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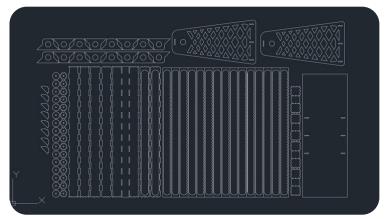
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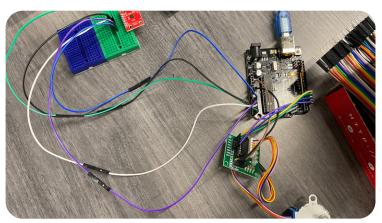
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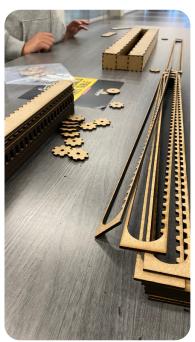
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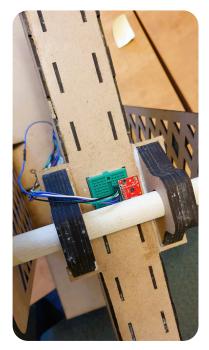
BALANCE MONKEY TOY

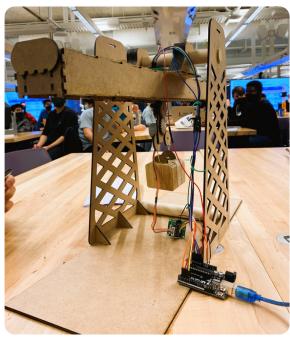












What?

- Design and prototype a toy whose main goal is to balance the beam by using pieces of wood, while the monkey moves • Used Arduino to control and unbalances it
- Primarily responsible for all the electronics used in this project
- Designed few of the CAD drawings
- · Was one of two members who was tasked with assembling the different components and final refinements

How?

- the side supports which were then laser cutted
- stepper motors and an accelerometer to check balance
- The monkey (woodblock) moves by a rack and pinion system

Results

- Used AutoCAD to design The toy was a success resulting in our team being one of the few teams having a successfully completed prototype
 - It can be further improved by implementing better cable management, using more powerful DC motors







What?

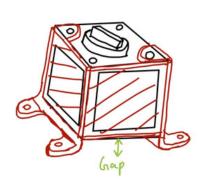
 Design a new wire spool rack for the UWAFT Vehicle Garage that enables easier access and replacement of spools when needed

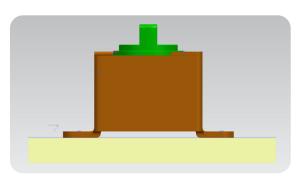
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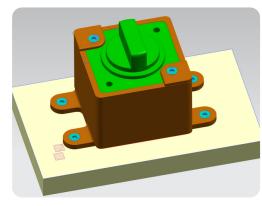
- Used SolidWorks to model the individual hooks for the rack
- A SolidWorks Assembly was made to check the fit of all the components
- Hooks were 3D printed in PLA using an in-house Ender 3 printer
- Aluminum rod was passed through the spools to hold it in place

Results

- This design allows the Aluminum rod to be lifted from the support hooks easily when the spools need to be replaced
- Spools can be spun about the rod when wire needs to be taken for use
- Storing wire spools in such a way keeps them organized







What?

- Being a University of Waterloo EcoCAR Team (UWAFT) member, I was asked to design a mount for a switch as part of a CAD challenge
- The mount must enclose the open panels
- Should be able to manufacture it in a cost efficient way.

How?

- Used Siemens NX to model the mount
- Suggested 3D printing as the best way to manufacture this enclosure

Results

- Provided a solution that offered good structural support while at the same time minimized screw usage
- The design was able to accomodate cable management and heating issues with the help of a unique spacing between the switch and the wall

CELL PHONE STAND







What?

 Design and 3D print a cell phone stand with minimising material usage as top priority

How?

- Used SolidWorks to design the stand which was then 3D printed in ABS
- Used GrabCAD Print to calculate expected model and support material

Results

- Reduced material usage by orienting the stand such that it reduces the amount of support material needed while printing
- Adding another support structure would reduce deterioration of the support joint from continuous loading