can effectively traverse a predefined path and stop to avoid obstacles blocking the path. We aim to complete our deliverables on time and share the workload evenly across team members.

Project Schedule

Members: Ruairi Mullally, Labiba Mansur, Shane McDermott, Noah Savage.

Schedule:

Week	Milestone	Deliverables	Key Date
		Project plan report. Group	
W1	Planning complete	Assign project manager. Group	09/02/2024
		Fritzing circuit diagram. Ruairi, Shane	
		Set up IR sensors. Labiba, Noah	
W2	Initial construction	Complete first update video. Group	
		Wire all components. Labiba, Noah	
W3	Function demo (2%)	Code wheel control. Ruairi, Shane	
	Line following demo		
W4	(3%)	Implement turning to follow track. Group	
		Implement wireless reporting to computer. Labiba,	
		Noah	
W5	Wireless Reporting	Complete circuitry diagram. Ruairi, Shane	
		Traverse track without hitting obstacles.	
		Report event wirelessly.	
	Bronze Challenge	Complete Interim report (7%). Group	26/02/24 -
W6	(15%)	Group interviews (10%). Group	01/03/24
		Implement GUI for speed setting. Labiba, Shane	
		Implement follow mode (SS sensor). Ruairi, Noah	
W7	Speed controls	Report distance and speed figures. Shane	
		Remedy any bugs. Group	
W8	Silver Challenge (15%)	Demo Silver Challenge.	20/03/2024
		Take in camera data. Ruairi, Noah	
		Understand how camera data can be used and	
W9	Implement camera	plan integration. Labiba, Shane	
W10	Challenge course	Combine elements to tackle a challenge course.	
		Deliver gold challenge.	
		Code review. Group	
		Clean up and optimize code.	
W11	Gold challenge	Individual MCQ (10%).	
		Demonstrate final work.	
		Final report (10%). Group	
W12	Final challenge	3-minute YouTube Video (4%). Group	08/03/2024

Risk Assessment

Risk	Chance	Impact	C * I	Contingency
Team member falls ill	2	3	6	Comment all code. All familiar with elements. Frequent meetings
Damaged Components	4	2	8	Try not to hit walls and run over people. Keep the buggy in the plastic box when not in use.
Software bugs	5	10	50	Peer review code, allocate bug fixing time
Sensor calibration issues	7	8	56	Implement regular calibration checks for sensors.
Data quality issues	4	8	32	Implement data validation and preprocessing techniques to ensure data quality.
Unpredictable academic schedules	6	7	42	Develop a flexible project timeline that accommodates academic schedules and commitments. Plan ahead for busy periods such as exams or holidays.
Student availability and commitment	3	7	21	Establish clear expectations and timelines for project participation. Create communication plan.

Communication Plan

The communication plan aims to facilitate effective collaboration, coordination, and information sharing among the team members working on the creation of a self-driving buggy. The plan will leverage various communication tools, including a WhatsApp group chat, GitHub for file sharing, and Linear for task assignment.

Project Manager: Ruairi Mullally

Communication Tools:

- 1. WhatsApp Group Chat: For real-time communication, quick updates, and planning meetings.
 - a. Maintain a professional and respectful tone in all communications.
 - b. Ensure that notifications are enabled to stay updated with the latest messages.
- 2. GitHub: For version control, sharing code, documentation, and other project-related files.

- a. Follow the Git branching model for development (e.g., feature branches, release branches).
- b. Use clear and descriptive commit messages for better understanding and tracking changes.
- c. Review and merge pull requests promptly to maintain the project's progress.
- 3. Linear: For task management, assignment, and tracking progress.
 - a. Create tasks for each project milestone, feature, or bug.
 - b. Assign tasks to respective team members based on their expertise and availability.
 - c. Regularly update task statuses to reflect progress accurately.

Meeting Schedule:

Weekly Status Meetings: Every Monday at 6:00 PM (after lab) for 1hr. Discuss progress, challenges, and goals for the week.

Bi-weekly Technical Meetings: Every Wednesday at 4:00 PM (after lab) for 1hr. More indepth technical discussions and problem-solving.

Ad-hoc Meetings: Organized as needed for urgent matters or critical decision-making.