

**SIGNS WITH SMART CONNECTIVITY FOR BETTER
ROAD SAFETY**

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Introduction:

1. Sprint 1 – Create and initialize accounts in various public APIs like OpenWeatherMap API, and write a Python program that outputs results given the inputs like weather and location.
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

- ✦ To replace the static signboards, smart connected signboards are used.
- ✦ These smart connected sign boards get the speed limitations from a web app using weather API and update automatically.
- ✦ Based on the weather changes the speed may increase or decrease.
- ✦ Based on the traffic and fatal situations the diversion signs are displayed.
- ✦ Guide (Schools), Warning and Service (Hospitals, Restaurants) signs are also displayed accordingly.
- ✦ Different modes of operations can be selected with the help of buttons.

1.2 Purpose

- ✦ Smart Traffic Management is a system to monitor and control traffic signals using sensors to regulate the flow of traffic and to avoid congestion for a smooth flow of traffic.
- ✦ Prioritizing traffic like ambulances, police etc. is also one application comes under smart traffic management.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing problem

- ✦ Analysis of crash data has suggested a link between roadside advertising signs and safety.
- ✦ Research suggests that crash risk increases by approximately 25–29% in the presence of digital roadside advertising signs compared to control areas.
- ✦ On the other hand, static roadside advertising signs have not been linked with differences in the crash count.
- ✦ However, this finding is contrary to previous research that suggests differences in crash counts exist in the presence of static roadside advertising.
- ✦ The quantity and quality of available evidence limit our conclusion.
- ✦ Fixed object, side swipe and rear end crashes are the most common types of crashes in the presence of roadside advertising signs.
- ✦ In addition, drivers showed increased eye fixations and increased drifting between lanes on the road.

2.2 References

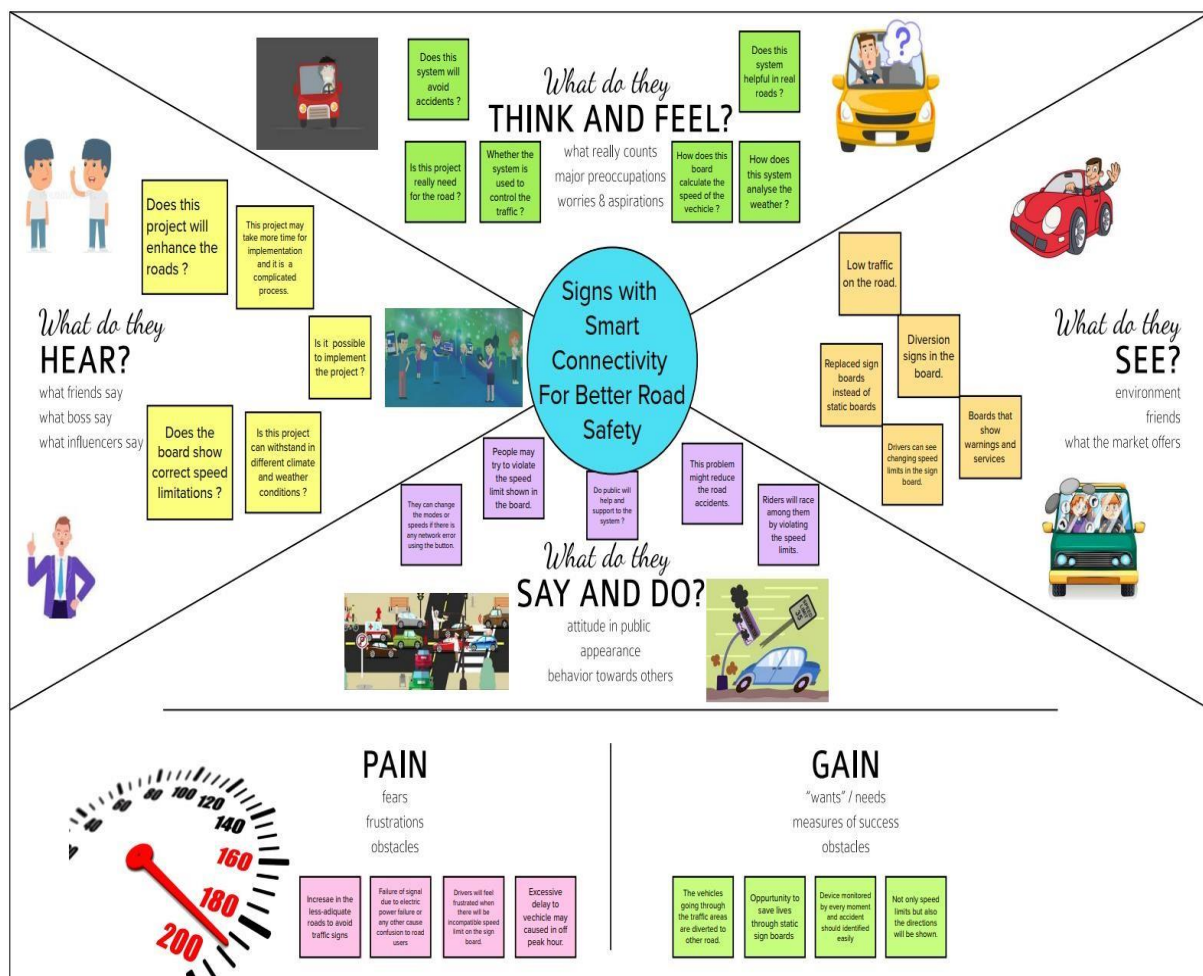
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2.3 Problem Statement Definition

This project will replace the static boards to smart signed boards that will change the speed limits according to the weather climate and show diversion messages if there are accidents in the road and alert messages if there is hospital, schools or any roadworks.

3. IDEATION AND PROPOSED SOLUTION

3.1 Empathy Map Canvas



3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming Map

Empathy map

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Says

What have we heard them say?
What can we imagine them saying?

Update
waiting time
the control
board

Control
operation
and
monitoring

The traffic
light system
always is
working correctly



Good
systems
used



Thinks

What are their wants, needs, hopes,
and dreams? What other thoughts
might influence their behavior?

To get help
the city

A proper
traffic
controller

over speed

Safe ride

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Does

What behavior have we observed?
What can we imagine them doing?

Good
systems
used



Road
controller for
monitoring the
traffic light

When a bus
is used there
must be a
traffic light



Feels

What are their fears, frustrations, and
anxieties? What other feelings might
influence their behavior?

Continue
work

Sudden
disaster

Problem in
the
controller

Other
network

Service
cost

3.3 Proposed Solution

S.No.	Parameter	Description
1.	Problem Statement	<p>To replace the static signboards, smart connected sign boards are used.</p> <p>These smart connected sign boards get the speed limitations from a web app using weather API and update automatically.</p> <p>Based on the weather changes the speed may increase or decrease</p> <p>Based on the traffic and fatal situations the diversion signs are displayed.</p> <p>Guide (Schools), Warning and Service (Hospitals, Restaurant) signs are also displayed accordingly.</p> <p>Different modes of operations can be selected with the help of buttons.</p>
2.	Idea description	<p>The weather and temperature details are obtained from the OpenWeatherMap API. Using these details, the speed limit will be updated automatically in accordance with the weather conditions. Also, the details regarding any accidents and traffic congestion faced on the particular road are obtained. Based on this, the traffic is diverted followed by a change in map path and the traffic is cleared. So, in the traffic sign board, some buttons will be placed which will be used to make it generic; where each button will be given a functionality such as changing the warning signs, which are predefined and separate signs will be present for both school and</p>

S.No.	Parameter	Description
		hospital zones. By activating this button, either through the web application or the physical buttons, sign of the board can be changed accordingly, and the speed limit will also be set depending upon the zones. Also, the pedestrians are given an option to change the traffic signs if they want to cross the road. If the pedestrian presses the button that is present on the post at the end of the road, then the traffic will be analyzed immediately. Accordingly, the sign of the traffic signal will be changed. This in turn reduces the frequent changing of the traffic signs even if the pedestrians are not present.
3.	Novelty	<p>Generic Sign board for all applications that uses both buttons and web service for updation.</p> <p>Pedestrians are given the access to request the sign change of the signal to cross the road</p>
4.	Customer Satisfaction	<p>Diversion reasons will be displayed</p> <p>If there is no traffic, pedestrians can cross the street without waiting.</p> <p>Customer can reach the destination before the expected time</p>

5.	Business Model	<p>Since APIs are used to actively monitor the customer's environment, this project employs a business strategy in which revenue will be generated on the basis of the length of time in which the customers actively interact with the product.</p> <p>This product is aimed to be free of cost to the public, but the revenue will be generated by selling this product to the government at a low cost, so there will be less accidents and the public will be aware of the discrepancies or accidents in the particular road. The public will also gain all the information about the road, even if they are checking for an alternate path because of some mishaps that happen on the roads and these functionalities will increase the value of the product in the global market.</p>
6.	Scalability of the Solution	<p>In the future, if any update is required either on the hardware or software side, it can be easily implemented. The hardware components can be directly interfaced with the microcontroller and small modifications can be made in the programming of the existing product. In case of the software, the website application has to be updated with the additional functionality by creating a new section for the updated hardware. So, this will not affect the existing functionality of the product and new functionality can be easily integrated. In addition, a separate circuit will be kept along with the hardware to detect any problem which informs the web application. Also, a notification will be sent to the product service department.</p>

3.4 Problem Solution fit

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Project Design Phase-I - Solution Fit Template

Define CS, fit into CC Focus on J&P, up into BE, understand RC	1. CUSTOMER SEGMENT(S) Government to implement the traffic lights on the street, big company's use signals inside there campus	5. CUSTOMER CONSTRAINTS If the product produced is of low quality it will not be liked by the customer, when the price is high, if it is not manufactured properly it affects the selling	Explore AS, different Focus on J&P, up into BE, understand RC
	2. JOBS-TO-BE-DONE / PROBLEMS To improve the road safety and to reduce the accidents and for the better life of humans	6. PROBLEM ROOT CAUSE The main reason behind doing this project is to improve the road safety, for the peaceful journey of people.	
3. TRIGGERS While installing this kind of digital things the first thing that arise is radio waves, wheather it will affect our health and for what purpose they are implementing this		10. YOUR SOLUTION My solution for this to create digital boards and display the messages in digital boards, so during rainy days it will show according to that and during sunny	9. CHANNELS of BEHAVIOUR 9.1 ONLINE They can publish it on any kind of social media and make it a great impact 9.2 OFFLINE By making posters and making awareness.
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4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 Functional Requirements

Following are the functional requirements of the proposed solution.

FR No.	Functional Requirement (Epic)	Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task)
FR-I	User Visibility	Sign Boards should be made of bright colored LEDs capable of attracting driver's attention Not too distracting to cause accidents
FR-2	User Understanding	Should display information through means like images/illustrations with text so that the user can understand the signs correctly
FR-3	User Convenience	Display should be big enough to display all the signs correctly so that it is visible even to far away drivers

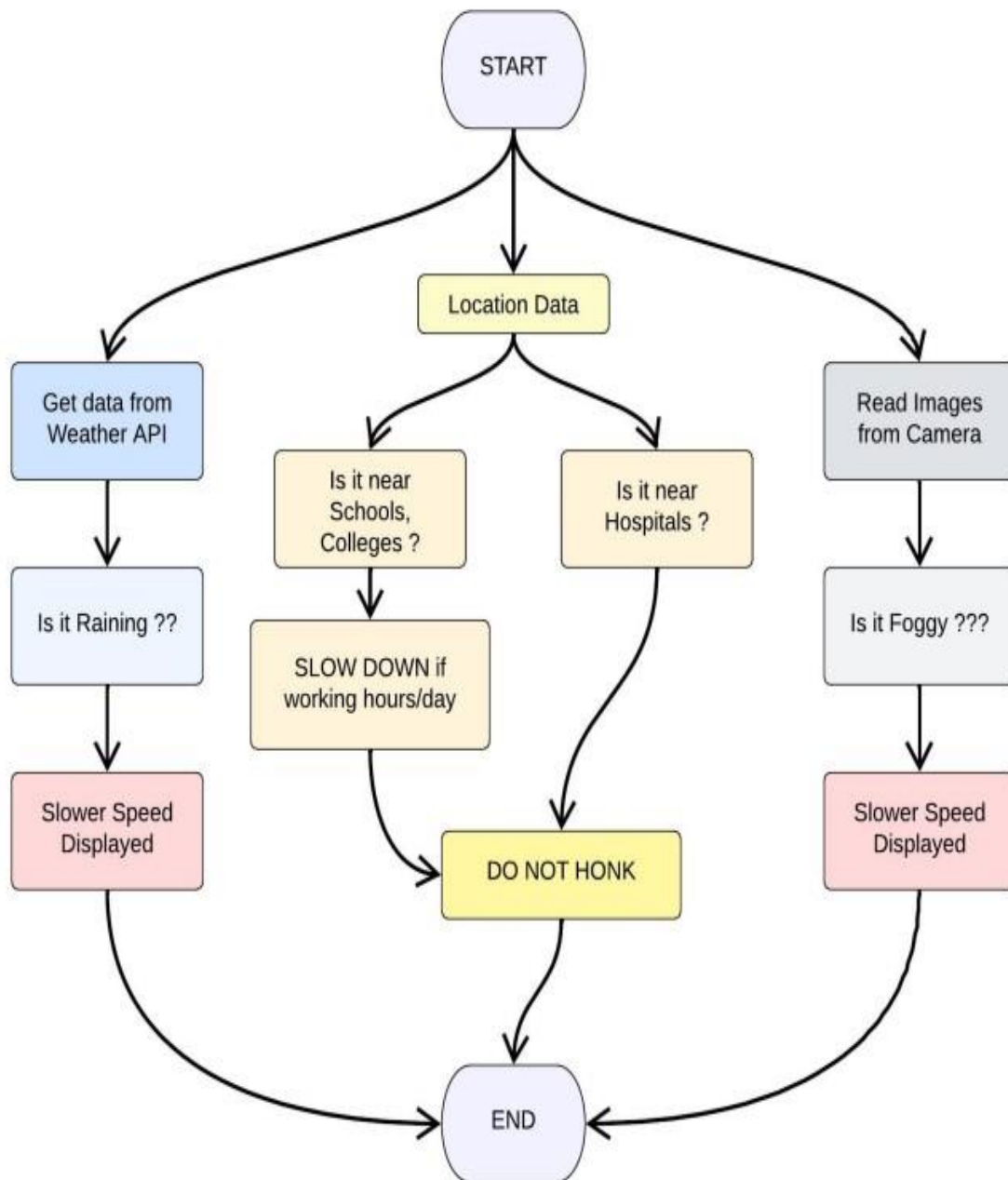
4.2 Non-Functional Requirements

Following are the non-functional requirements of the proposed solution.

FR No.	Non-Functional Requirement	Description
NFR-I	Usability	Should be able to dynamically update with respect to time.
NFR-2	Security	Should be secure enough that only the intended messages are displayed in the display.
NFR-3	Reliability	Should convey the traffic information correctly.
NFR-4	Performance	Display should update dynamically whenever the weather or traffic values are updated
NFR-5	Availability	Should be on service 24/7
NFR-6	Scalability	Should be modular and hence able to scale on servers horizontally.

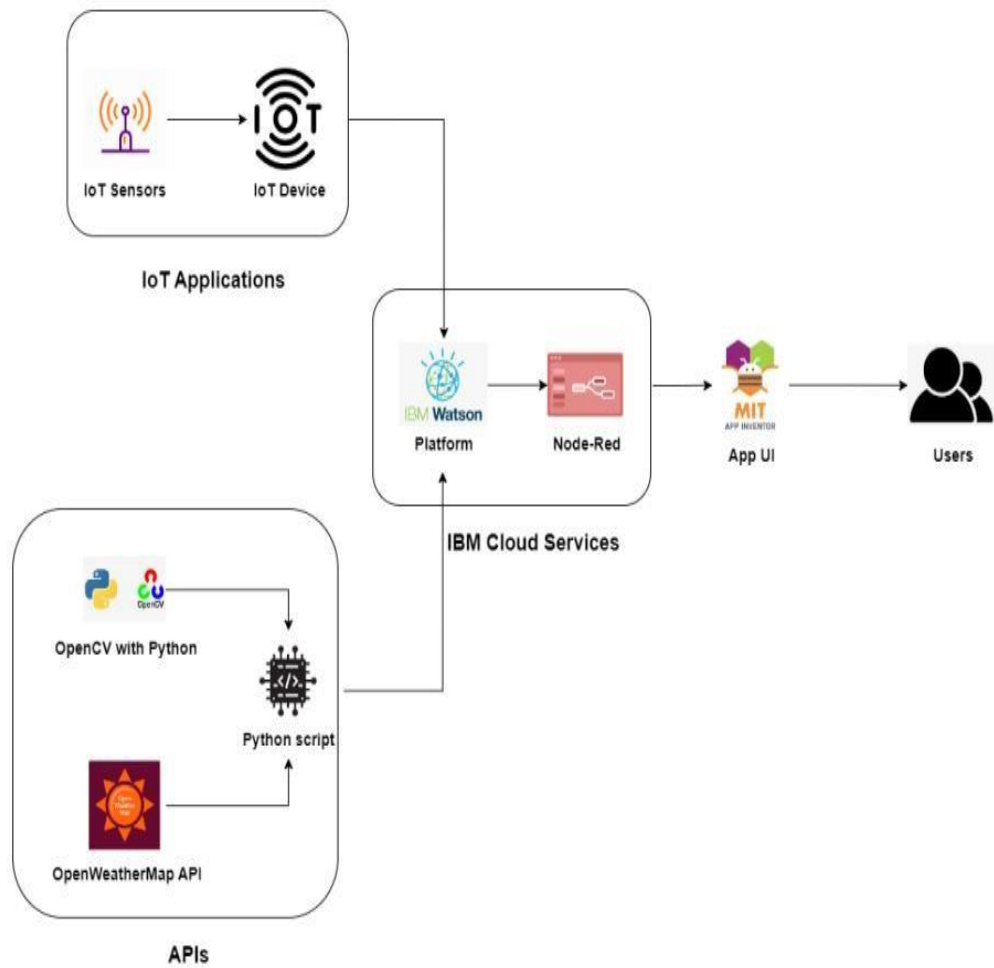
5. PROJECT DESIGN

5.1 Data Flow Diagram



5.2 Solution & Technical Architecture

Following is the Technical Architecture with slight change and is **without the implementation of OpenCV API.**



Following is the Solution Built

Table-1 : Components & Technologies:

S.No	Component	Description	Technology
1	User Interface	User can interact with the app using MIT App	HTML, CSS, JavaScript / Angular Js / React Js
2	Application Logic-1	Logic for a process in the application	Java / Python
3	Application Logic-2	Logic for a process in the application	IBM Watson STT service

4	Application Logic-3	Logic for a process in the application	IBM Watson Assistant
5	Database	Data Type, Configurations etc.	IBM Cloud
6	Cloud Database	Database Service on Cloud	IBM DB2, IBM Cloudant etc.
7	File Storage	File storage requirements	IBM Block Storage or Other Storage Service or Local Filesystem
8	External API-1	Purpose of External API used in the application	Open Weather Map API
9	External API-2	Purpose of External API used in the application	IBM Watson Platform, Node - Red
10.	Infrastructure (Server / Cloud)	Application Deployment on Local System / Cloud Local Server Configuration: Cloud Server Configuration:	Local, Cloud Foundry, Kubernetes

Table-2: Application Characteristics:

S. No	Characteristics	Description	Technology
1.	Open-Source Frameworks	<i>OpenWeatherMap, NODERED, IBM WATSON, MIT App Inventor</i>	IoT, internet

2.	Security Implementations	<i>Powerful security system for everyone's peace of mind No access data Hackers cannot access network</i>	Firewall, Firebase, cyber resiliency, strategy
3.	Scalable Architecture	<i>EASY TO EXTEND THE NETWORK WITH THE AID OF THE BANDWIDTH OF THE NETWORK</i>	IBM Cloud
4.	Availability	<i>Available every time and everywhere 24/7 so long as the consumer is signed into the network.</i>	IBM Cloud
5.	Performance	<i>AIDS MASSIVE RANGE OF USERS TO USE TECHNOLOGY</i>	IBM Cloud

5.3 User Stories

Product School

Customer experience journey map

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Document an existing experience

Narrow your focus to a specific scenario or process within an existing product or service. In **Step 1**, document the step-by-step process someone typically experiences, then add detail to each of the other rows.

Discover	Enter	Engage	Exit
<p>Discover</p> <p>How does someone initially become aware of this product?</p>	<p>Enter</p> <p>What do people experience as they begin the process?</p>	<p>Engage</p> <p>In this area, document the process, what happens?</p>	<p>Exit</p> <p>What do people typically experience as the process finishes?</p>
<p>Steps</p> <p>What steps does the person (or group) typically experience?</p>	<p>Value the user's interests</p> <p>What does the user care about?</p>	<p>Engage the user's interests</p> <p>What does the user care about?</p>	<p>Exit the user's interests</p> <p>What does the user care about?</p>
<p>Interactions</p> <p>What interactions do they have at each step along the way?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People: Who do they see or talk to? Places: Where do they go? Things: What objects, technologies, or physical objects would they use? 	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>
<p>Goals & motivations</p> <p>In each step, what is a person's primary goal or motivation? (They see... at... they see... at...)</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>
<p>Positive moments</p> <p>What steps does a typical person find enjoyable, surprising, useful, meaningful, delightful, or exciting?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>
<p>Negative moments</p> <p>What steps does a typical person find frustrating, confusing, annoying, costly, or time-consuming?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>
<p>Areas of opportunity</p> <p>What steps does a typical person find frustrating, confusing, annoying, costly, or time-consuming?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>	<p>Touchpoints</p> <p>What touchpoints do they have at each step along the way?</p>

6. PROJECT PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

6.1 Sprint Planning & Estimation

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Resources Initialization	Create and initialize accounts in various public APIs like OpenWeatherMap API.	1	LOW	Jenefar Pious, Kishore, Rahul, Senti Meren
Sprint-1	Local Server/Software Run	Write a Python program that outputs results given the inputs like weather and location.	1	MEDIUM	Jenefar Pious, Kishore, Rahul, Senti Meren

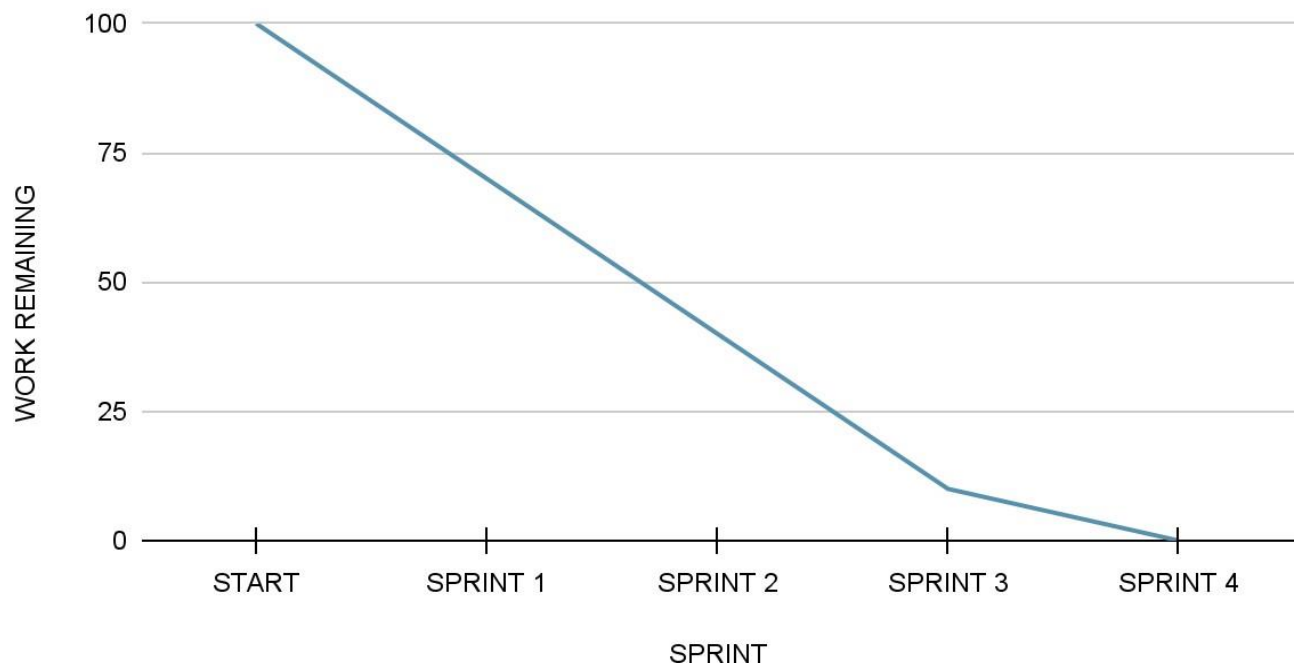
Sprint-2	Push the server/software to cloud	Push the code from Sprint 1 to cloud so it can be accessed from anywhere	2	MEDIUM	Jenefar Pious, Kishore, Rahul, Senti Meren
Sprint-3	Hardware initialization	Integrate the hardware to be able to access the cloud functions and provide inputs to the same.	2	HIGH	Jenefar Pious, Kishore, Rahul, Senti Meren
Sprint-4	UI/UX Optimization & Debugging	Optimize all the shortcomings and provide better user experience.	2	LOW	Jenefar Pious, Kishore, Rahul, Senti Meren

6.2 Sprint Delivery Schedule

Project Tracker, Velocity & Burndown Chart:

Sprint	Total Story Points	Duration	Sprint Start Date	Sprint End Date (Planned)	Story Points Completed (as on Planned End Date)	Sprint Release Date (Actual)
Sprint-1	20	6 Days	24 Oct 2022	29 Oct 2022	20	29 Oct 2022
Sprint-2	20	6 Days	31 Oct 2022	05 Nov 2022	20	31 Oct 2022
Sprint-3	20	6 Days	07 Nov 2022	12 Nov 2022	20	07 Nov 2022
Sprint-4	20	6 Days	14 Nov 2022	19 Nov 2022	20	14 Nov 2022

Balance Work

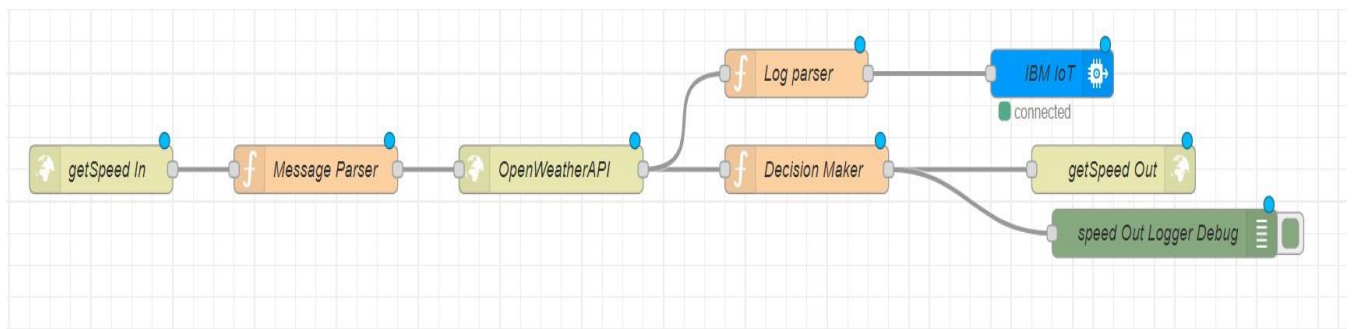


6.3 Reports from JIRA Software

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Sprints				SWSCFBRS Sprint 1							SWSCFBRS Sprint 2							SWSCFBRS Sprint 3							SWSCFBRS Sprint 4						
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7. CODING AND SOLUTIONING

7.1 Feature 1 - GET SPEED FOR GIVEN LOCATION & CLIMATE



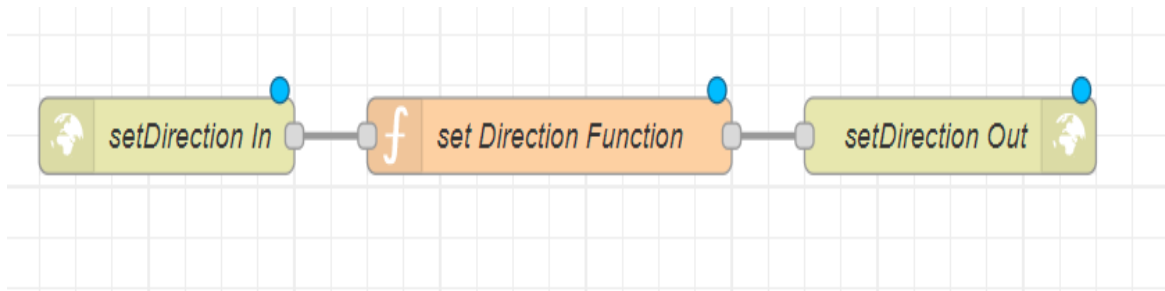
This part of Node RED flow accepts an http GET end point at **"/getSpeed"** from which the location, uid, hospital/school zone info are passed.

Message parser sets the required APIKEY for **OpenWeatherAPI** for the next block.

This data is then passed onto Decision Maker which makes all the decisions regarding the message to be output at the display and sends it as a http response.

This data is displayed at the microcontroller. Thus, a lot of battery is saved due to lesser processing time.

7.2 Feature 2 - SET DIRECTION REMOTELY FOR A GIVEN SIGN BOARD



This part of Node RED flow accepts an **http GET** end point at **"/setDirection"** from which the uid and direction information are passed by the respective authorities. **Set Direction** Function block adds the direction information to the database and returns the same as an http response. This data is sent to the microcontroller along with the **"/getSpeed"** path and the microcontroller displays it.

8. TESTING

8.1 Test Cases

TEST CASE 1

Clear weather - Usual Speed Limit.

TEST CASE 2

Foggy Weather - Reduced Speed Limit.

TEST CASE 3

Rainy Weather - Further Reduced Speed Limit.

TEST CASE 4

School/Hospital Zone - Do not Honk sign is displayed.

8.2 User Acceptance Testing

Dynamic speed & diversion variations based on the weather and traffic helps user to avoid traffic and have a safe journey home. The users would welcome this idea to be implemented everywhere.

9. RESULTS

9.1 Performance Metrics

Based on the IBM pack we chose, the performance of the website varies. Built upon NodeJS, a light and high performance engine, Node RED is capable of handling up to 10,000 requests per second. Moreover, since the system is horizontally scalable, an even higher demand of customers can be served.

10. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

- **ADVANTAGES**

- ✦ Lower battery consumption since processing is done mostly by Node RED servers in the cloud.

- ✦ Cheaper and low requirement micro controllers can be used since processing requirements are reduced.
- ✦ Longer lasting systems.
- ✦ Dynamic Sign updating.
- ✦ School/Hospital Zone alerts
- **DISADVANTAGES**
 - ✦ The size of the display determines the requirement of the micro controller
 - ✦ Dependent on OpenWeatherMap API and hence the speed reduction is same for a large area in the scale of cities.

11. CONCLUSION

Our project is capable of serving as a replacement for static signs for a comparatively lower cost and can be implemented in the very near future. This will help reduce a lot of accidents and maintain a more peaceful traffic atmosphere in the country.

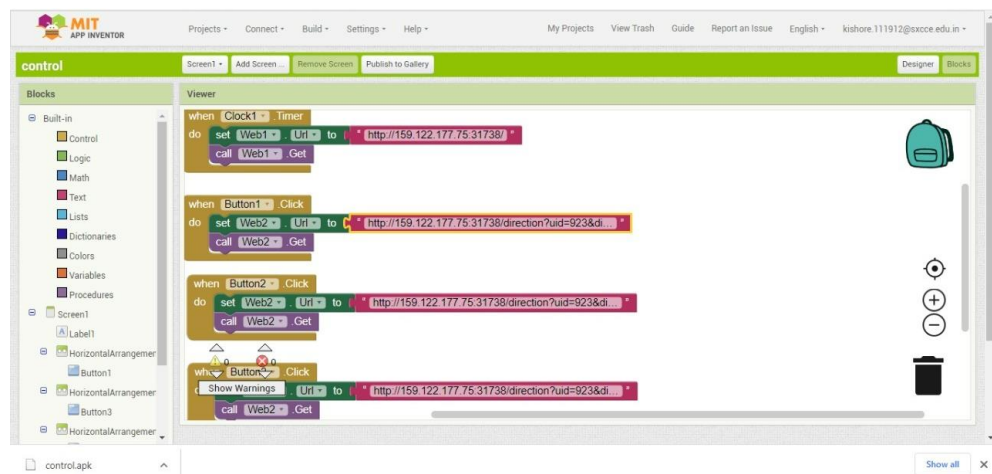
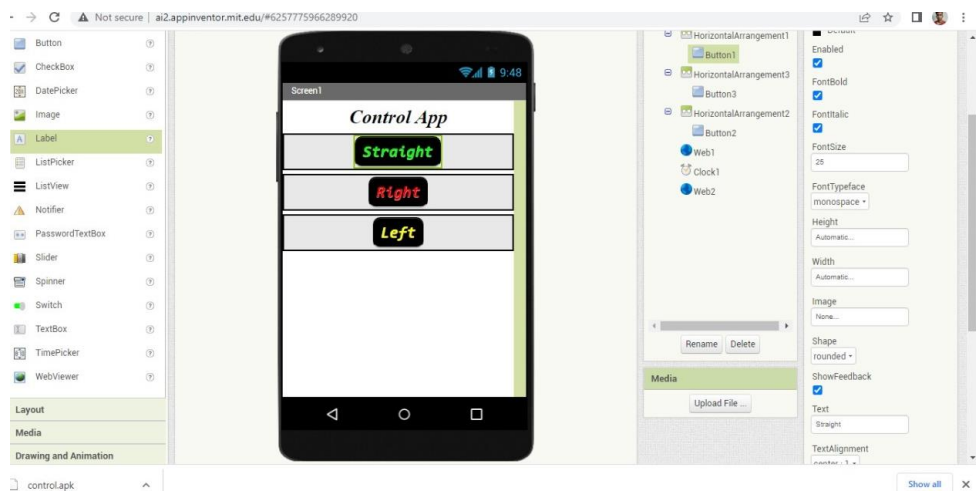
12. FUTURE SCOPE

Introduction of intelligent road sign groups in real life scenarios could have great impact on increasing the driving safety by providing the end-user (car driver) with the most accurate information regarding the current road and traffic conditions. Even displaying the information of a suggested driving speed and road surface condition (temperature, icy, wet or dry surface) could result in smoother traffic flows and, what is more important, in increasing a driver's awareness of the road situation.

13. APPENDIX

- **GITHUB**

<https://github.com/IBM-EPBL/IBM-Project-42363-1660660517.git>



Road Safety

location **Kuzhithurai**

direction **I**

temp

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