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# Team 60: Solar Lighting System Bi-Weekly Update 3

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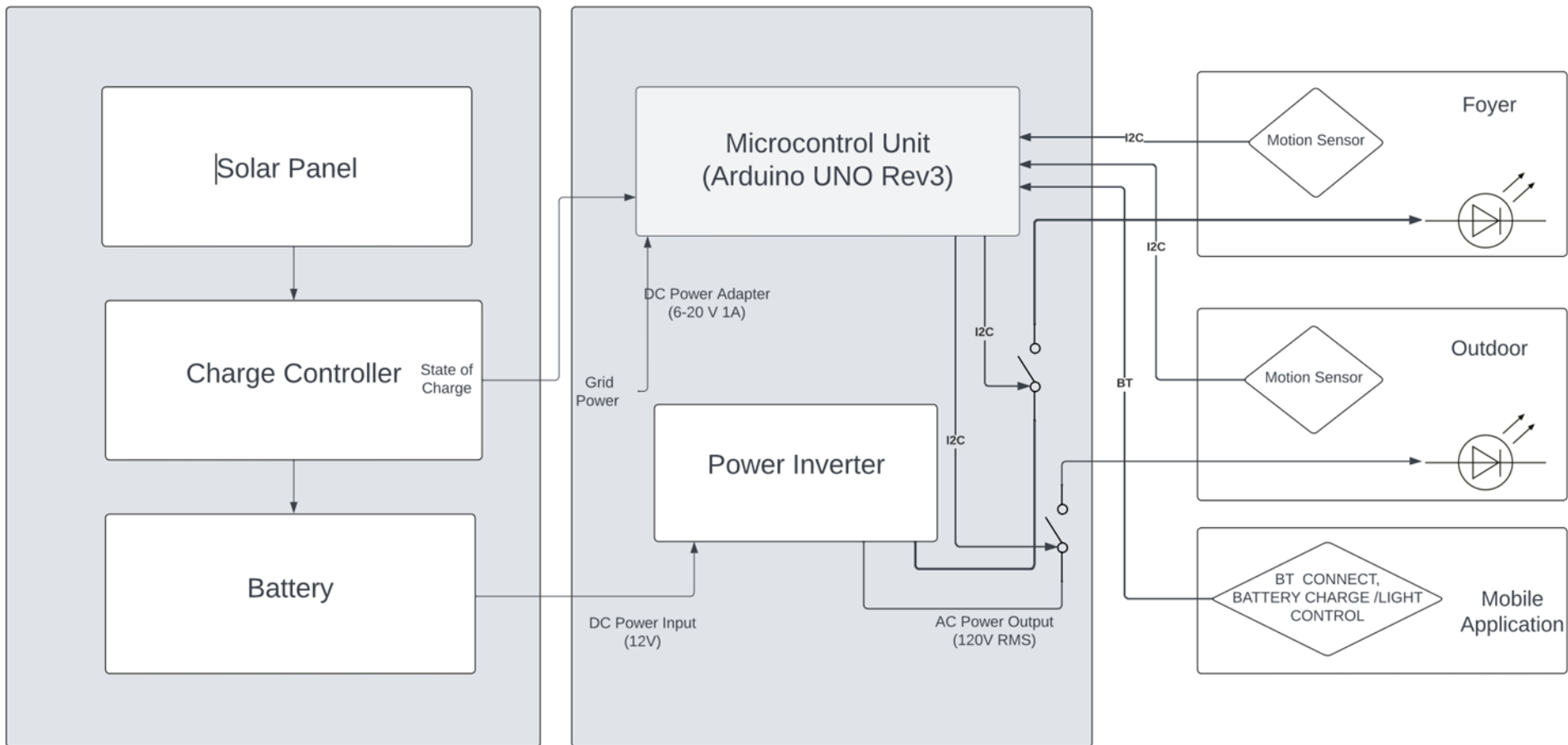
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# Project Summary

- A need for clean, renewable sources becomes more apparent than ever.
- Our home indoor and outdoor lighting system is the first step towards this, using **solar power**.
- Design an indoor/outdoor home lighting system that operates with a battery, power conversion, mobile application functionality, BT microcontroller for switch automation from motion sensors.



# Project/Subsystem Overview





# Project Timeline

Subsystem Designs (completed 01/16)	Subsystems ordered and soldered (2/14)	Integration of Bluetooth and Arduino (to complete by 2/21)	Integration of Solar Charge Controller and MCU (3/9)	Final Integration (to complete by 3/15)	System Test (to complete by 3/21)	Validation (to complete by 3/25)	Demo and Report (to complete by 4/1)
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# Solar Charge Controller

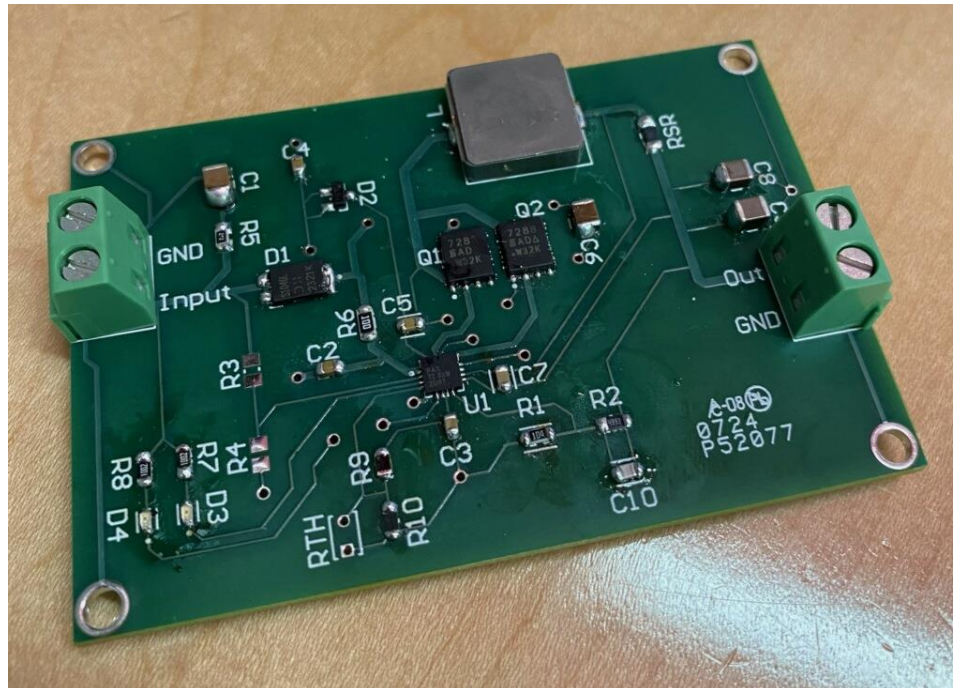
Accomplishments since last update 10 hrs of effort	Ongoing progress/problems and plans until the next presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PCB board soldered</li><li>- Gotten voltage output from one of the solar panels, confirmed working</li><li>- Preliminary datapoints for battery percentage attained. Likely wrong though.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Print 3D model for enclosure over Blitz</li><li>- Finish verifying necessary final values for Charge Controller</li><li>- Sun is temperamental and necessary for good testing.</li></ul>

# Solar Charge Controller

Lyric Haylow

Solar Panel to battery  
testing using provided  
Charge Controller,  
introduces sun issues

Time (AM)	Change in time (minutes)	Battery Voltage (Voltage)
9:42	0	14.2
10:23	41	14
10:33	51	14.3
10:43	61	14.01



# Inverter Subsystem

Jeb Malek

Accomplishments since 403 25 hrs of effort	Ongoing progress/problems and plans until the next presentation
Power transformer voltage invalidated  In-circuit serial programming issue	PCB Correction Ordering  Corrected Version Assembly & Validation  12V – 5V Converter PCB Order

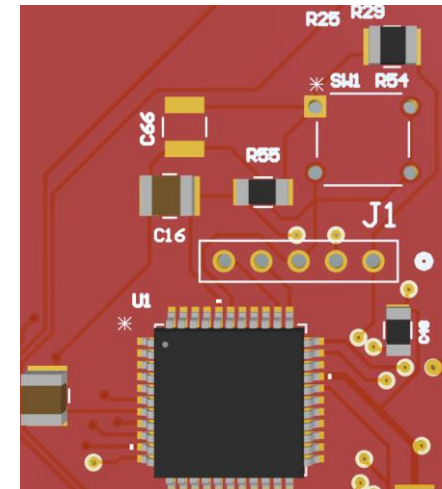
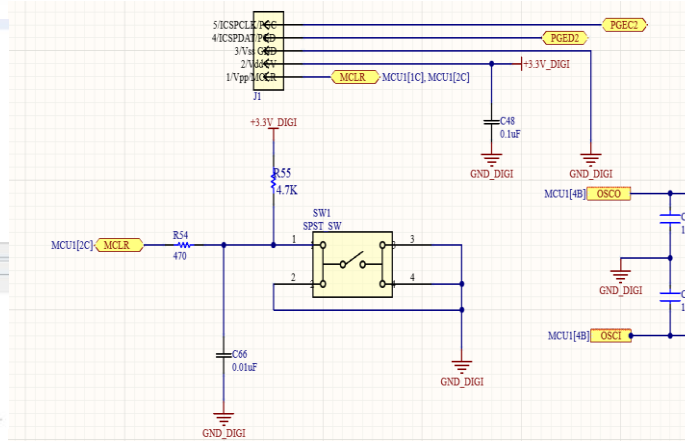
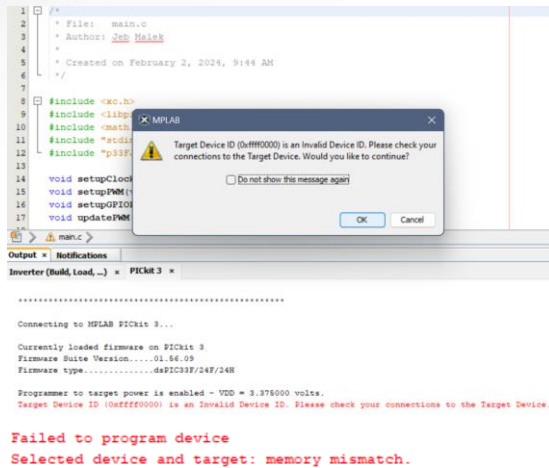
- Evaluated Configuration Bits for Programming dsPIC

Speaking with sponsor about alternative changes to scope.

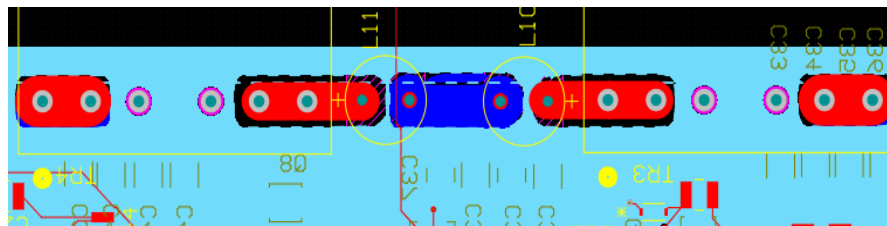
# Inverter Subsystem

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## Verification DSPIC33FJ16504 Target Device ID Connection Issue



## PCB Error Edit Ground Polygon Cutout / Via Solid Connections

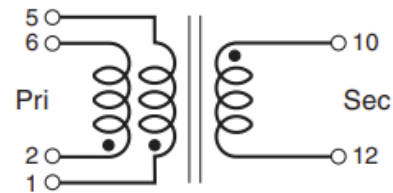




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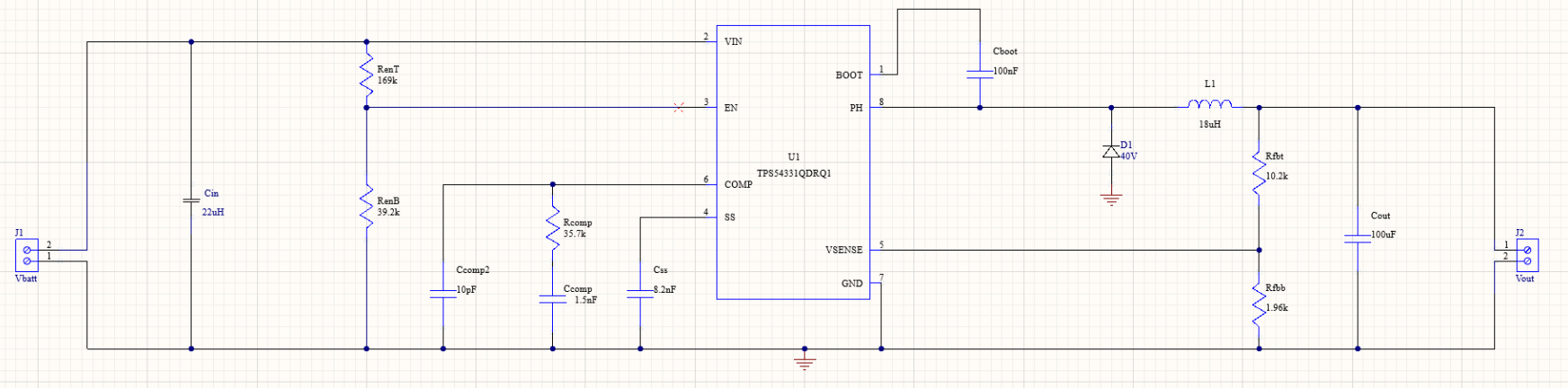
## Transformer Schematic



Primary windings to be connected in parallel on the PC board.

## Converter Schematic

+12V to +5V Voltage Regulator





# Microcontroller Subsystem

Jeb Malek & Josh George

Accomplishments since 403 <b>20 hrs of effort</b>	Ongoing progress/problems and plans until the next presentation
Passive Infrared (PIR) Sensors Tested Coded microcontroller sensor relay information	Testing of Sensor proximity & distance  Testing of Controlled Relay Communication with Arduino  Testing of Relay with Light Load

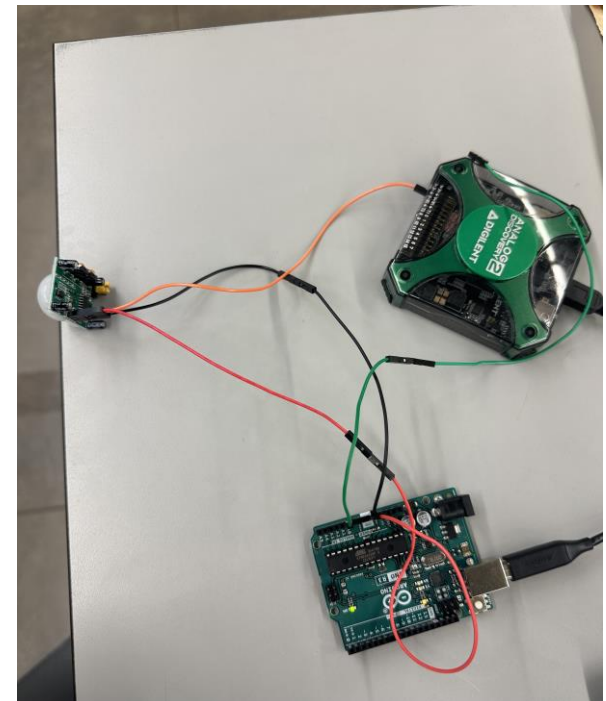
- Evaluated Sensor High & Low Communication Signal
- Future Test Bluetooth App with relay control, receive of motion sense, sign of demonstration structuring

# Microcontroller Subsystem

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DC	4.988 V
True RMS	4.988 $\tilde{V}$
AC RMS	2 m $\tilde{V}$

-42 mV
42 m $\tilde{V}$
2 m $\tilde{V}$



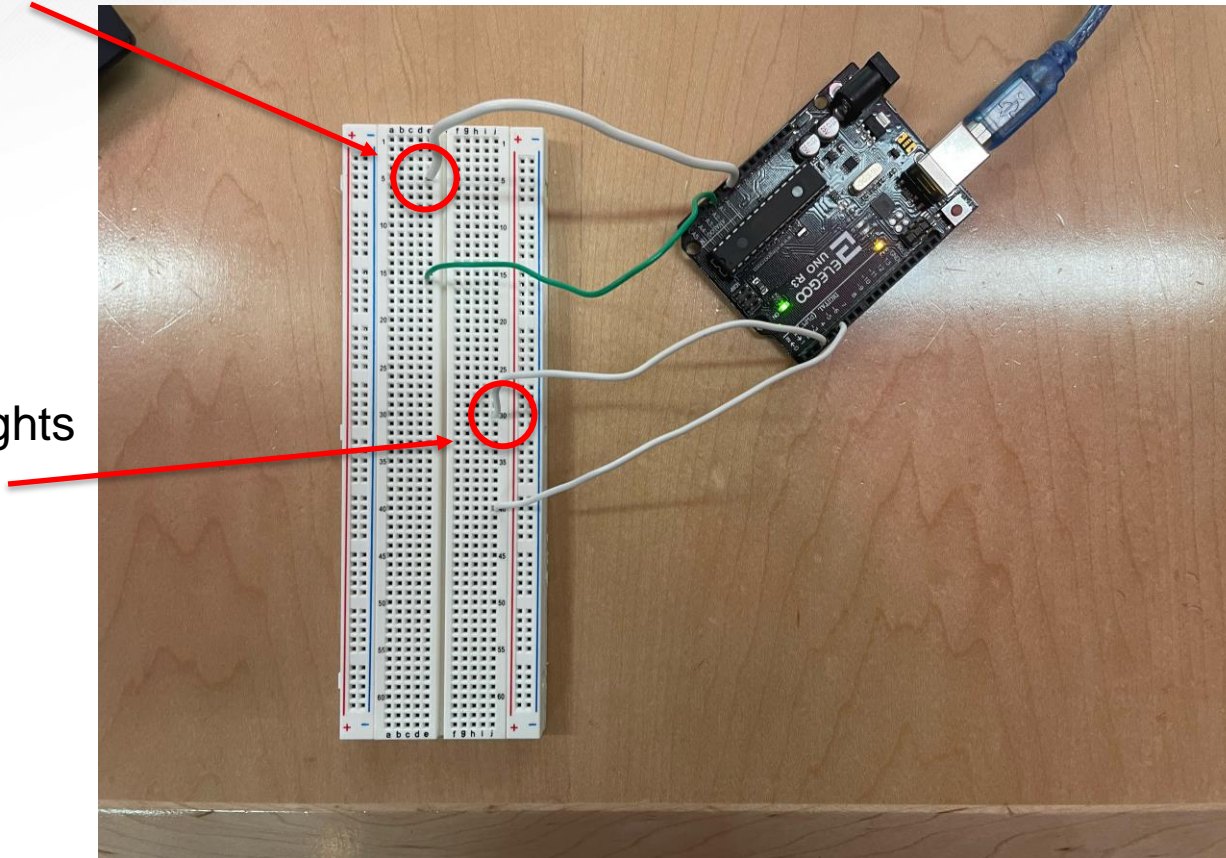
PIR Motion Sensor Test

# Microcontroller Subsystem

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Sensor 1 Reading Pin

Sensor 1 Lights

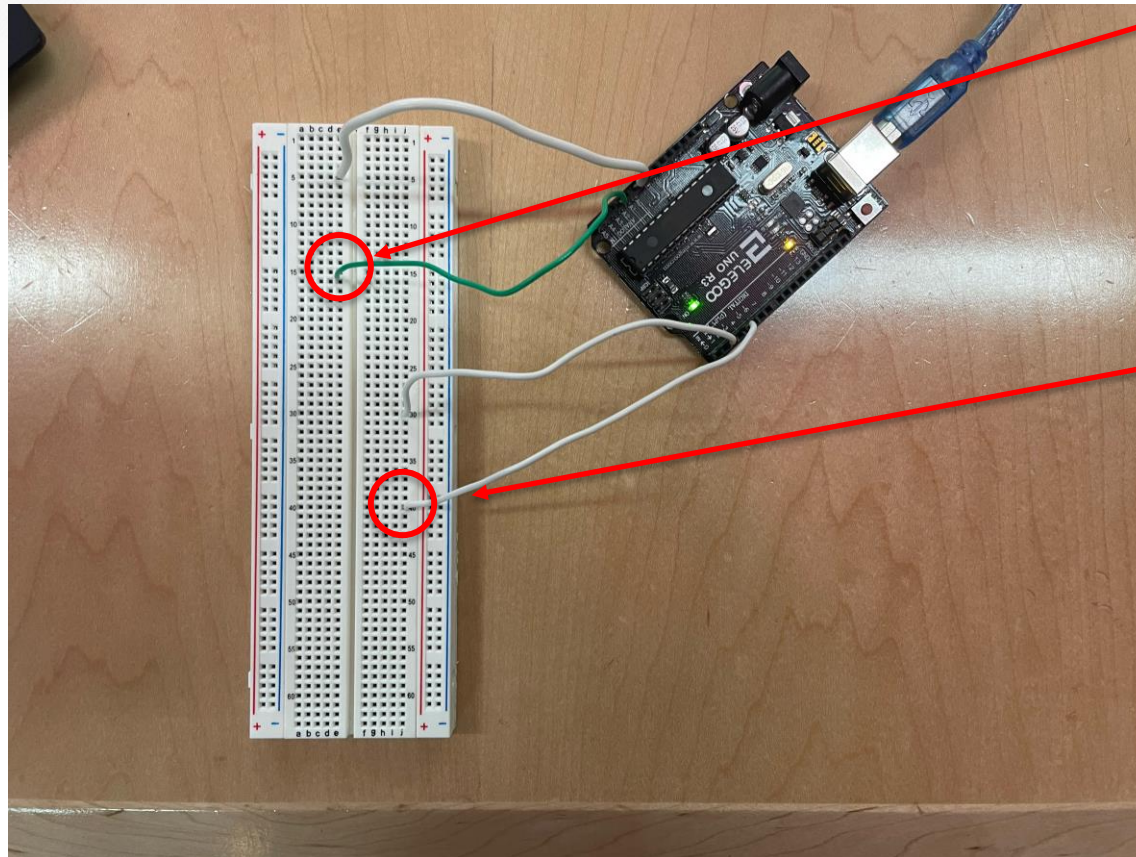




# Microcontroller Subsystem

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Sensor 2 Reading Pin



Sensor 2 Lights



# Microcontroller Subsystem

Jeb Malek & Josh George

- Main error found during testing: Sensor 1 activates Sensor 2 lights too, and Sensor 2 activates sensor lights as well.



# Mobile Application

Josh George

Accomplishments since last update 2 hrs of effort	Ongoing progress/problems and plans until the next presentation
-Added Bluetooth special characters functionality.	-Finish coding microcontroller sensor relay. -Add input pin option for solar charge controller.



# Mobile Application

Josh George

**Bluetooth Connection** **CONNECT**

No devices connected.

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**Bluetooth Connection** **CONNECT**

ARDUINO UNO R3 successfully connected.

&&Test%%

Submit

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**Bluetooth Connection** **CONNECT**

ARDUINO UNO R3 successfully connected.

&&Test%%  
&&Testing " : ' ; . ? #  
() + \* %%

Submit

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# Validation Plan

App Requirements		
3.2.5.1	App Connection to phone Via USB	Android studio establishes a connection with Android phone when connected via micro USB
3.2.5.2	App Connection to phone Via APK	Android studio establishes a connection with the Android phone when the app is downloaded on the phone
3.2.5.3	Establish Bluetooth Connection with Device	App is able to connect to a bluetooth capable device and detect the serial number
3.2.5.4	Bluetooth Communication via App	App displays screen with good connection.
3.2.5.5	Main Screen	App is able to display a home screen
3.2.5.6	Data from Charge Controller	App is able to connect to charge controller and accurately display readings.
Solar Panel Battery Charge		
3.2.1.1	Solar Panel Mount	Stays in place mounted for several days time
3.2.1.2	MPPT Functionality	MPPT is working as expected within the IC
3.2.1.3	Charge Controller Verification	Voltage levels are modulated along with Current Levels
3.2.1.4	Overvoltage Solar Panel Protection	Supply voltage levels do not exceed IC limits
3.2.1.5	Overcurrent Battery Protection	Charging current levels do not exceed expected input values
3.2.1.6	PWM EMI Interference	Interference does not significantly alter design guidelines
3.2.1.7	Battery Charging to Capacity	Battery stops being charged once it has a full charge
3.2.1.8	State of Charge (SOC)	Measurement for current State of Charge coincides with expected values
3.2.1.9	Depth of Discharge (DOD)	Measurement for current State of Charge coincides with expected values after discharge
Power Inverter Characteristics		
3.2.2.3	PWM EMI Interference	Amplitude modulation ratio falls in desired values for correct switching frequency EMI
3.2.2.5	Output Voltage	Inverter will supply a steady 120 VAC RMS value
3.2.2.6	Output Frequency	Inverter will supply a steady output sinusoid at a frequency of 60 Hz
3.2.2.7	DC/DC Conversion	Inverter will supply 3.3 V / 1 A USB-C regulated output
3.2.2.8	Output Stability	Output Voltage Ripple demonstrates acceptable output harmonic components below certain THD
3.2.2.9	Varying Loads	Inverter will supply light loads of varying configurations
Microcontroller and Sensor Characteristics		
3.2.3.1	Sensor Detection Rate	The indoor sensor miss rate does not exceed 5% and outdoor sensor miss rate does not exceed 10%
3.2.3.2	Response Time	The time from sensor detection to a I/O signal heading to the relay must be less than 2 seconds
3.2.3.3	Bluetooth Connectivity	Microcontroller is able to connect to a mobile device via Bluetooth
3.2.3.4	Peripheral Input Voltages	The input voltages of the microcontroller and peripherals shall be 3V-3.6V
3.2.3.5	Application Communication	
3.2.3.6	System Integration	Arduino receives communication from motion sensors, Verified mobile application instruction
3.2.3.7	Response Time	
3.2.3.8	Response Time	