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Introduction

What is a Personal Info Assistant (PIA)?

Following the idea of a "Personal Digital Assistant" (PDA), a PIA can be defined as a hardware which runs applications that provide quick reference to lists and processed data through proper links.

Why PIA?

We live in the age of information.

In the entire length of time between waking up to the sound of an alarm set on our branded smartphones and setting the same alarm before going to bed at night, we encounter a wide variety of tasks every day.

Common among these activities is the fact that each of these activities expects us to be informed. Using a washing machine needs us to know how to operate the buttons. Using an air-conditioner needs us to know what buttons to press on the remote in order to get the right setting.

Well, these are simple, aren't they?

Yes, because manufacturers make their products easy to use by hiding their inner features.

What's your response when your washing machine wouldn't run no matter how many buttons you press or your AC won't cool at the right temperature?

We all get irritated, don't we? The best response we have is to call *customer care* or a *repairman*.

Right at that moment something crosses my mind. Given our dependency on these, how little do we know about the things around us!

How much do we know about our 32" LCD Plasma TV; about the 5-speed automatic washing machine; about the 4-star rated AC; about the RO Water Purifier – all of which we operate on a daily basis at our homes?

"I'm not a techie guy", you may say, and you're correct. It's not necessary to knew everything about them, but a working knowledge wouldn't hurt.

This issue is serious for students & professionals.

Not getting the desired output on the CRO no matter how well you have connected the circuits? Does it bother you why it happened?

Been there. Done that.

The more we go out, the more we learn how little we know. But that is no excuse to have no idea about not having any idea about things we use on a daily basis.

The only problem is – **How would it be done?**

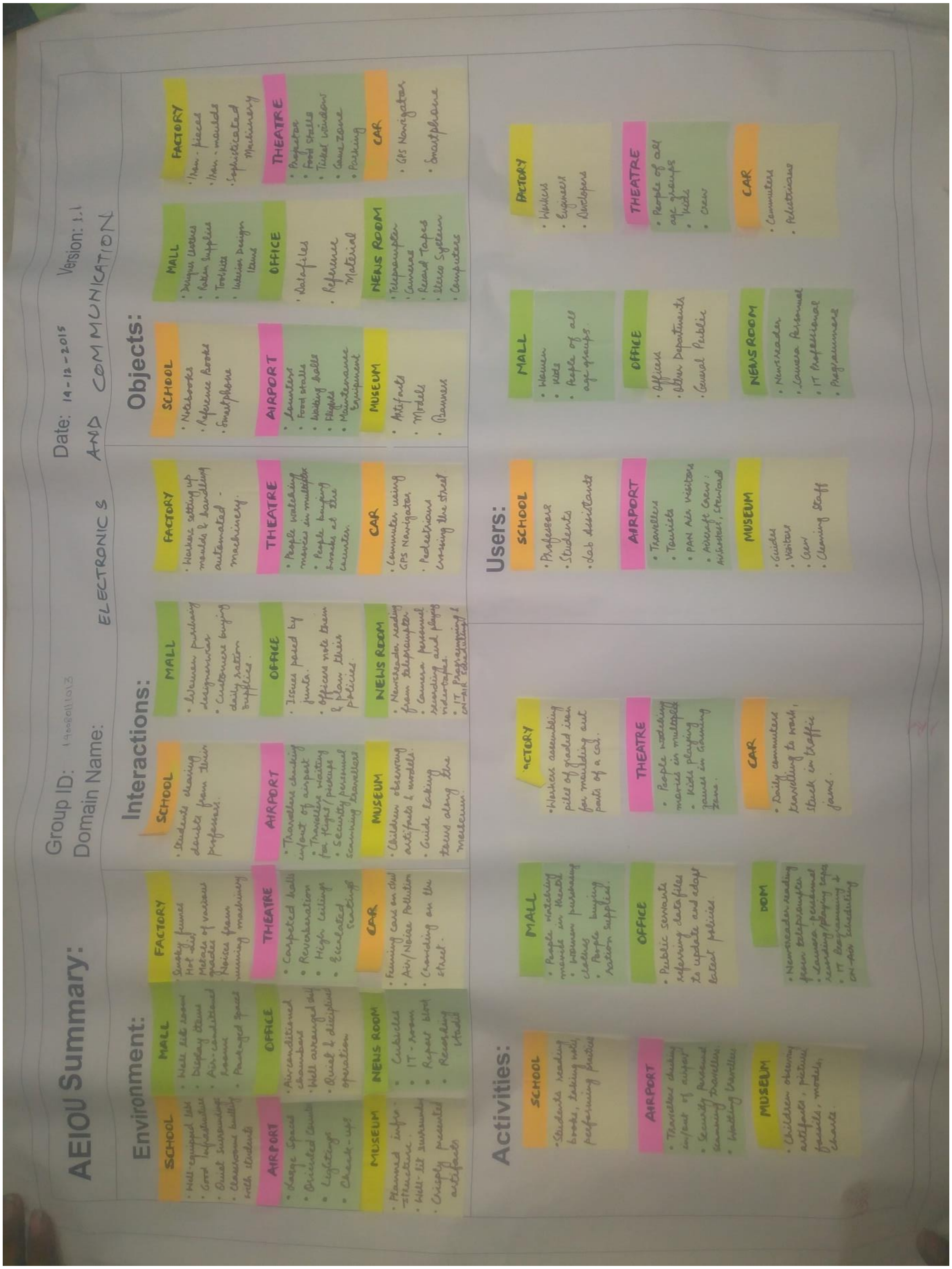
No one has the time or desire to leaf through the pages of a user guide; or to search for authentic documentation on the device.

Well, what if I told you that you do not need to do any of these; the information will reveal itself to you!

What would your response be?

Well, this project may do just that.

Observation Record Sheets: AEIOU



AEIOU framework:

Activities

Group id: 1400801110|3 Date: Sheet No: 1

Project Name : PERSONAL INFO ASSISTANT

General impressions / Observations

School : Students are reading books, taking notes, performing practicals, extra time spent in canteen.

Factory : Workers are assembling piles of iron of different grades for moulding out parts of a car.

Office : Public Servants are referring piles of data files to update and apply latest government policies.

Museum : Children are observing artifacts, pictures, fossils- proofs of life from the Past.

Car : A daily commuter, driving to work, is stuck in a traffic jam.

Elements, features and special notes

books, notebooks, trainer kits, lab equipments

moulds, reference manuals, grade samples, robotic arms

files, folders, catalogues, reference manuals, policy guides

GPS Navigators, Stereo system, mobile phone, office baggage

fossils, Showcases, charts, models, busts (statues), unreferenced display units.

Sketch/photo- Summary of activities

Activities

EIOU framework:

Group id: 14008011013 Date: Sheet No: 2

Environment

Project Name : PERSONAL INFO ASSISTANT

General impressions / Observations

(style, materials & atmosphere)

ool : Well equipped labs, good infrastructure, classrooms bustling with students, quiet surroundings

tory : Smoky fumes, hot air, metals of different grades, noises from running machines

ce : Air conditioned chambers, chairs & desks, quiet and disciplined operation.

eum: Planned infrastructure, well-lit surroundings, well presented artifacts, neat and clean dorms.

: Fewing cars, air/noise pollution, crowding on the street.

Floor plan

Optimized space usage, required stationery and books.

Rooms at maintained temperatures, fixed moulds, conveyor, robotic arms for mechanization.

Optimized data storage, space for one to one interaction, cool temperatures.

Infrastructure which suits/supports longevity of artifacts, proper amenities for visitors.

Maintained cars, clear roads, streetlights, horns.

ements, features and special notes

rastructure, lab equipments, display boards

lated rooms/moulds, heavy machinery, hot and uted air, burning fuels.

matic arrangement of data files, cupboards collection of previous sheets.

maintained, use of variety elements to create desired ience, lighting creates aesthetic display.

tic movement of cars, difficult navigation, sions due to unplanned travelling routes.

Scene

AEIOU framework:

Interactions

Group id: Date: Sheet No:

Project Name : PERSONAL INFO ASSISTANT

General impressions / Observations

(Who is interecting with whom, what?)

school : Student is clearing doubts from professor

factory: Worker is setting mould temperatures and controlling machinery for moulding

office : Junta is posing issues to the officer, officer notes them and discusses with other officials

museum: Children are observing artifacts, a guide takes them on a tour of the mesceum.

car : Cars on the street honking, pedestrians walking along, commuter uses navigator.

Elements, features and special notes

Proper reference to context is necessary while clearing doubts.

Proper knowledge of metals, moulding and machinery is required ; Proper understanding of the control system in it is a must.

Proper understanding of the problem is a must

Precise information about the display item is necessary to understand the science/history behind it.

Proper driving skills & knowledge of streets is necessary for better navigation

Scene of interaction

(How it is being done)

AEIOU framework:

Objects

Group id: 1400801110/3 Date: Sheet No: 4

Project Name : PERSONAL INFO ASSISTANT

General impressions / Observations

(What components are involved?)

School : Notebook, reference books, dictionary, smartphone

Factory : Moulds, sophisticated machinery, iron pieces, robotic arms

Office : Datafiles, Policy manuals, reference material

Museum : artifacts, models, banners

Car : GPS Navigator, smartphone

Elements, features and special notes

(How objects are relating to the activities?)

Notes are taken in classes & from reference books

Sophisticated machinery is used to create iron moulds from desired grade.

Datafiles & policy manuals are studied before policy making.

Banners give an idea about the item on display.

GPS enables choice of better route in case of a traffic jam.

Inventory of key objects

SCHOOL :
- NOTEBOOKS
- REFERENCE BOOKS
- SMARTPHONE

FACTORY :
- IRON PIECES
- IRON MOULDS
- SOPHISTICATED MACHINERY

OFFICE :
- DATA FILES
- REFERENCE MATERIAL

MUSEUM :
- ARTIFACTS
- MODELS
- BANNERS

CAR :
- GPS NAVIGATOR
- SMARTPHONE

AEIOU framework:

Users

Group id: Date: Sheet No

Project Name : PERSONAL INFO ASSISTANT

General impressions / Observations

(Who is present roles & responsibilities?)

School: Professors & lab-assistants educate students about theoretical & practical aspects of the subject.

Factory: Developers / Engineers develop and apply new technologies while workers implement moulding

Office: Officers educate themselves about problems of the society and spread awareness to the general public.

Museum: Guides / Crew assist in visit to the museum cleaning staff maintains cleanliness.

Car: Commuters drive along the roads.

Elements, features and special notes

(List of identified people involved)

Professors, students, lab-assistants

Workers, engineers, developers

Officers, team, general public

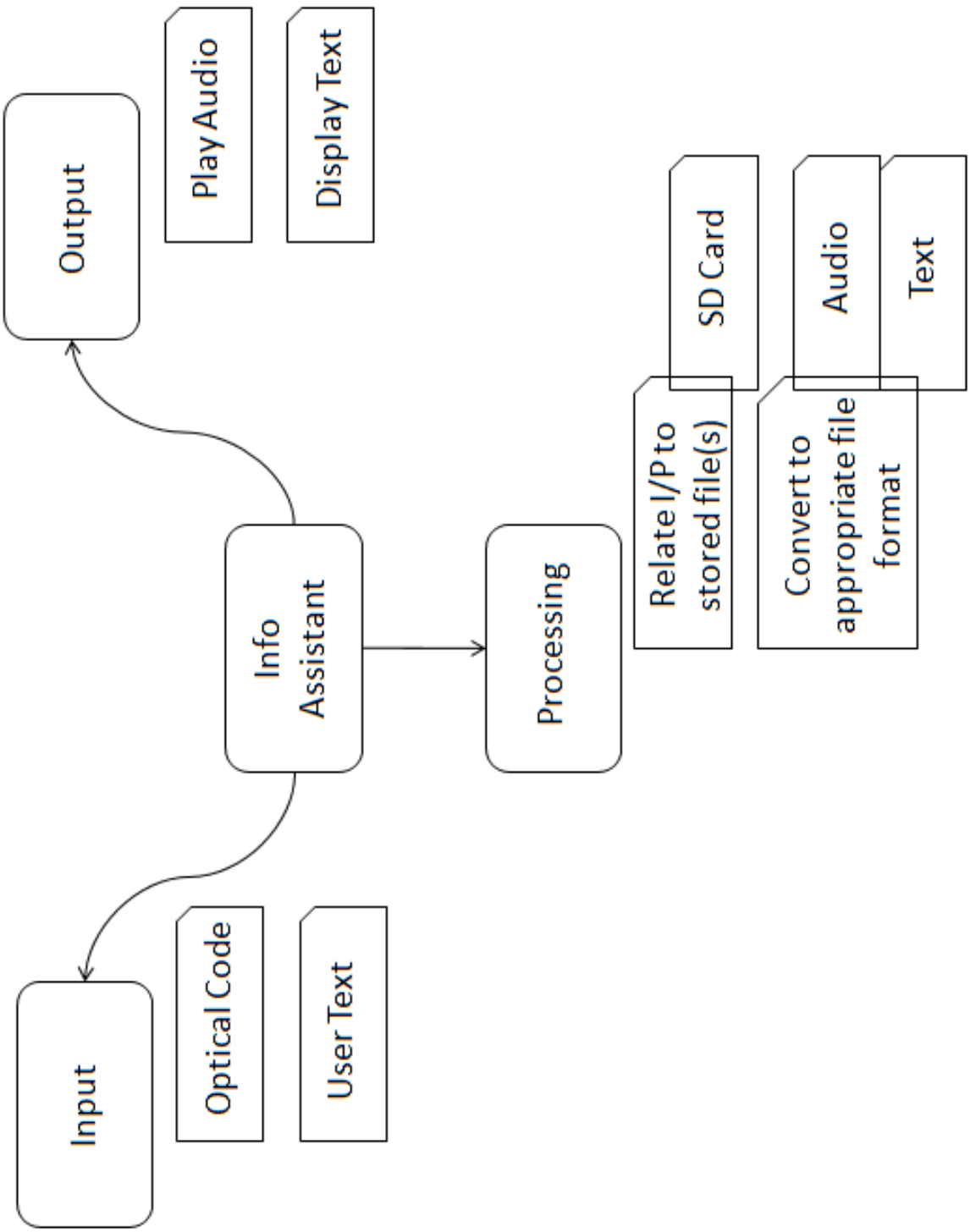
Guides, visitors, crew, cleaning staff

Commuters, pedestrians

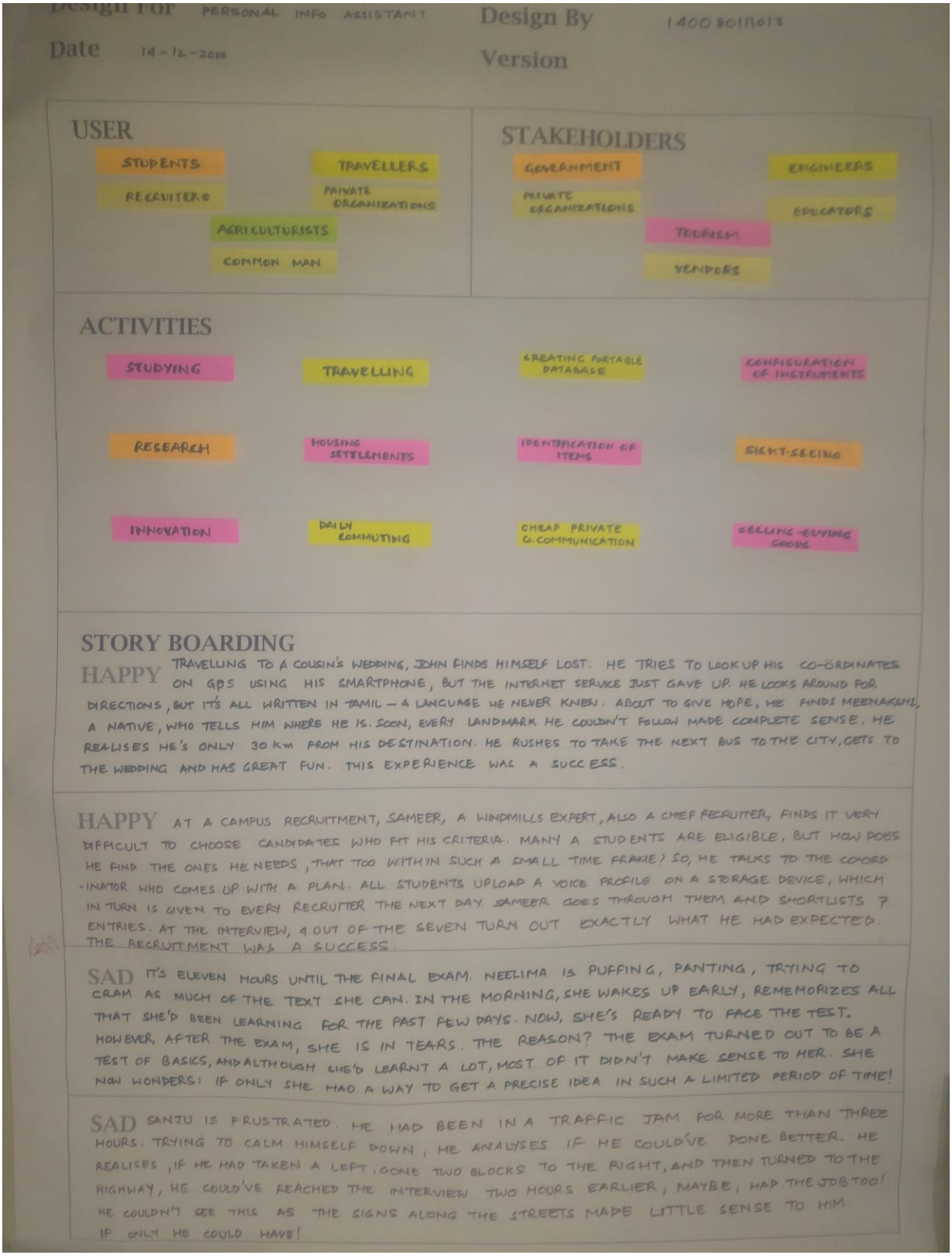
Scene of users in context

Users

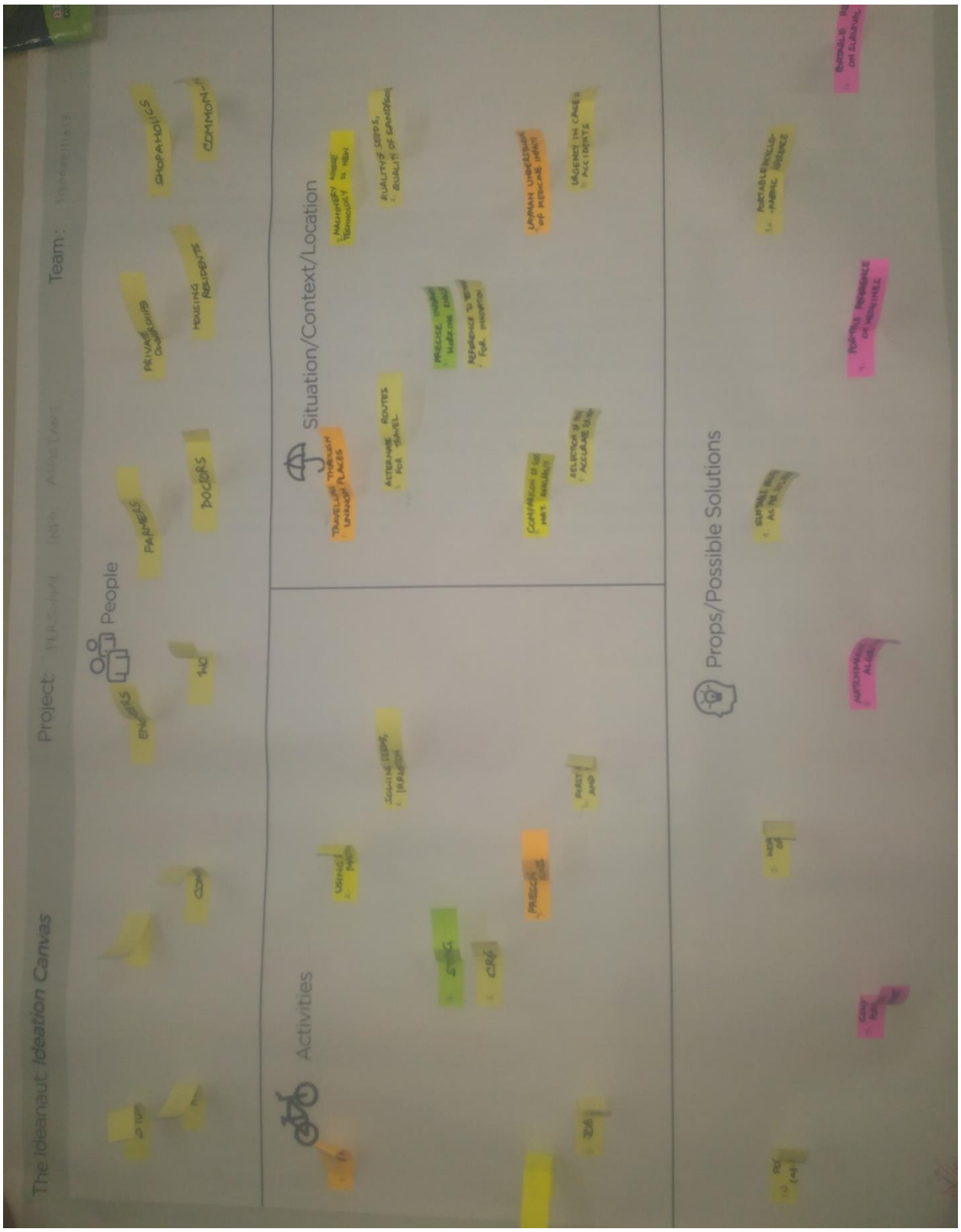
Observation Record Sheets: MindMap

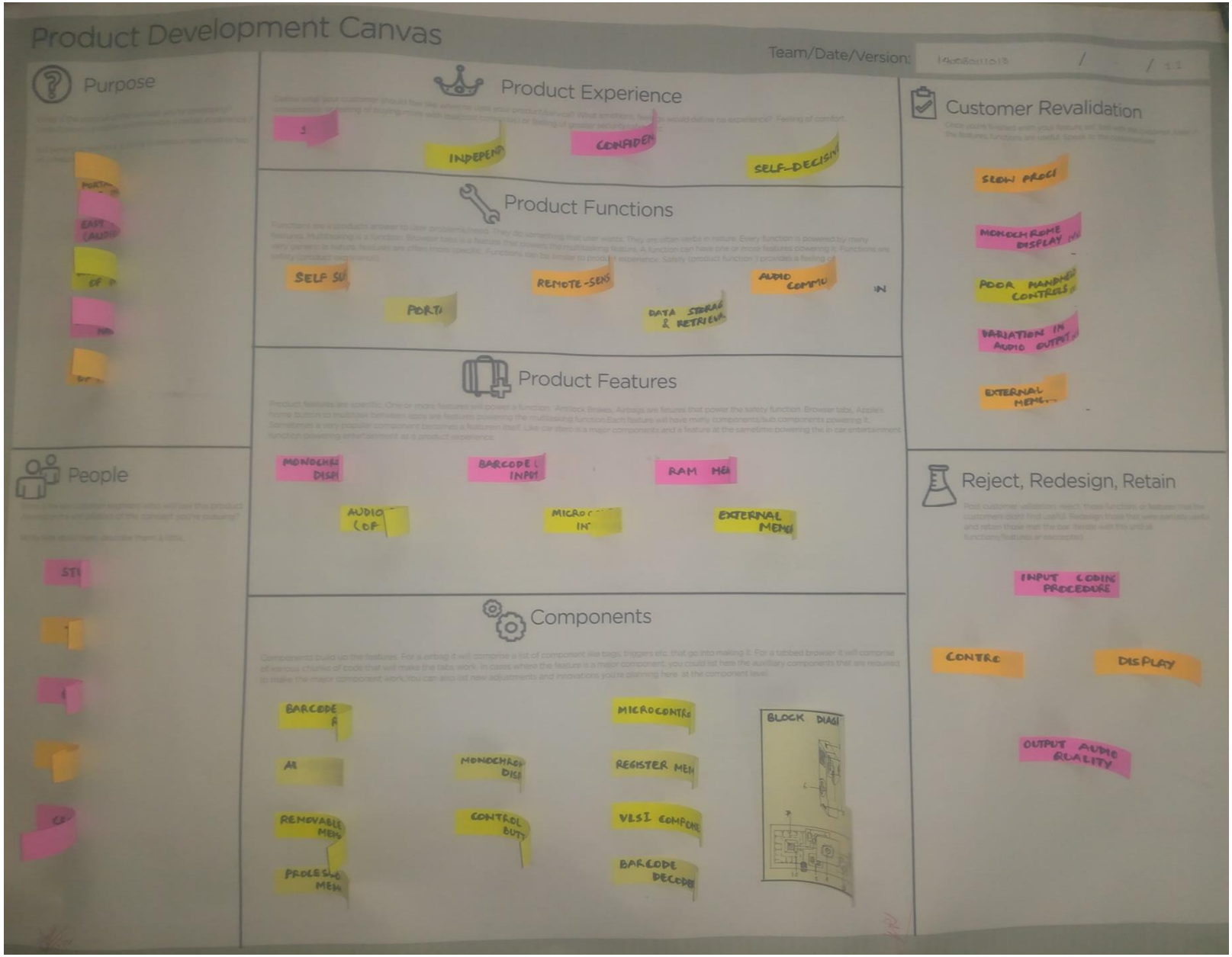


Canvas: Empathy



Canvas: Ideation





Canvas: Product Development

Prior Art Search

QR-Code

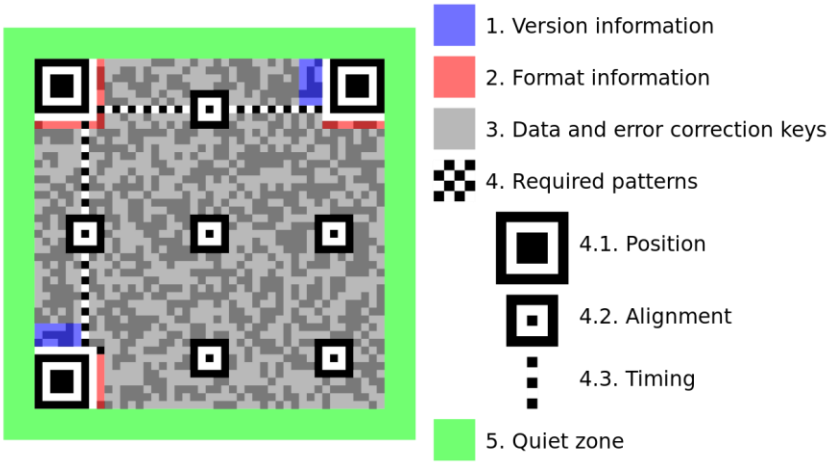
- Summary of QR Code

[US-5726435: “Optically readable two-dimensional code and method and apparatus using the same”]

[US-6997384B2: “Method for displaying and reading information code for commercial transaction”]

Summary of QR Code

Quick Response (QR) code is the trademark for a type of matrix barcode (or two-dimensional barcode) first designed for the automotive industry in Japan.



Structure of a QR code, highlighting functional elements

Design:

1. Unlike the 1D barcodes that were designed to be mechanically scanned by a narrow beam of light, a QR code is detected by a 2D digital image sensor and then digitally analyzed by a programmed processor.
2. The processor locates the three distinctive squares at the corners of the QR code image, using a smaller square (or multiple squares) near the fourth corner to normalize the image for size, orientation, and angle of viewing.
3. The small dots in the QR code are then converted to binary numbers and validated with an error-correcting algorithm.

Storage:

The amount of data that can be stored in the QR code symbol depends on the datatype, version and error correction level.

Maximum character storage capacity (40-L)

Input Mode	Max. Characters	bits/char	Valid characters	Default Encoding
Numeric only	7,089	3⅓	0–9	
Alphanumeric	4,296	5½	0–9, A–Z (upper-case only), space, $, %, *, +, -,., /, :	
Binary/byte	2,953	8		ISO 8859-1
Kanji/kana	1,817	13		Shift JIS X 0208

Error Correction:

1. A Code word is 8-bit long and uses the “Reed–Solomon” error correction algorithm with 4 error correction levels. Higher the error correction level, lesser the storage capacity.

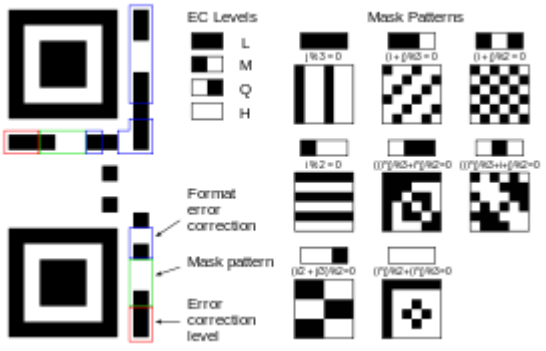
Approximate error correction capabilities

Level	Max. Characters
L (Low)	7% of codewords can be restored.
M (Medium)	15% of codewords can be restored.
Q (Quartile)	25% of codewords can be restored.
H (High)	30% of codewords can be restored.

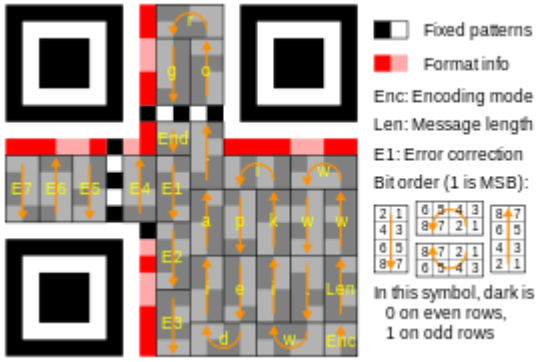
2. In larger QR symbols, the message is broken up into several Reed–Solomon code blocks. The block size is chosen so that at most 15 errors can be corrected in each block; this limits the complexity of the decoding algorithm. The code blocks are then interleaved together, making it less likely that localized damage to a QR symbol will overwhelm the capacity of any single block.
3. Due to error correction, it is possible to create artistic QR codes that still scan correctly, but contain intentional errors to make them more readable or attractive to the human eye, as well as to incorporate colors, logos, and other features into the QR code block.

Encoding:

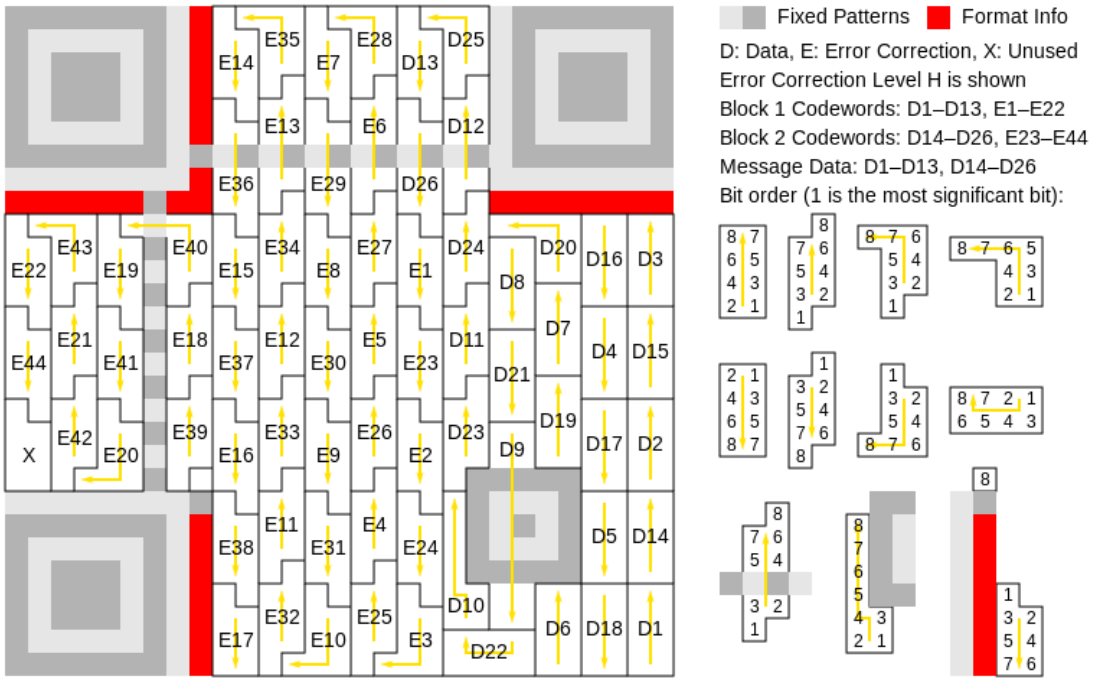
1. The format information records two things: the error correction level and the mask pattern used for the symbol.
2. Masking is used to break up patterns in the data area that might confuse a scanner, such as large blank areas or misleading features that look like the locator marks. The mask patterns are defined on a grid that is repeated as necessary to cover the whole symbol. Modules corresponding to the dark areas of the mask are inverted. The format information is protected from errors with a BCH code, and two complete copies are included in each QR symbol.
3. The message dataset is placed from right to left in a zigzag pattern, as shown below. In larger symbols, this is complicated by the presence of the alignment patterns and the use of multiple interleaved error-correction blocks.



Meaning of format information



Message placement within a QR symbol



Larger symbol illustrating interleaved blocks

4. The general structure of a QR encoding is as a sequence of 4 bit indicators with payload length dependent on the indicator mode (e.g. byte encoding payload length is dependent on the first byte).

Encoding modes

Mode Indicator	Description	Typical Structure '[type : sizes in bits]'
0001	Numeric	[0001 : 4] [Character Count Indicator : variable] [Data Bit Stream : 10*charcount]
0010	Alphanumeric	[0010 : 4] [Character Count Indicator : variable] [Data Bit Stream : 11*charcount]
0100	Byte encoding	[0100 : 4] [Character Count Indicator : variable] [Data Bit Stream : 8*charcount]
1000	Kanji encoding	[1000 : 4] [Character Count Indicator : variable] [Data Bit Stream : 13*charcount]
0011	Structured append	[0011 : 4] [Symbol Position : 4] [Total Symbols: 4] [Parity : 8]
0111	ECI	[0111 : 4] [ECI Assignment number : variable]
0101	FNC1 in first position	[0101 : 4] [Numeric/Alphanumeric/Byte/Kanji payload : variable]
1001	FNC1 in second position	[1001 : 4] [Application Indicator : 8] [Numeric/Alphanumeric/Byte/Kanji payload : variable]
0000	End of message	[0000 : 4]

Note:

Character Count Indicator depends on how many modules are in a QR code (Symbol Version).

ECI Assignment number Size:

8*1 bits if ECI Assignement Bitstream starts with '0'

8*2 bits if ECI Assignement Bitstream starts with '10'

8*3 bits if ECI Assignement Bitstream starts with '110'

5. Encoding modes can be mixed as needed within a QR symbol (for example, a url with a long string of alphanumeric characters).

[Mode Indicator][Mode bitstream] --> [Mode Indicator][Mode bitstream] --> etc... --> [0000 End of message (Terminator)]

6. After every indicator that selects an encoding mode is a length field that tells how many characters are encoded in that mode. The number of bits in the length field depends on the encoding and the symbol version.

Number of bits in a length field (Character Count Indicator)

Encoding	Ver. 1–9	Ver. 10–26	Ver. 27–40
Numeric	10	12	14
Alphanumeric	9	11	13
Byte	8	16	16
Kanji	8	10	12

7. Alphanumeric encoding mode stores a message more compactly than the byte mode can, but cannot store lower-case letters and has only a limited selection of punctuation marks, which are sufficient for rudimentary web addresses. Two characters are coded in an 11-bit value by this formula:

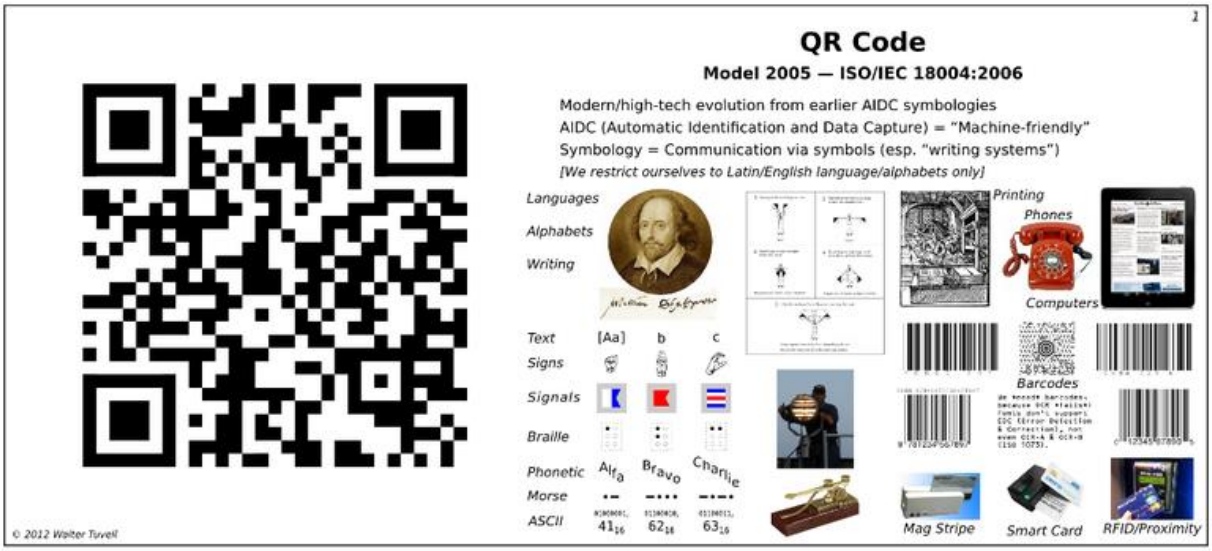
$$V = 45\,C_1 + C_2$$

Alphanumeric character codes

Code	Character	Code	Character	Code	Character	Code	Character	Code	Character
00	0	10	A	20	K	30	U	40	+
01	1	11	B	21	L	31	V	41	–
02	2	12	C	22	M	32	W	42	.
03	3	13	D	23	N	33	X	43	/
04	4	14	E	24	O	34	Y	44	:
05	5	15	F	25	P	35	Z		
06	6	16	G	26	Q	36	Space		
07	7	17	H	27	R	37	$		
08	8	18	I	28	S	38	%		
09	9	19	J	29	T	39	*		

Encoding:

The following boxes offer info on QR code decoding:



Additional Notes

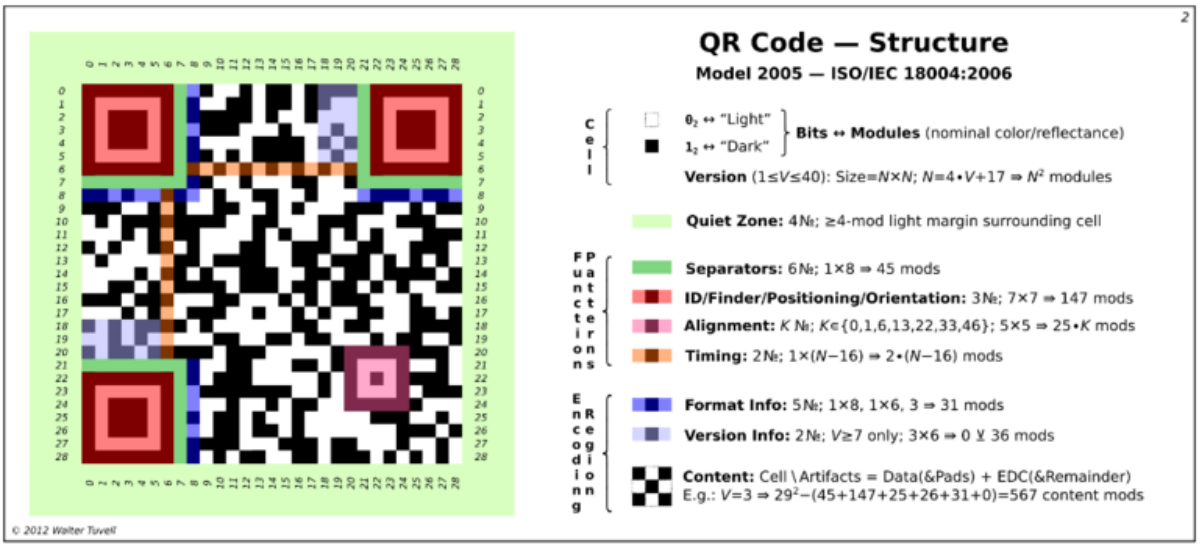
Invented in 1994 by Japanese company Denso-Wave (major funding Denso corp., minor funding Toyota).

Quickly entered standardization process, becoming ISO/IEC international standard in 2000. Current version is QR Code Model 2005.

Royalty-free usage, worldwide.

For commercial use, hardware scanners available in several technologies; no more expensive than other barcode scanners.

For casual use, software generators and readers are cheaply/freely available; apps for PCs and cell phones (working with images or cameras), and even web resources.



Additional Notes

"Light"/"dark" are understood relative to per-symbol global threshold (reflectance midway between minimum and maximum for the symbol). Polarity can be reversed (0_2↔"dark", 1_2↔"light") — if decoder cannot locate finder patterns, try reversing polarity (only one polarity can be valid). Other variations may also be supported, depending on the reader/decoder (e.g., physical/3D markings, such as dice-like dot/peen dimples). Easily depicted in ASCII, too (using *, ␣).

Corner features (quiet zone, finder patterns, separators) enable identification, location, rotational orientation, reflectance polarity.

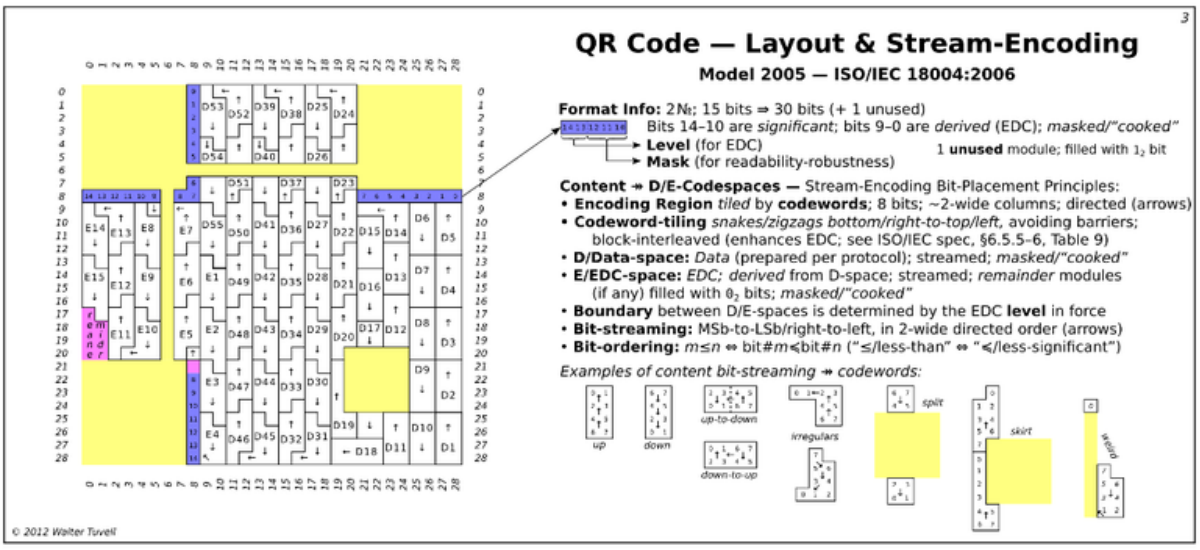
Timing patterns (alternating reflectance) supports symbol density, version/size to be determined, and provide positions for determining row/col coordinates (rectangular, not just square).

Alignment patterns, located symmetrically about diagonal, supports symbol distortions to be detected/corrected.
№: 0 (V=1); 1 (2≤V≤6); 6 (7≤V≤13); 13 (14≤V≤20); 22 (21≤V≤27); 33 (28≤V≤34); 46 (35≤V≤40).

Version info: 7≤V≤40 only (not present in our sample); 2 copies, each 18 bits (6 data, 12 EDC); encodes value V; special-snake/zigzag layout; unmasked.

Version info EDC uses binary Golay 18,6 ECC (≤3-bit correction). The $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$ polynomial of degree ≤ 6 whose coefficients are bits 17–12 (which encode V), multiplied by $X^{18-6}=X^{12}$, is divided by designated generator polynomial $X^{12}+X^{11}+X^{10}+X^9+X^8+X^5+X^2+1$, and the remainder polynomial's coefficients are taken as bits 11–0. See ISO/IEC spec, §D.2, for error detection/correction procedure.

Damage to fixed patterns (deviation from ideal appearance of corner features, timing patterns, alignment patterns) can be evaluated, for quality control purposes (see ISO/IEC 15415 Print Quality specification).



Additional Notes

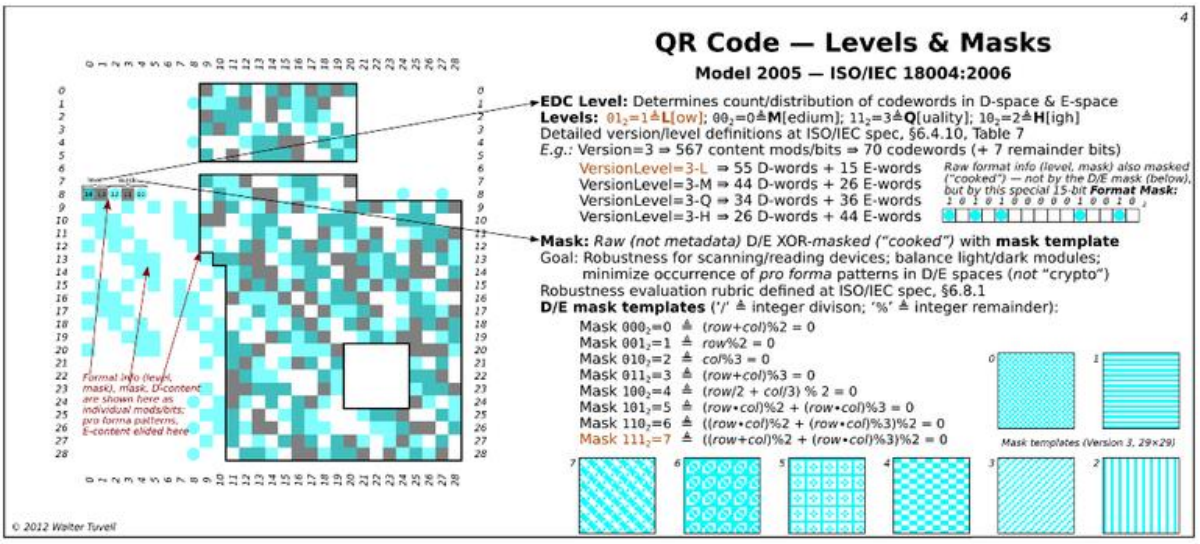
The unused module is marked dark (and not masked).

"Snake" refers to byte-level layout; "zigzag" refers to bit-level layout.

Layout/boundaries of D/E codewords is not to be confused with layout/boundaries of encoded charset SDD entities (see below).

Format info EDC uses BCH (Bose-Chaudhuri-Hocquenghem) 15,5 ECC (≤3-bit correction). The $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$ polynomial of degree ≤ 5 whose coefficients are bits 14–10 (level, mask), multiplied by $X^{15-5}=X^{10}$, is divided by designated generator polyno mial $X^{10}+X^8+X^5+X^4+X^2+X+1$, and the remainder polynomial's coefficients are taken as bits 9–0. See ISO/IEC spec, §C.2, for error detection/correction procedure.

Upon decoding, if format info doesn't validate, try mirror-reversal of symbol (= transpose about diagonal, exchanging rows and columns — which reverses the format info bits provided the value of bit 7 is 1_2, but forces bit 7 to be regarded as an error if bit 7 is 0_2). Both mirror images cannot be valid, to within 2 errors, due to design of format info pattern (by inspection of ISO/IEC spec Table C.1, no reversal of a valid format info string is also a valid string, to within 2 errors).

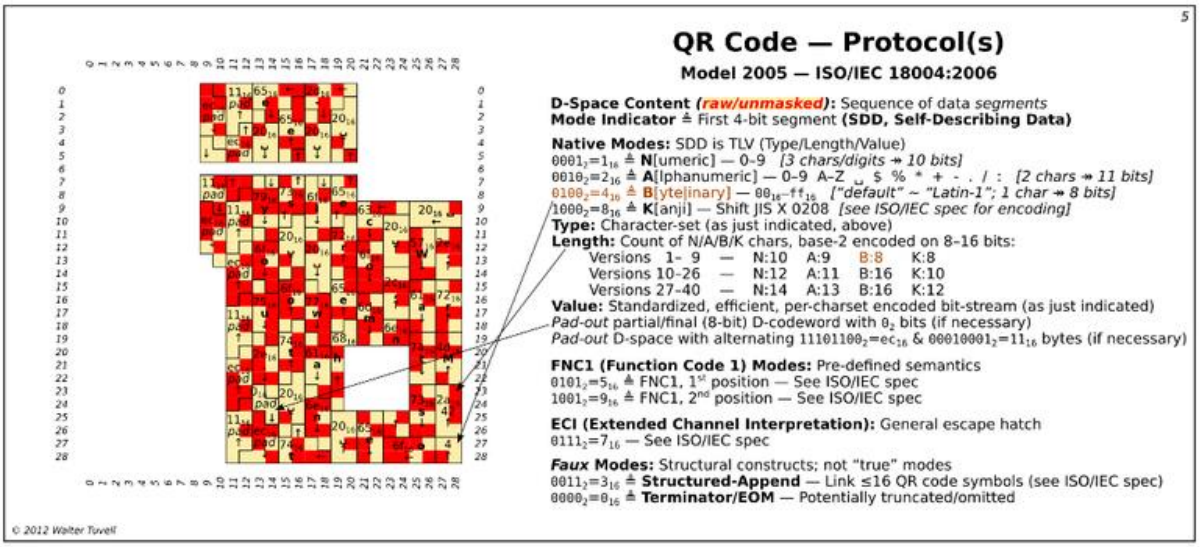


Additional Notes

The special mask $101,0100,0001,0010_2$ ensures that masked/cooked format info is never all-0's.

D-space EDC uses RS (Reed-Solomon) *c,k,r* (for various values of *c*, *k*, *r*; see ISO/IEC spec, Table 9) ECC, over $\mathbb{F}_{256}$=GF(2^8). The irreducible primitive polynomial defining $\mathbb{F}_{256}$ itself is taken to be $X^8+X^4+X^3+X^2+1$. 36 different generating polynomials are used (ISO/IEC spec, Table A.1). Error-correction capacity, *r* (number of correctable errors per block of codewords) varies, depending on versions 1–40 and levels L/M/Q/H, yielding error-correction percentages in ~7½% increments: approx. 7½/15/22½/30. See ISO/IEC spec, §6.5.2 and Annexes A–B for error-code generation and error detection/correction procedure.

$\mathbb{F}_{256}$-based scheme requires *blocking:* D-space must be initially partitioned into a number of blocks, of specified sizes (defined in ISO/IEC spec, Table 9); then each D-block is mapped to a corresponding E-block via ECC generation. Effect of blocking on placement of codewords is specified by ISO/IEC spec, §6.6 and Figure 15 (e.g., shortest block(s), if any, are placed first).



Additional Notes

The concatenated padding $ec_{16}‖11_{16}‖ec_{16}‖\ldots$ contains runs of 1/2/3/4/5 single binary digits (0_2, 1_2).

FNC1 supports compatibility with external industrial barcode standards, esp. Code 128 ("position 1" = GS1 General Specification; "position 2" = AIM Inc.).

ECI (defined by AIM Inc., Association for Automatic Identification and Mobility) supports consistent technique for associating semantics to data. By "default" (i.e., if no explicit ECI directive is present, and native type B[yte|inary] is in effect), the content is to be interpreted as ISO/IEC 8859-1 ("Latin-1"). If ECI mode indicator (4 bits, $0111_2=7_{16}$) is present, it is followed by 8/16/24-bit ECI Designator (defined by AIM), followed by data (in TLV format). It functions as a general "escape hatch" (e.g., it can indicate compression or encryption).

Structured-Append SDD: All symbols in the chain begin with structured-append header:

- $0011_2=3_{16}$ (4 bits)
- 4-bit binary-encoded value (0-15) of "this" link in chain
- 4-bit binary-encoded value (0-15) of length of chain
- 8 bits of parity/checksum data, XOR of all bytes of raw input data for the chain (this associates all links as being in common chain)

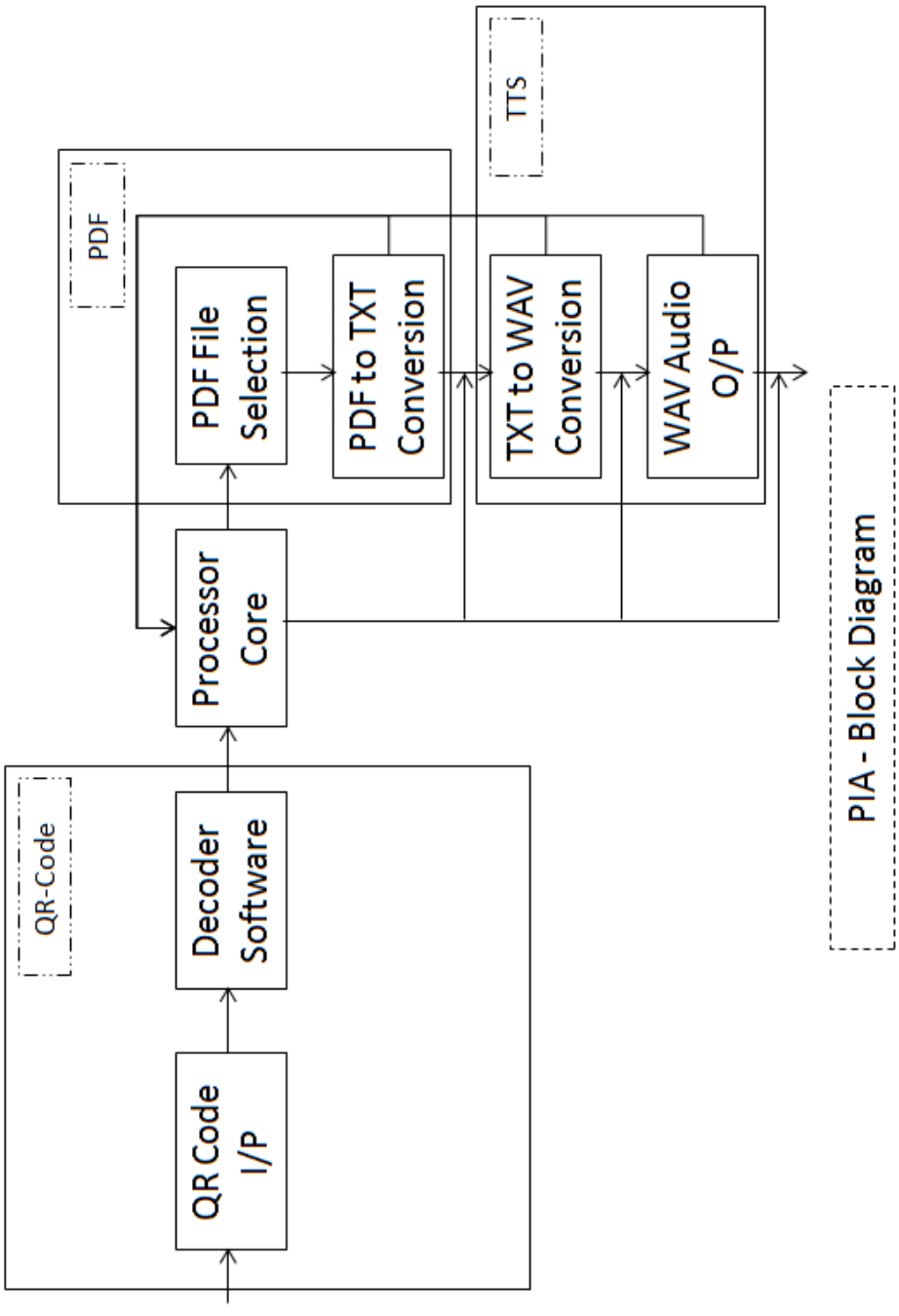
Upon decoding, our sample QR code symbol yields the following content:

Mr. Watson, come here - I want to see you.

Risks:

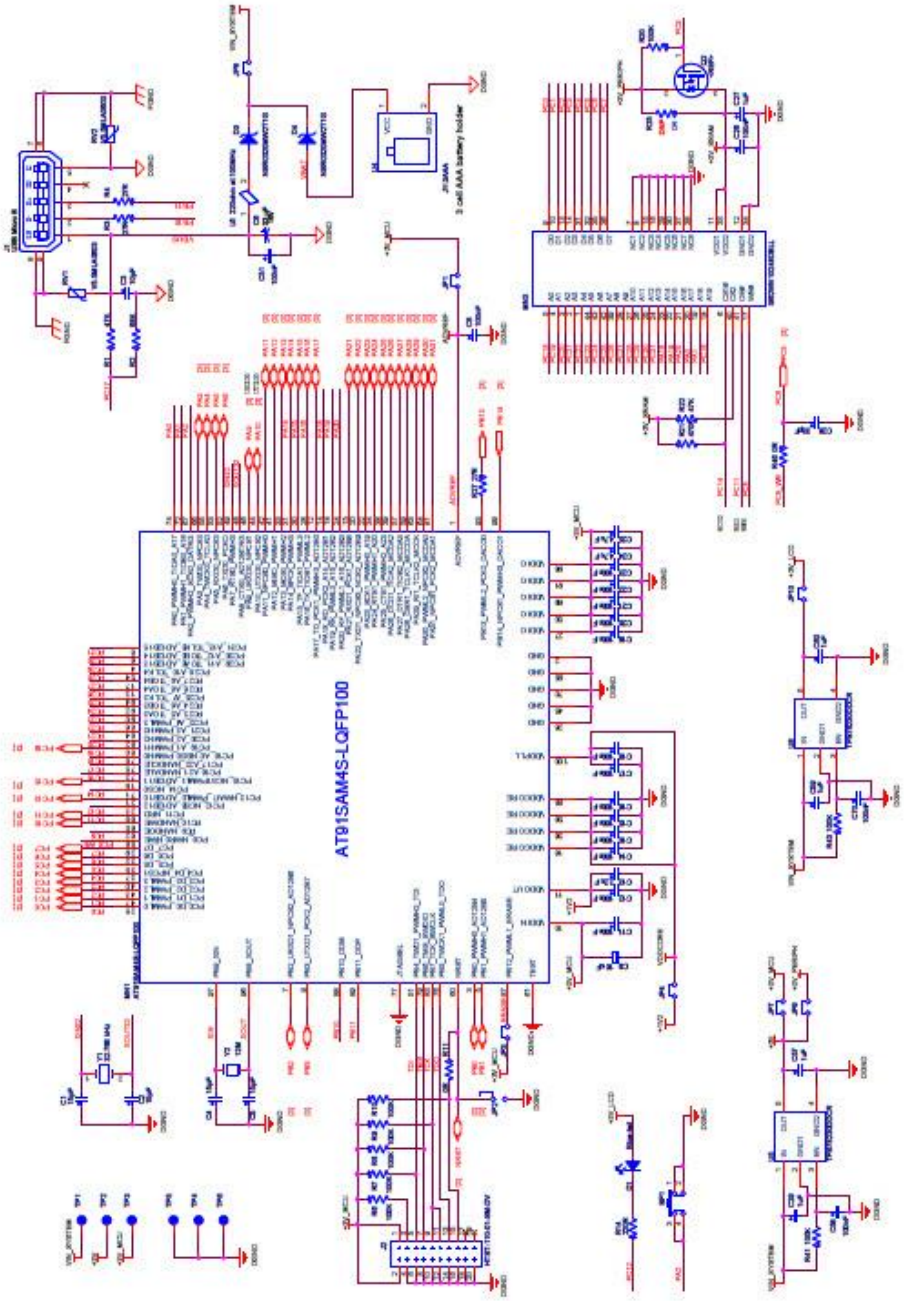
1. The only context in which common QR codes can carry executable data is the URL data type. These URLs may host JavaScript code, which can be used to exploit vulnerabilities in applications on the host system, such as the reader, the web browser or the image viewer, since a reader will typically send the data to the application associated with the data type used by the QR code.
2. In the case of no software exploits, malicious QR codes combined with a permissive reader can still put a computer's contents and user's privacy at risk. This practice is known as "attagging", a portmanteau of "attack tagging". They are easily created and can be affixed over legitimate QR codes. On a smartphone, the reader's permissions may allow use of the camera, full Internet access, read/write contact data, GPS, read browser history, read/write local storage, and global system changes.
3. Risks include linking to dangerous web sites with browser exploits, enabling the microphone/camera/GPS, and then streaming those feeds to a remote server, analysis of sensitive data (passwords, files, contacts, transactions), and sending email/SMS/IM messages or DDOS packets as part of a botnet, corrupting privacy settings, stealing identity, and even containing malicious logic themselves such as JavaScript or a virus. These actions could occur in the background while the user is only seeing the reader opening a seemingly harmless web page

Block Diagram



Fast Prototype

- **AT01180 Barcode & QR Code Scanner**
  (refer: http://www.atmel.com/tools/SAM4S-WPIR-RD.aspx?tab=documents)



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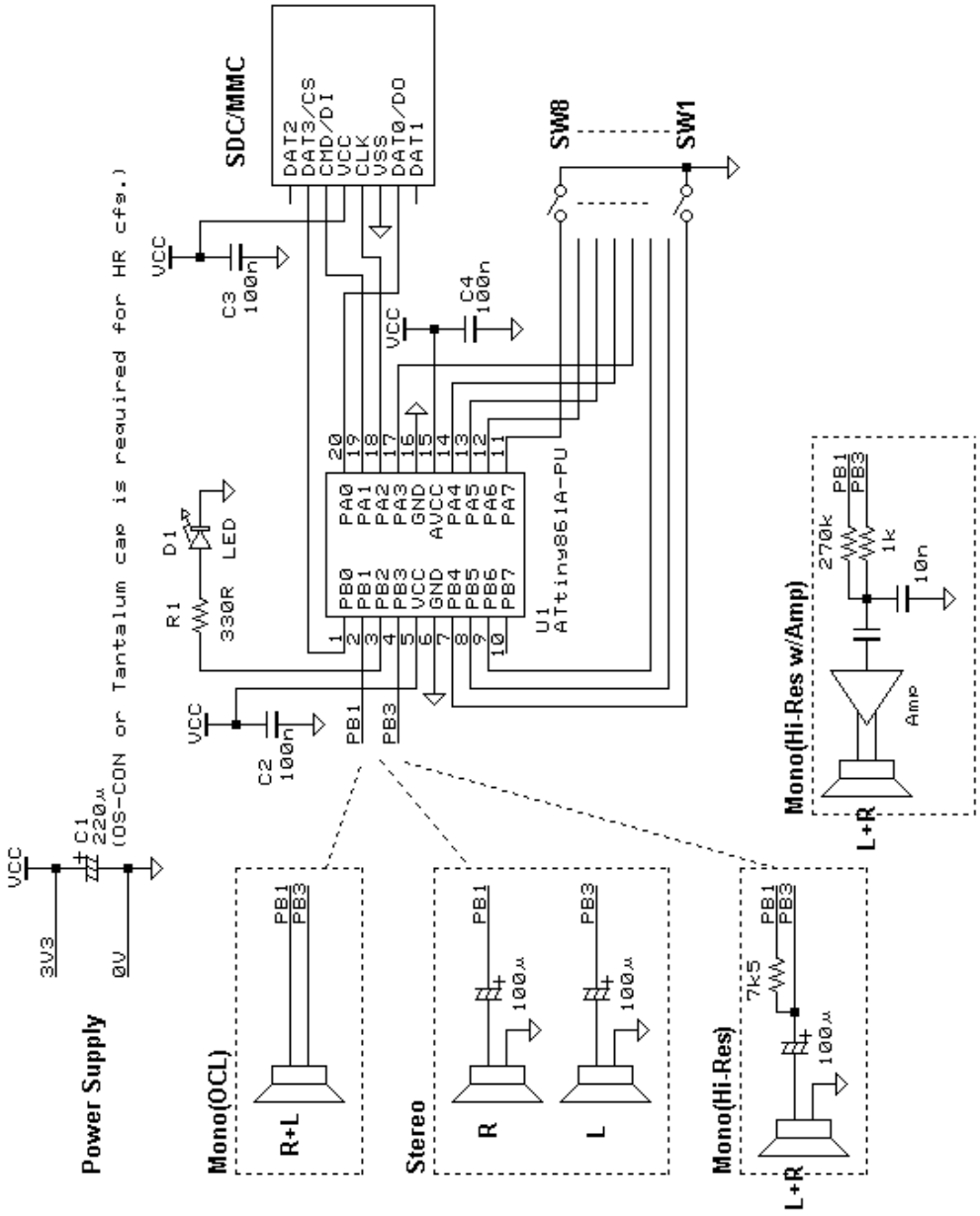
This is a barcode & QR-code reader based on Atmel SAM4S_WPIR_RD kit. It carries out the processes of both scaning the image and decoding it. The decoded output could further be used to link to appropriate file(s) and transferring control to audio/display section.

- **PCM Sound Generator**
  (refer: http://elm-chan.org/works/sd20p/report)



Circuit Description:

This is a simple sound generator based on 8-pin SD Audio Player. It is built with an Atmel ATtiny861 microcontroller and an SD memory card.

The Micro SD card is used as storage media with proper socket conversion. It is controlled in SPI mode via USI. The audio signal is output in PWM and it can drive loudspeakers directly. It may be thought that the output current exceeds the rating but it is no problem because the output current is limited by output impedance at 3.3 volt supply voltage even if the output pin is tied to the rail. Therefore it will create sufficient sound to be played on headphones.

Parts Selection

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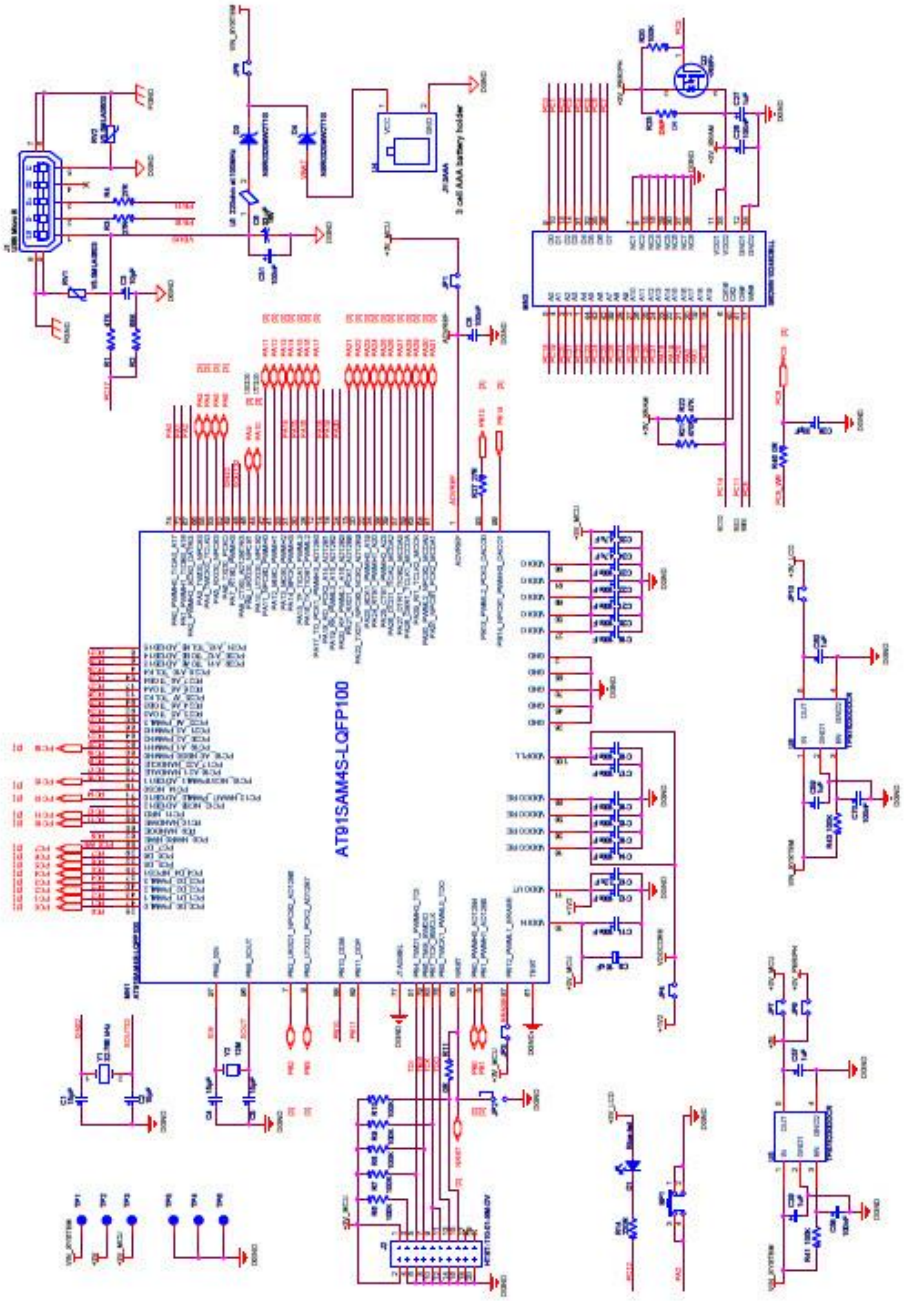

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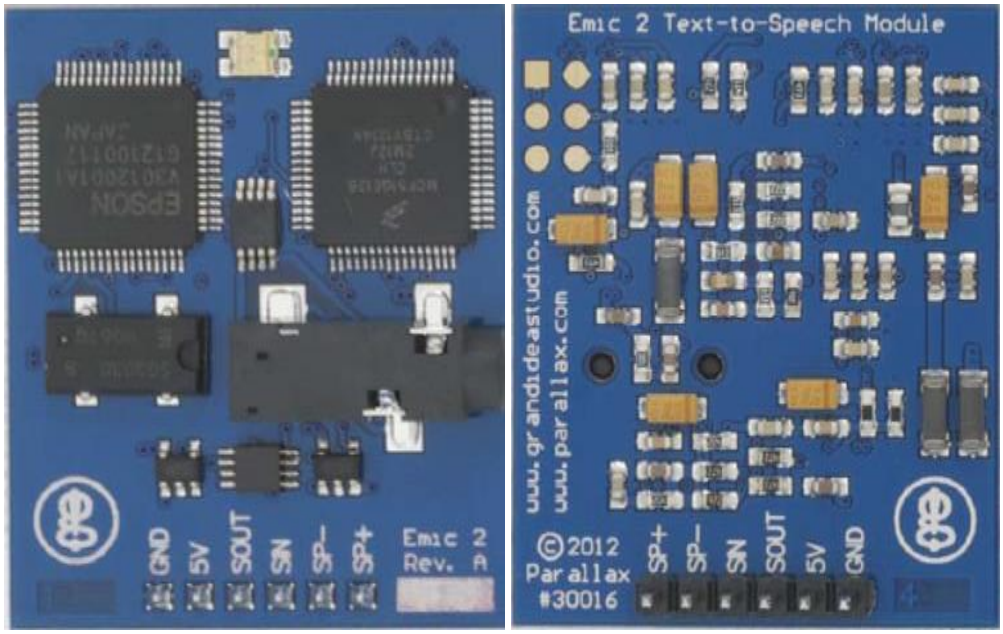
- **Emic2 – TTS Module**
  (refer: https://www.parallax.com/product/30016)

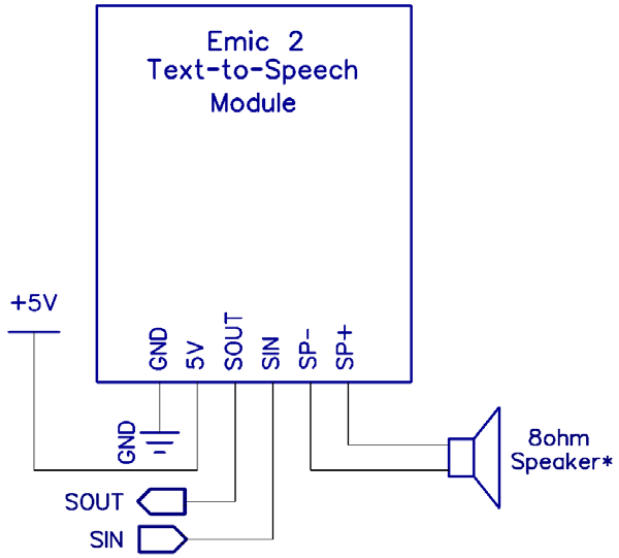


Description:

- The Emic 2 Text-to-Speech Module is an unconstrained, multi-language voice synthesizer that converts a stream of digital text into natural sounding speech output. Using the universally recognized DECtalk text-to-speech synthesizer engine, Emic 2 provides full speech synthesis capabilities for any embedded system via a simple command-based interface.

Usage:

- Emic 2 is controlled by the host via a serial communications interface. To use, simply send the desired command to Emic 2 and listen for audio output from the SP+/SP- speaker connection or 1/8” audio jack.



- The serial interface is configured for 9600 bps, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit (8N1). When Emic 2 is ready to receive commands, it will send a ":" to the host. It will then wait in an idle state until it receives a valid command, at which time it performs the command and returns any command-specific response. Emic 2 will return a "?" upon receiving an invalid command. Some microcontrollers with slow serial processing time, such as the BASIC Stamp 2, may miss the ":" response sent from the Emic 2 if the command completes quickly. This can be remedied by simply not checking for the response in the host program.
- On power-up, Emic 2 loads its default settings consisting of voice type, audio volume, speaking rate, language, and parser. These settings can be configured by the user to vary the audio output.

Progress Remarks

- **Unavailability of EMIC2 Module**
  Implementation of TTS module with the ATSAM4S main-board, or any other microcontroller was an easy solution to the problem of TTS conversion, but unavailability of the hardware made me turn up to choose an alternative in Raspberry Pi 3B.
  It is to be noted here that implementing a TTS program on a microcontroller is not very pretty since 8-bit data handling for PWM does not result in quality output. Also, an absence of operating system makes it difficult to implement file-management on the controller.
  RTOS could have been an alternative, but I went for RPi instead.

- **Hardware-independent Approach**
  Midway through the project, I came across a library for Android implementation – SL4A (Scripting Language For Android), which allows us to use android-device's resources along with Python (as a scripting language). So, I moved towards a hardware independent approach by implementing a solution on a python interpreter, using the Android framework.
  This project is thus, somewhat hardware-independent, and thus, almost free of cost for anyone having access to a modern Android device with a decent internet connectivity.

- **Source Code**
  The source-code will be made available (alongwith necessary datasets) on my Github page:
  http://www.github.com/CRT13/Projects/

Re-design

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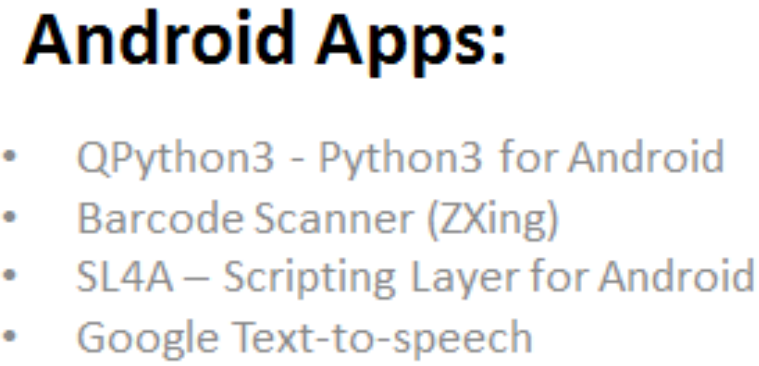
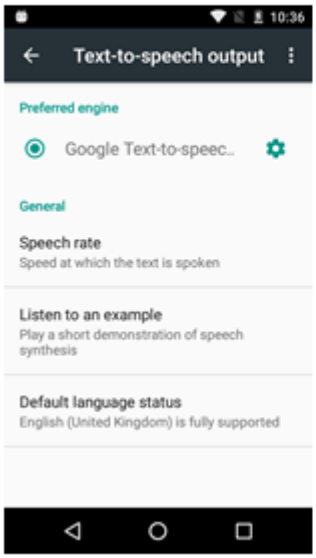


QPython3 - Python3 for Android

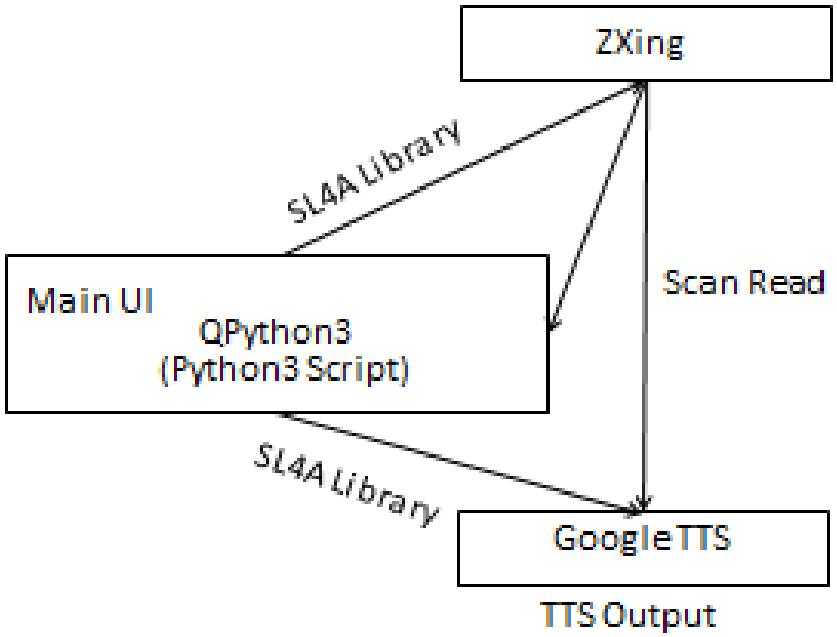
Barcode Scanner (ZXing)

SL4A – Scripting Layer for Android

Google Text-to-speech



App Flow


ZXing
SL4A Library
Main UI
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Scan Read
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TTS Output

Example Programs

QRC2Speech:

1. Scan QR Code
2. Add QR Code to database
3. Remove QR Code to database

QRCMegaMart:

1. Add item to cart
2. Remove item from cart
3. Checkout

Source Code

- **QRC2Speech**

```
######################### IMPORT LIBRARIES ######################
import sl4a
import androidhelper
######################### INITIALIZATIONS ########################
droid1 = sl4a.Android()
droid2 = androidhelper.Android()
########################## SAMPLE DATA ###########################
"""
qrcSMP = QRCode(Smartphones)
qrcCNT = QRCode(ClassNotes)
qrcYTB = QRCode(Youtube Links)
brcBOK = BarCode(Books)
"""
#########################################################################
qrcSMP = ['SMPmice455','SMPgooPixXL','SMPonp3T','SMPhtc10','SMPsamGal6','SMPlenA7020a48','SMPlenK33A42','SMPyuYU5530','SMPlenA6020a46','SMPasuZC521TL']
qrcSMPweb = ['http://www.gsmarena.com/micromax_canvas_nitro_4g_e455-7665.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/google_pixel_xl-8345.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/oneplus_3t-8416.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/htc_10-7884.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/samsung_galaxy_s6-6849.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/lenovo_k5_note-7878.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/lenovo_k6_power-8317.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/yu_yunicorn-8002.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/lenovo_vibe_k5_plus-7947.php','http://www.gsmarena.com/asus_zenfone_3s_max_zc521tl-8550.php']

qrcYTB = ['YTBnptece01','YTBnptee01','YTBnptcse01','YTBnptme01','YTBnptce01','YTBnptase01','YTBnptche01','YTBnptphy01','YTBnptbio01','YTBnpthsc01']
qrcYTBweb = ['https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdDLuSAR5CCBGDkgKuqPA3A','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTJn6buigC961hns17ELXAQ','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxJp9aEteKmOeobEsHXwxAw','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqBiwZuVP0NzSu4QR91v4jQ','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAVi5Zg6zSoyZUyKBtCJfmg','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiY8ERfD4qvD_-d-VUWh_GA','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqqc1GmsuANsx3s3Y0C-BsQ','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9vycSfjzLCR_w1C59VQo5A','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbWTmSK7bYM9kRZAdfy_gyg','https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnLoshotJ_FRpzFmOChRPaQ']
#########################################################################
########################### QRC Decode ##############################
def qrcDecode():
   flag = True
```

```
txt = '.txt'
qrcValue = '/storage/emulated/0/qpython/CRT13/notes/'
print('========================================')
print('1. Scan QR Code')
print('2. Add QR Code Entry')
print('3. Delete QR Code Entry')
print('========================================')
usrInput = int(input('Please Select: '))
while flag is True:
   if usrInput < 0 or usrInput > 3:
      print('Error! Please try again')
      flag = False
   else:
      scan = droid1.scanBarcode().result
      # Scan QRCode
      if usrInput == 1:
         flag1 = True
         for i in range(0,10):
            if scan['extras']['SCAN_RESULT'] == qrcSMP[i]:
               qrcValue += str(qrcSMP[i])
               qrcValue += txt
               file = open(qrcValue,'r')
               for j in file:
                  droid1.ttsSpeak(j)
               file.close()
               droid2.view(str(qrcSMPweb[i]))
               flag1 = False
               break
            elif scan['extras']['SCAN_RESULT'] == qrcYTB[i]:
               qrcValue += str(qrcYTB[i])
               qrcValue += txt
               file = open(qrcValue,'r')
               for j in file:
                  droid1.ttsSpeak(j)
               file.close()
               droid2.view(str(qrcYTBweb[i]))
               flag1 = False
               break
            else:
               pass
         if flag1:
            droid1.makeToast('No such entry exists!')
            droid1.ttsSpeak('Sorry, No such entry exists.Try making a new entry!')
               break
         flag = False
      # Add QRCode
      elif usrInput == 2:
         flag1 = True
```

```
    qrcStr = str(scan['extras']['SCAN_RESULT'])
    if qrcStr[0:3] == 'SMP':
      for i in range(0,10):
        if qrcStr == str(qrcSMP[i]):
          droid1.makeToast('This entry already exists!')
          droid1.ttsSpeak('This entry already exists!')
          flag1 = False
          break
        else:
          pass
      if flag1:
        qrcSMP.append(qrcStr)
        print(qrcSMP)
        tmp = int(input('Add info about this QR code?(1/0)'))
        if tmp:
          qrcNewEntry(qrcStr)
        else:
          pass
        droid1.makeToast('Done!')
        droid1.ttsSpeak('Entry Made!')
        break
      break
    elif qrcStr[0:3] == 'YTB':
      for i in range(0,10):
        if qrcStr == str(qrcYTB[i]):
          droid1.makeToast('This entry already exists!')
          droid1.ttsSpeak('This entry already exists!')
          flag1 = False
          break
        else:
          pass
      if flag1:
        qrcYTB.append(qrcStr)
        print(qrcYTB)
        tmp = int(input('Add info about this QR code?(1/0)'))
        if tmp:
          qrcNewEntry(qrcStr)
        else:
          pass
        droid1.makeToast('Done!')
        droid1.ttsSpeak('Entry Made!')
        break
      break
    flag = False
  # Delete QRCode
  elif usrInput == 3:
    flag1 = True
    qrcStr = str(scan['extras']['SCAN_RESULT'])
```

```
            if qrcStr[0:3] == 'SMP':
               for i in range(0,10):
                  if qrcStr == str(qrcSMP[i]):
                     del qrcSMP[i]
                     droid1.makeToast('Done!')
                     droid1.ttsSpeak('Entry Deleted!')
                     flag1 = False
                     break
                  else:
                     pass
               if flag1:
                  droid1.makeToast('Entry does not exist!')
                  droid1.ttsSpeak('Sorry, no such entry exists!')
                  break
               break
            elif qrcStr[0:3] == 'YTB':
               for i in range(0,10):
                  if qrcStr == str(qrcYTB[i]):
                     del qrcYTB[i]
                     droid1.makeToast('Done!')
                     droid1.ttsSpeak('Entry Deleted!')
                     flag1 = False
                     break
                  else:
                     pass
               if flag1:
                  droid1.makeToast('Entry does not exist!')
                  droid1.ttsSpeak('Sorry, no such entry exists!')
                  break
               break
            flag = False
         txt = ''
         qrcValue = ''
########################### QRC New Entry ########################
def qrcNewEntry(qrcStr):
   try:
      qrcStr += '.txt'
      file = open('/storage/emulated/0/qpython/CRT13/notes/'+qrcStr,'w')
      usrInput = input('Enter Description:')
      file.write(usrInput)
      file.close()
   except:
      print('Error!')
#########################################################################
########################### MAIN PROGRAM ########################
try:
   check = True
   count = 1
```

```
    print('========================================')
    print('========= Personal Info Assistant ========')
    print('========================================')
    while check:
        qrcDecode()
        check = int(input('Continue? (1/0):'))
except:
    print('Error!')
#########################################################################
```

- **QRCMegaMart**

```
######################### IMPORT LIBRARIES ########################
import sl4a
import androidhelper
######################### INITIALIZATIONS #########################
droid1 = sl4a.Android()
droid2 = androidhelper.Android()
txt = '.txt'
############################ SAMPLE DATA ##########################
"""
qrcITEMS = QRCode(All Available Items)
qrcCART = QRCode(Cart Items)
"""
###################################################################
qrcITEMS = ['ITEM00','ITEM01','ITEM02','ITEM03','ITEM04']
qrcCART = []
billITEMS = [60,70,100,50,300]
billCART = []
###################################################################
###################### FUNCTION DEFINITION ########################
def qrcUser(countMain):
   count = countMain
   countMain = QRCUser(count)
   if countMain != -1:
      print('You have',countMain,'items in your cart')
   return countMain
def QRCUser(count):
   flag = True
   bill = 0
   qrcValue = '/storage/emulated/0/qpython/CRT13/notes/'
   print('=========================================')
   print('========== Welcome to MegaMart ==========')
   print('=========================================')
   print('1. Add To Your Cart')
   print('2. Remove From Your Cart')
   print('3. Checkout')
   print('=========================================')
   usrInput = int(input('Please Select: '))
   while flag is True:
      if usrInput < 0 or usrInput > 3:
         print('Error! Please try again')
         flag = False
      elif usrInput == 3:
         print("You've Successfully Checked Out!")
         for i in range(0,count):
            bill += billCART[i]
         print('Your Total Bill is Rs.',bill)
```

```
            droid1.ttsSpeak('Your total bill is Rupees')
            droid1.ttsSpeak(str(bill))
            flag = False
            return -1
        else:
            scan = droid1.scanBarcode().result
            if usrInput == 1:
                for i in range(0,5):
                    if scan['extras']['SCAN_RESULT'] == qrcITEMS[i]:
                        qrcCART.append(qrcITEMS[i])
                        billCART.append(billITEMS[i])
                        count +=1
                        qrcValue += str(qrcITEMS[i])
                        qrcValue += txt
                        file = open(qrcValue,'r')
                        droid1.ttsSpeak('You have successfully added')
                        for j in file:
                            droid1.ttsSpeak(j)
                        file.close()
                        qrcValue = ''
                        flag = False
            elif usrInput == 2:
                        if count == 0:
                            print('You have no items left!')
                            flag = False
                        for i in range(0,5):
                            if scan['extras']['SCAN_RESULT'] == qrcITEMS[i]:
                                for n in range(0,count):
                                    if qrcCART[n] == qrcITEMS[i]:
                                        del qrcCART[n]
                                        del billCART[n]
                                        count -= 1
                                        qrcValue += str(qrcITEMS[i])
                                        qrcValue += txt
                                        file = open(qrcValue,'r')
                                        droid1.ttsSpeak('You have successfully removed')
                                        for j in file:
                                            droid1.ttsSpeak(j)
                                        file.close()
                                        qrcValue = ''
                                        flag = False
                                        break
    return count
#######################################################################
```

```
########################## MAIN PROGRAM ##########################
try:
   countMain = 0
   check = True
   while check is True:
      chkinput = int(input('Enter 0 to continue...'))
      if chkinput == 0:
         count = qrcUser(countMain)
         countMain = count
      else:
         check = False
except:
   print('Error!')
##################################################################
```

Future Plan

- **QR Code based Automation**

The aim is to automate repetitive work in a large organization by means of an android app that works with QR codes.

For this, the target organization would be our engineering college.

Some issues that would be targetted are:

1. Student attendance system
2. Audio-based information assistance for laboratory apparatus
3. Department-wise resources for students. (Timetables, subject syllabi (pdf), PDFs, assignments, prev. midsem + endsem papers,
4. Text alerts in case of cancellation/rescheduling of classes
5. Student-teacher feedback system
6. Ordering on-the-go from college canteen. (Saves money on Point-of-Sale machines; menu can be accessed online)