

1 Goals for the Past Week

The following is a list of our goals for the past week, as well as descriptions of their completion and/or progress:

1. **Finalize and ratify the Opportunity Development artifacts**

The project contract v1.0 has been completed, and is ready to submit to our Capstone instructor for initial review. The rest of the Opportunity Development artifacts are to be completed within the next couple of days.

2. **Investigate a Ubiquiti data link upgrade**

We have tested the new Ubiquiti rocket left for us from last year's team, and have determined that it provides adequate performance.

3. **Have the entire team focusing on implementing a mock competition with last year's system**

With the exception of a couple of team members fine-tuning the Opportunity Development artifacts, all team members are working towards getting last year's system up in the air.

4. **Investigate better options for a camera lens**

As it turns out, the camera had a lens filter attached to it, which didn't allow it to focus on far-off objects. Appendix A illustrates a comparison of pixels per square inch (PPSI) for cameras of last year's teams. As the graphic shows, our camera setup falls on the low end of this spectrum. This is cause for looking into the matter more.

5. **Establish a wireless connection with the odroid computer**

We successfully completed this step, and even established a ROS network with the odroid communicating inertial data to a ground station on another machine.

6. **Modify the ground station to subscribe to raw images instead of compressed images**

After a little bit of research, we learned how to do this, but there are some minor hiccups which are currently being worked through. This will probably be completed by next week, but it's also not a super high priority at the moment.

2 Goals for the Coming Week

The following is a list of our goals for the coming week, as well as details about how we plan to accomplish them:

1. Finalize and ratify the Opportunity Development artifacts

This will be done in correspondence with our Capstone instructor.

2. Be ready to fly a mock competition (minus the camera) on Thursday of next week

Based on the progress we've made, we are confident that, through consolidation of what each team member has learned through tinkering, we will be able to get a fully functional system by next week.

3. Continue testing pixel resolution of our camera at large target distances

Please send us any feedback with regards to the progress we've made, as well as our plans for the coming week.

Appendices

A Camera Resolution Comparisons

| Team | Aircraft | Camera | Resolution (MP) | Normalized PPSI @ 200 ft | PPSI @ Height | Lens | Gimbal | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 Sherbrooke | Hexacopter | Sony Alpha A5100 mirrorless | 24 | 1.5 | 2.0 @ 170 ft | | Custom 2-axis | | Listed auto classification techniques | | | |
| 2 Flint Hill | Octocopter | Samsung NX500 | 28.2 | 4.6 | 1.5 @ 350 ft | | Arria Zhaoyun 2-Axis Brushless Gimbal | | Also list auto classification techniques | | | |
| 3 Virginia Tech | Octocopter | Hawkeye Firefly 8s Wide Angle | 12 | 1.1 | 2.0 @ 150 ft | | Walkera G-2D Camera Gimbal | | | | | |
| 4 Cornell | Fixed-Wing | IDS UL-3590LE (uEye) | 18 | 7.6 | 7.6 @ 200 ft | 8mm TAMRON M118FM08 | 2-Axis (custom?) | | | | | |
| 5 Mukesh Patel | Hexacopter | Sony Alpha A5100 | 24.3 | | 11.9 @ 77 | | | | Describe auto techniques | | | |
| 6 UAV Austin | Plane | Sony Alpha a6000 | 24 | 6.5 | 2.7 @ 310 ft | | Custom 1-axis | | Onboard processing with TX2 | | | |
| 7 ITU/Non UAV | Hexacopter | Sony Alpha a6000 | 24 | | | | 3-axis | | Onboard processing with TX2 | | | |
| 8 Lagari | Plane | Sony FCB-IX 11 AP | 2.3 | | | | 2-axis | | streamed as hd video, used a a6000 last year, only 0.4 hz with it | | | |
| 9 BYU | Fixed-Wing | Basler Ace acA2500-60uc | 5 | 1.1 | 1.1 @ 200 ft | Ricoh 12.5 mm C mount | None | | | | | |
| 10 Ramaiah | Fixed-Wing | Nikon D3300 | 24 | 13.3 | 3.5 @ 390 ft | 35mm Wide Angle Prime Lens | None | | | | | |
| 11 Maryland | Fixed-Wing | Z-Cam E1 | 16 | 1.4 | 2.5 @ 150 ft | 17mm focal length fixed | | | | | | |
| 12 Toronto | Fixed-Wing | | | | | | None | | | | | |