



VR Grip Simulation

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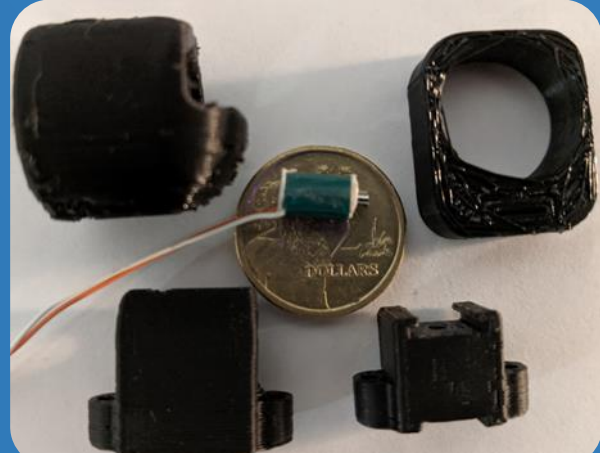


Project Aim

By combining **3D printed** components fitted with **actuators**, digital and analogue **sensors**, and a Unity designed **VR game**, this project aims to showcase **Grip Simulation**; a coined term which means a system that brings the **physics of the virtual world to the real world**. When a User holds on to an object in the VR game, the Grip Simulation system aims to **stop the User's fingers** around the boundaries of the object in the **real world** to produce an illusion of a **tangible VR environment**.



Grip Simulation



A sum of **CAD designed and 3D printed** parts coupled with a **motor** used for stopping a tape that connects to the end of the finger.



Flex Sensors



Hand-made sensors using **Velostat** paper that **changes voltage** across the material when bent, allows to measure **bending of a finger**.

Rotation Mapping



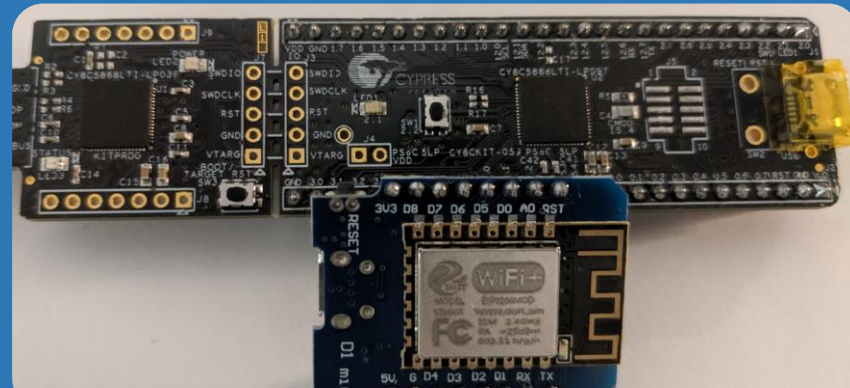
An **MPU6050** sensor to measure **pitch, yaw and roll** for rotation mapping transferred via **I2C**.

Haptic Feedback



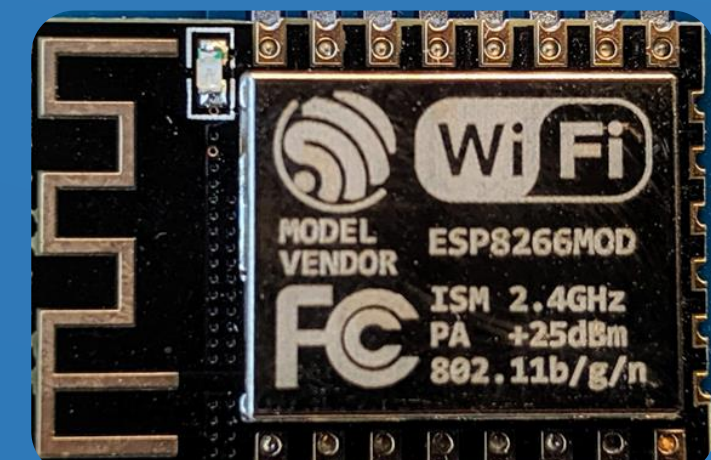
Vibration motors made by Adafruit controlled with **PWM** to simulate **touch** on the fingertips when the User grips a VR object.

The Microcontrollers



The **Wemos D1 Mini** and the **PSoC 5LP** boards together make the brains of the system allowing **fast capture and sending of data** due to their **160 and 240 MHz** clocks.

Wi-Fi Direct



The feature that allows the Wemos board to directly **connect** to the Android phone while **sending and receiving data** at **<5ms latency**.



The VR Game



The game made on Unity and hosted on an **Android** smartphone features a **3-DOF hand model** which the user controls to **grip game objects**.

