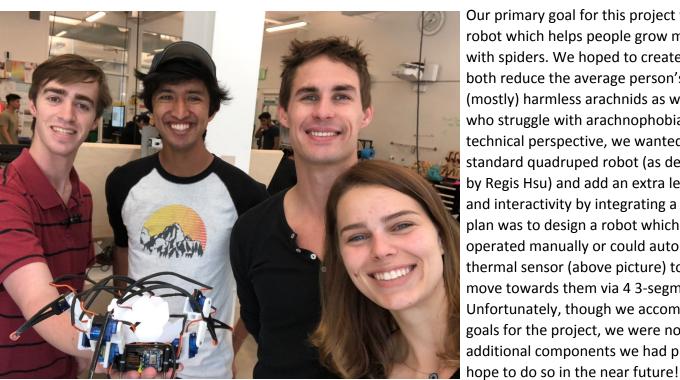


SID THE SPIDER BOT

Adding interactivity to quadruped robots with thermal sensor integration

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Our primary goal for this project was to create a robot which helps people grow more comfortable with spiders. We hoped to create a robot which helps both reduce the average person's fear of the the (mostly) harmless arachnids as well as to assist those who struggle with arachnophobia. In addition, from a technical perspective, we wanted to take the standard quadruped robot (as designed in this case by Regis Hsu) and add an extra level of complexity and interactivity by integrating a thermal sensor. Our plan was to design a robot which could either be operated manually or could autonomously use the thermal sensor (above picture) to detect humans and move towards them via 4 3-segmented legs. Unfortunately, though we accomplished our primary goals for the project, we were not able to integrate additional components we had planned for but we