Laser Sensor on the Cloud

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Background

AWS DeepRacer

- 3D racing simulator and global racing league held every year
- 1/18 scale racing car runs on reinforcement learning
- Aim is to clear a lap with t
- Uses ai

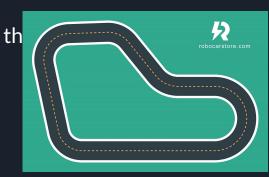


Fig 1: deep racer track

Problem

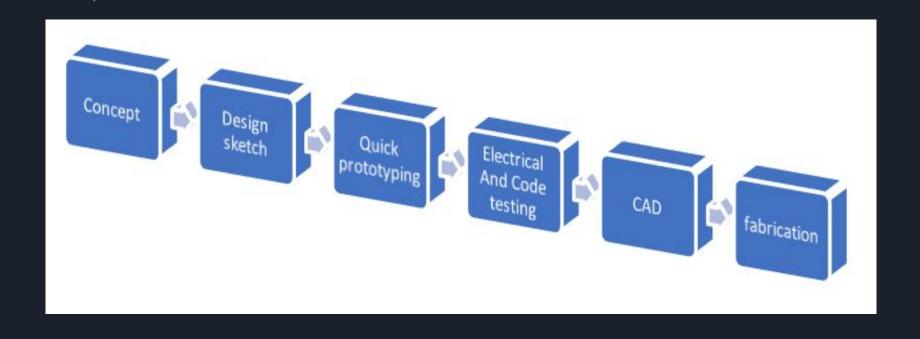
- The races are timed by people
- Timings are usually less than 15 seconds
- Human error might greatly affect timing results and placement
- Thus, need to minimise human error

Solution

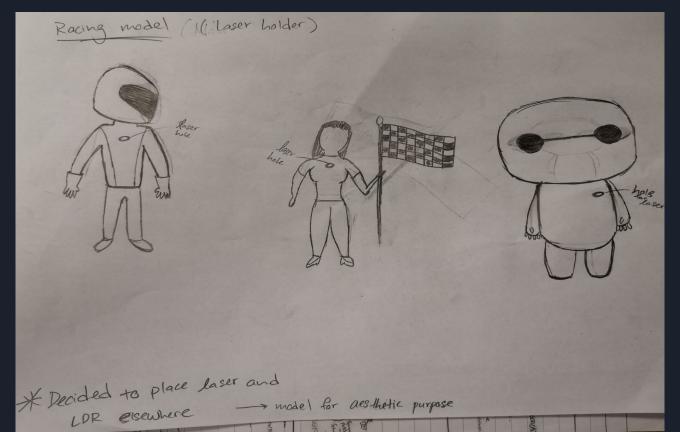
- Design a product to take down accurate time in seconds and milliseconds
- Then send results to AWS cloud server for judging purposes
- This will make judging more accurate and fair



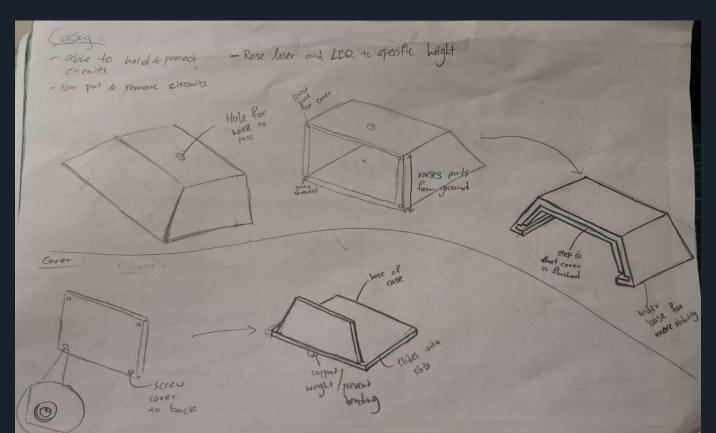
Design Process



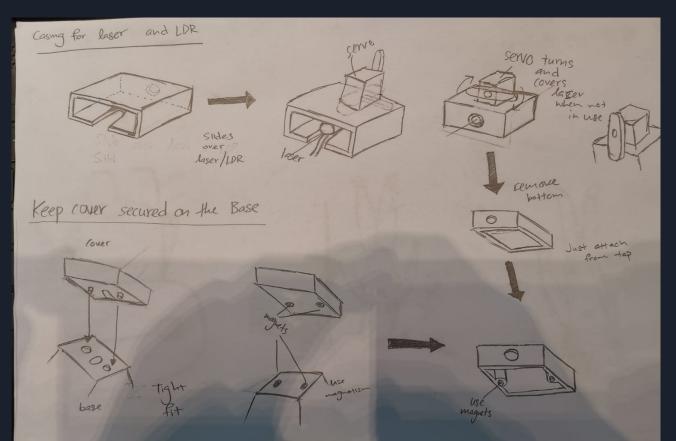
Concept Design



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Quick Prototyping

Problems

- Laser is too high up for the deerp racer car
- Servo vibrated too much so the laser was not steady
- Serial monitor only had drastic change in values only once





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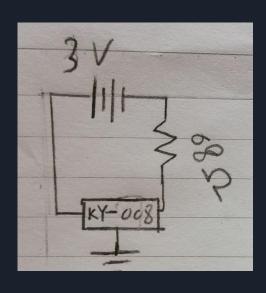
Lessons learnt

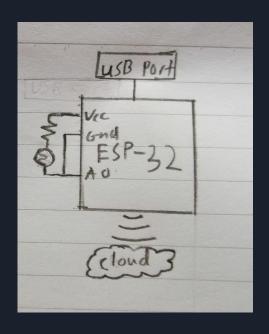
- Measure the appliance before you make something for it
- Don't add unnecessary things to your design
- Don't assume your products are working the same way

Hardware Used

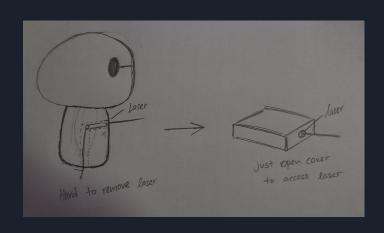
- 1 ESP-32(Microcontroller with wifi capabilities)
- 1 KY-008(laser pointer)
- LDR
- Resistors: 68 Ohms and 10K Ohms
- 3V power supply

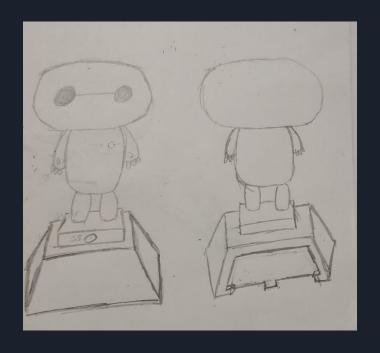
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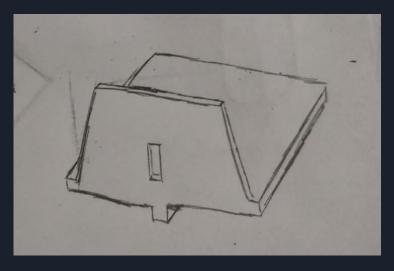


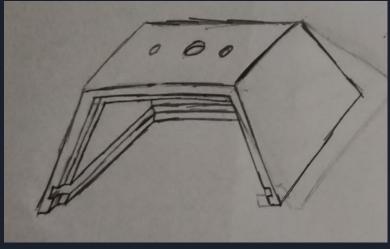
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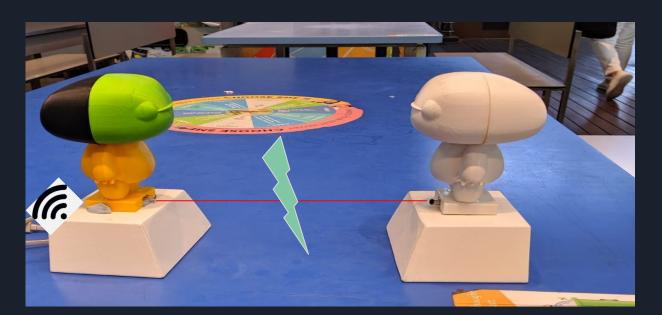
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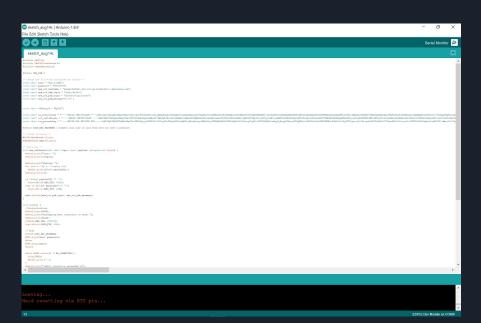
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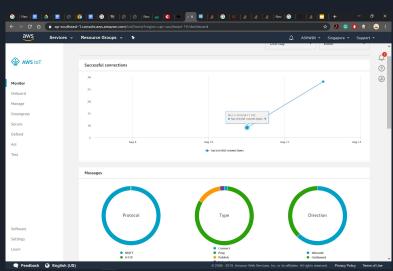
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Examples and Applications

- Alarm system
- Accurate speed analysis
- Sense car skipping red light

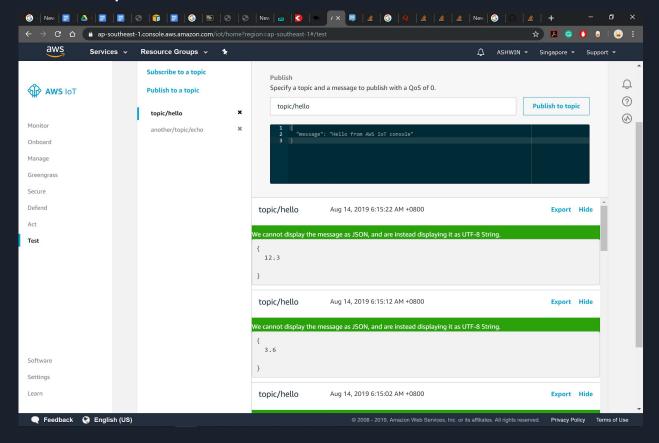
Prototype Showing



How serial output look looks like on IDE

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How mqtt subscribe look on aws console



Improvements

- The laser should have a mechanism to aim
- The base should have rubber for friction to prevent the product to move if a car hits
- The design could be improved to become modular for other purposes
- Code can be further improved

Q&A

Thank You