**The Breathalyzer**

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# Declaration of Joint Authorship

The team “MKM” which consists of Maheshwerie Samaroo, Karandeep Singh and Mohita Prabhakar confirms that the project of the Breathalyzer is a combined group effort and is a combination of our own thoughts and ideas. The work of this entire project was split as equally as possible. Karandeep Singh is working with calibrating the sensors and was in charge of hardware design and helped with the app layouts. Maheshwerie Samaroo is in charge of mobile application design and maintenance and is handling the database. Mohita Prabhakar is working with the database in terms of setting it up, connecting it with the app and maintaining it. The distribution of testing the hardware and software for bugs and issues will be discussed by the three of us and worked on all together. Before any changes are made on the project, a group consensus has to be made. All work that is used for guidance and help has been acknowledged and cited in the reference area of this report.

# Approved Proposal

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***Proposal for the development of Breathalyzer***

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**Executive Summary**

As students in the Computer Engineering Technology program, we will be integrating the knowledge and skills we have learned from our program into this Internet of Things themed capstone project. This proposal requests the approval to build the hardware portion that will connect to a database as well as to a mobile device application. The internet connected hardware will include a custom PCB with the following sensors and actuators Heart Rate Educational Starter Kit, MQ3 Alcohol Sensor and Pulse Sensor. The database will store Readings from the heart rate/pulse sensors and MQ3 Alcohol Sensor. The mobile device functionality will include Allowing a user to sign-up or login to an existing account, view their current results as well as past results, call emergency contacts and call an UBER cab (if needed). and will be further detailed in the mobile application proposal. We will be collaborating with the following company/department Prototype lab, Humber Parts Crib and Humber Tech Group. In the winter semester we formed a group, who are also building similar hardware this term and working on the mobile application with group members Karandeep Singh, Mohita Prabhakar and Maheshwerie Samaroo. The hardware will be completed in CENG 317 Hardware Production Techniques independently and the application was in CENG 319 Software Project. These will be integrated together in the subsequent term in CENG 355 Computer Systems Project as a member of a 2 or 3 student group.

**Background**

The problem solved by this project is We all want a solution to DUI (Driving under the Influence) or to at least reduce the number of deaths caused by it. Today, we see too many accidents being caused by DUI. Innocent lives are lost due to a drunk driver. Families are emotionally/financially stressed due to the loss of a loved one. We, the MKM Developers, intend to use our project, "The Breathalyzer", to help reduce these occurrences as well as give users a general idea on their BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) and pulse rate prior to them getting behind the wheel of a car.. A bit of background about this topic is The primary focus of our project is to address the issue of DUI (Driving under the Influence). Our target audience is the general public. The main reason for the development of our product, is due to the fact that many lives are being lost as a result of DUI (Driving under the Influence). With our product, we intend to combat this issue and reduce the statistics. We intend to reduce the number of deaths and prevent occurrences of DUI (Driving under the Influence). It is stated that the target audience is the general public. What this means is that, anyone can use this product. This product can be taken along with someone who decides to go to the Bar or to the Club or to any event that involves alcohol consumption. The project involves the integration of the mobile application which was built along with the hardware component. Basically the user will be required to blow into the alcohol sensor as well as use the provided pulse sensor. The sensors will capture the readings which will then be pushed to a database. The mobile application will then pull the data from the database and display the readings via the application. Once the user is above the legal limit, he/she has the option to either call an Emergency Contact or request an UBER cab. The desired outcome of the overall project would be to assist in reducing DUI (Driving Under the Influence) occurrences..

Existing products on the market include [1]. I have searched for prior art via Humber’s IEEE subscription selecting “My Subscribed Content” [2] and have found and read [3] which provides insight into similar efforts.

In the Computer Engineering Technology program we have learned about the following topics from the respective relevant courses:

* Java Docs from CENG 212 Programming Techniques In Java,
* Construction of circuits from CENG 215 Digital And Interfacing Systems,
* Rapid application development and Gantt charts from CENG 216 Intro to Software Engineering,
* Micro computing from CENG 252 Embedded Systems,
* SQL from CENG 254 Database With Java,
* Web access of databases from CENG 256 Internet Scripting; and,
* Wireless protocols such as 802.11 from TECH152 Telecom Networks.

This knowledge and skill set will enable me to build the subsystems and integrate them together as my capstone project.

**Methodology**

This proposal is assigned in the first week of class and is due at the beginning of class in the second week of the fall semester. My coursework will focus on the first two of the 3 phases of this project:  
 Phase 1 Hardware build.  
 Phase 2 System integration.  
 Phase 3 Demonstration to future employers.

*Phase 1 Hardware build*

The hardware build will be completed in the fall term. It will fit within the CENG Project maximum dimensions of 12 13/16" x 6" x 2 7/8" (32.5cm x 15.25cm x 7.25cm) which represents the space below the tray in the parts kit. The highest AC voltage that will be used is 16 Vrms from a wall adaptor from which +/- 15V or as high as 45 VDC can be obtained. Maximum power consumption will be 20 Watts.

*Phase 2 System integration*

The system integration will be completed in the fall term.

*Phase 3 Demonstration to future employers*

This project will showcase the knowledge and skills that I have learned to potential employers.

The brief description below provides rough effort and non-labor estimates respectively for each phase. A Gantt chart will be added by week 3 to provide more project schedule details and a more complete budget will be added by week 4. It is important to start tasks as soon as possible to be able to meet deadlines.

Raspberry Pi 3 starter kit

XD-58C Sensor from Sparkykit heart rate sensor,MQ3 Alcohol Gas Sensor

Jumper Wires(Male-Female, Female-Female, Male-Male Jumper Wire Cables)

Heart Rate Educational Starter Kit

**Concluding remarks**

This proposal presents a plan for providing an IoT solution for This is an opportunity to integrate the knowledge and skills developed in our program to create a collaborative project which will lower the rate of alcohol consumption and bring us closer to a solution to prevent drinking and driving.

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# Abstract

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# 1. Introduction

This report is a description of the processes followed for the development of a breathalyzer device. The targeted audience for this device will be the general public.

We all want a solution to DUI (Driving under the Influence) or to at least reduce the number of deaths caused by it. Today, we see too many accidents being caused by DUI. Innocent lives are lost due to a drunk driver. Families are emotionally/financially stressed due to the loss of a loved one. We, the MKM Developers, intend to use our project, "The Breathalyzer", to help reduce these occurrences as well as give users a general idea on their BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) and pulse rate prior to them getting behind the wheel of a car.

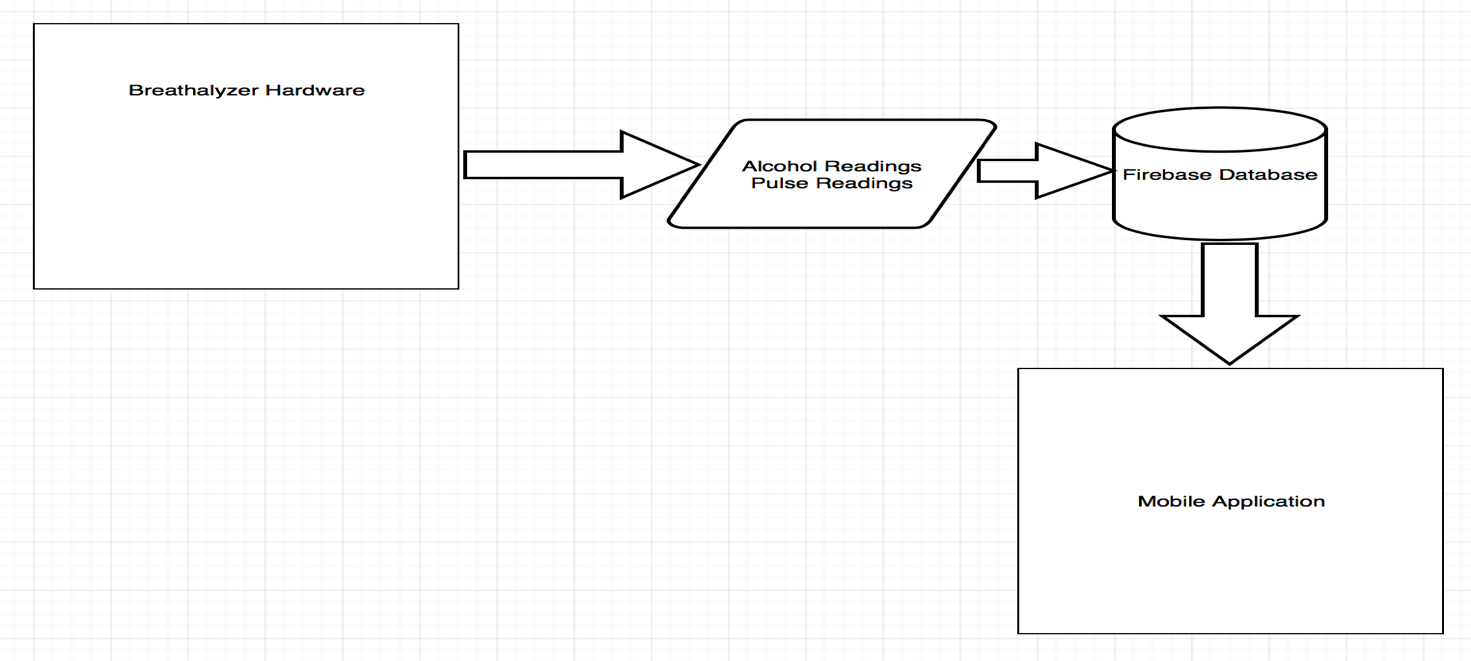
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# 2. Project Description

## 2.1 Product Perspective

This project encompasses the development of a new, self-contained product, “The Breathalyzer”. The product which is in development, requires software and hardware in order to perform its desired function. The software is in the form of a simple mobile application which is currently live on the Google Play Store as a simulator. The application serves as a display or medium through which the user can view the end result of using the entire product. For our purposes of explanation, we will refer to the Hardware as the “Larger System” and the Software as the “Smaller System”. The Larger System consists of three sensors which all collects/measures data which is then pushed to a Firebase Database. The function of the Smaller System is to display this data and give the user some additional options as well (as shown in the case below).

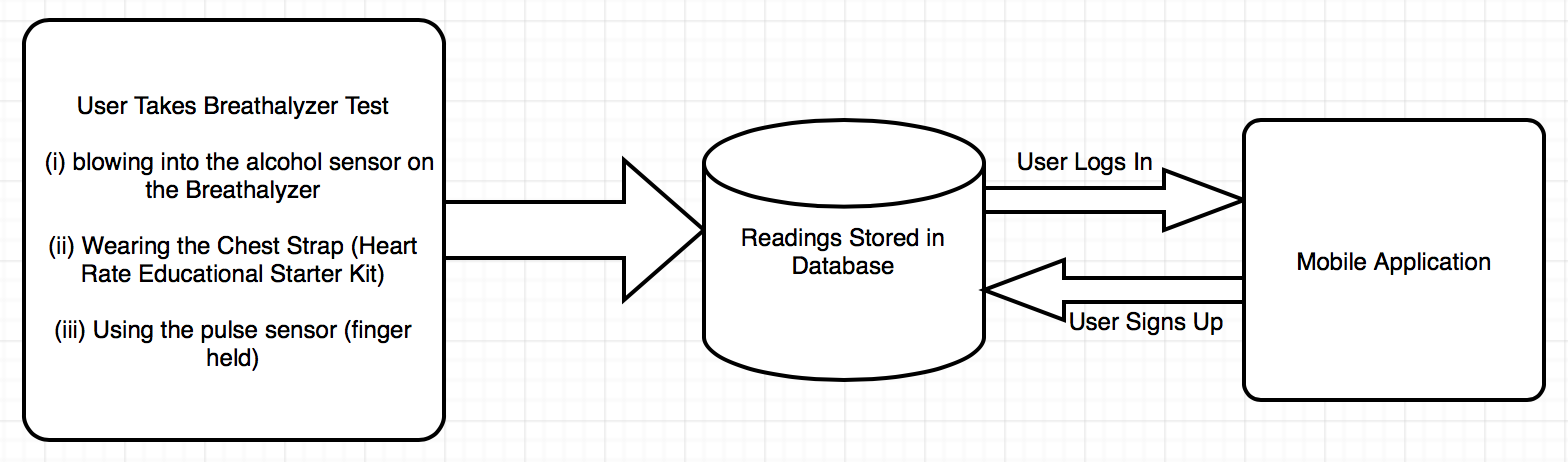
Case 1: John goes to the bar with some friends to have some drinks. It is now time to go home and John decides to take a Breathalyzer test to determine what his next decision should be. John takes the test by blowing into his personal Breathalyzer and the results show up on his mobile application. John is not safe to drive; he is over the legal limit. John now has the option to either call for an UBER cab or to Call two of his emergency contacts which he himself had stored previously. John calls a cab and gets home safely.



**High Level Diagram Showing Data Flow**

## 2.2 Product Functions

* Mobile Application – The User must login to his/her account (one time login unless logged out).
* Mobile Application – The user has a list of options each of which has a different purpose. The user can either see his/her results from the test, call a cab or call emergency contacts (which needs to be stored by the user).
* Hardware – The user must provide a breath sample (by blowing into the alcohol sensor of the breathalyzer) as well as taking two pulse tests.(one will be done using a chest strap and the other done by using a sensor which needs to be held by the user’s fingers)



## 2.3 User Classes and Characteristics

This product is meant to be used by the general public. Basically anyone from the age of 13 up is supposed to be able to use our mobile application and device. (The legal age for drinking alcohol in the province of Ontario is 19 years old and may vary from province to province. The age used in the statement above is just for reference purposes.)

## 2.4 Operating Environment

Raspberry Pi 3 with Raspbian along with Android mobile application, Firebase Database are the components of operating environment for the project.

## 2.5 Design and Implementation Constraints

With this project, there’s some implementation constraints. The mobile application for example, requires an active and steady internet connection in order for results to be pushed from the hardware to the database. An implementation constraint is the accuracy of the sensors. The accuracy of the sensors depends on whether or not they have been properly calibrated.

## 2.6 User Documentation

Along with this software user will be equipped with the detailed build instructions and a technical report which will be available online : <https://github.com/N01150244/pulsesensor>

The user can also consult and get assistance from all of the online links mentioned in the references of the technical report.

## 2.7 Assumptions and Dependencies

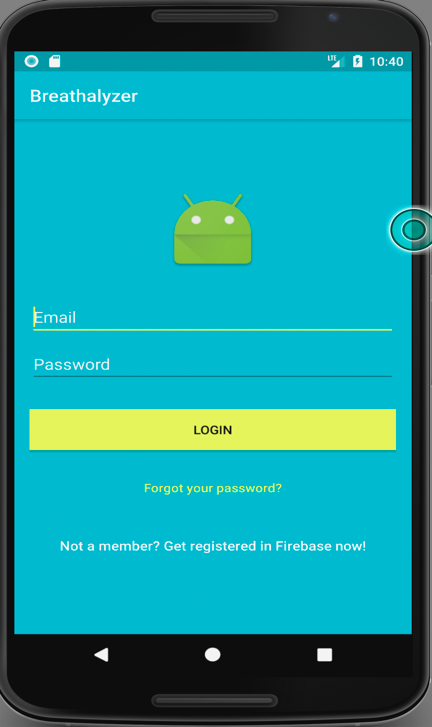
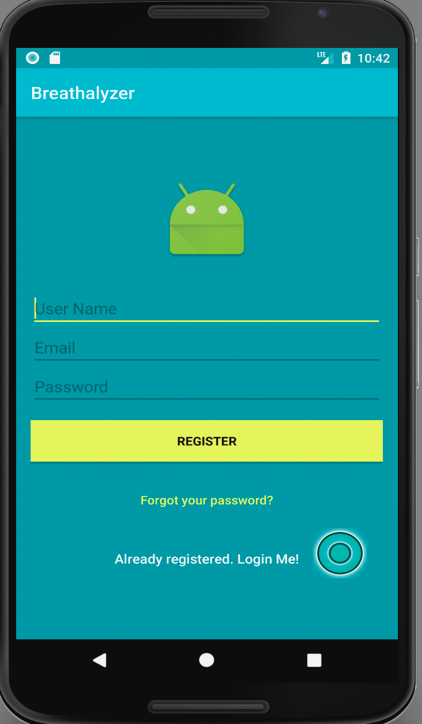
Both the mobile application and the web application requires internet connection since the firebase database gets updated in real time.The python script will be used to store data in the database and can be retrieved on the application side via a php script. We will make use of the REST API for extracting data from the database . RestFul web services will provide a data access layer that will be accessible from anywhere in real time.

# 3. Mobile Application Requirements

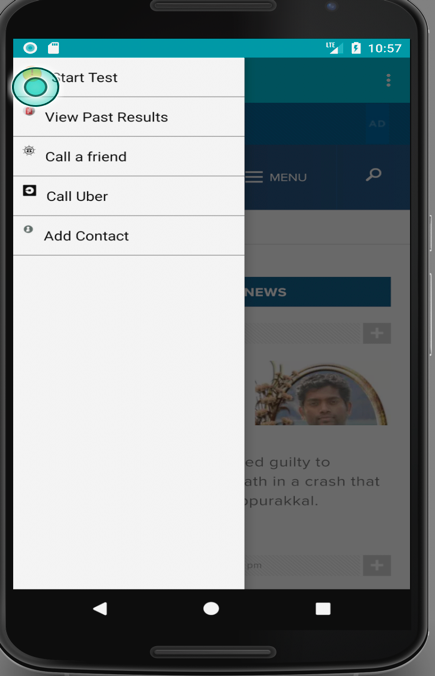
## 3.1 User Interfaces

This product comes with a mobile application with which the user interacts. Upon launching the application the user will be presented with a Login Screen with the option to create a user account if an account is not already existing. When the user logs in, he/she will be presented with a web view which shows the current news articles related to DUI (Driving Under the Influence). There is also a Navigation Drawer from which the User can choose one out of four options:

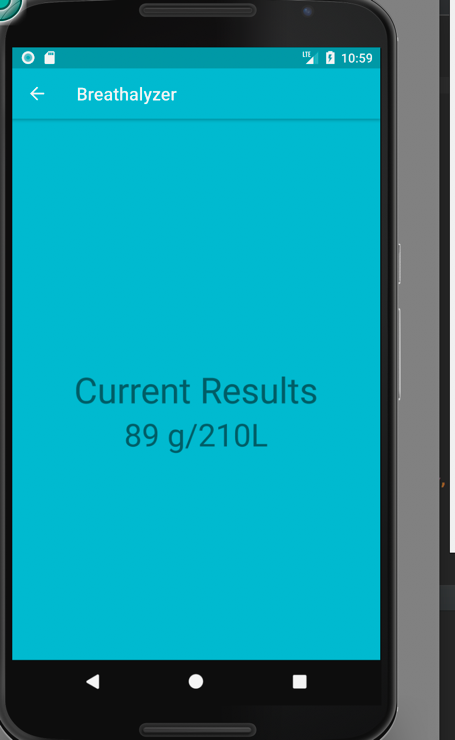
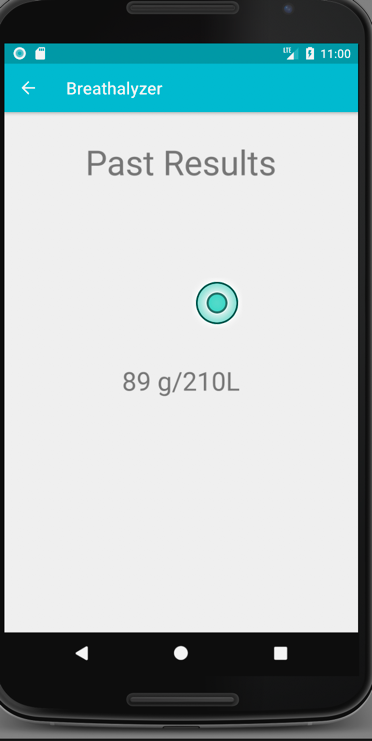
1. Start Test
2. View Past Results
3. Call a friend
4. Call Uber

**Login Screen Sign-Up Screen**

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**Web-View Navigation Drawer**

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**Current Results Past Results**

## 3.2 Software Interfaces

**Login Screen**

The login screen is displayed if the user happens to select the login option from the home page. It is used by current account holders to login to their accounts. The username will be made to spec to allow an input of up to 60 characters while the password field will allow for up to 12 characters to be typed and will be disguised with asterisks to assist in security and prevention of hacking. Hints will also be used on each Edit Text so that users can differentiate between the Username and Password fields. The username and password will then be authenticated with entries which were stored in a firebase database.

Technical Note:

In order to disguise the password entries with asterisks, within the edit text declarations in the “activity\_login.xml” file, <android:INPUT\_TYPE=PASSWORD> will be used.

When the user clicks login, the following checks are performed:

1. If the user inputs an email address which either exceeds the 60 character quota or is in an incorrect format, (example doesn’t have the @ sign), then a toast will be displayed saying incorrect email has been entered and the user will have to re-enter the correct format.
2. If the user inputs an email address which isn’t associated with an account in the database, then a toast is displayed which says “The email address isn’t associated with a user account. Please click on the register button to create an account”.
3. If an email address was provided but no password was entered, a toast will be displayed which says, “Please input your password”.
4. If the email address was provided, and it belongs to a registered account in our database but the password is incorrect, a toast will be displayed which says “Invalid Password entered. Please double check your entry”.
5. If the email address was provided and the password and they both match what was stored in the database, then the user is redirected to the menu screen.

**Register Screen**

The Register Screen will be launched if the Register option is selected from the Home Page. This screen will make use of various edit text fields to store the user’s information. The user’s information will be stored within a firebase database. The “Full Name” edit text will allow the user to input upto a maximum of 70 characters (Letters Only). The “Email” edit text will allow the user to input upto a maximum of 60 characters. The password fields will be validated to ensure that the user enters the same password twice. The Gender Field will be a dropdown list and DOB will make use of a calendar.

Technical Notes:

Limiting the Edit Text Fields to 60/70 chars will use the same format:

android:maxLength = “60” or android:maxLength=“70”

Limiting the Full Name field to letters only:

android:digits= “abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz”

**Menu Screen**

The Menu Screen is launched upon the user’s successful login or account creation. This screen makes use of a navigation drawer as well as a web-view. The web-view shows us news articles on DUI.

**Start Test**

This activity is started when the Start Test Option is selected from the menu. This activity has no functionality (until hardware is completed). For display purposes, random numbers are generated and stored into the firebase database.

**Past Results**

This activity displays the past results of a user.

**Call a Friend**

This activity is launched when the user selects the “Call a Friend” Option from the navigation drawer.

**Add Contact**

This activity is launched upon selecting the “Add Contact” option in the navigation drawer. This activity allows the user to input two emergency contact numbers and names. The input data is stored using shared preferences. After updating the contacts, the Call Friend activity is launched to see the changes that were made. The only visible changes will be the names of the buttons which will reflect the names of the emergency contacts stored in the “Add Contact” activity.

**Call Uber**

This option can be selected from the navigation drawer. Upon selecting, the Uber app will be launched if installed on your device. If the user doesn’t have the application installed, the play store will be launched.

## 3.3 Communications Interfaces

For communication interface, a database connection from python script is required to the database using various connect (), execute () and update function. On the application side, the application can be connected to the real time database easily through PHP Scripts. When the results are displayed from the python script after running the hardware, we can run a PHP query to extract the result we got from the database using REST API and update it into the application.

# 4. Hardware Requirements

The Raspberry Pi software can be used through a LCD screen, a mouse and a keyboard. The screen is used to display sensor results as well. When results are transferred on to the application, these can be viewed via a mobile device using Android 5.0 or higher. This project makes use of three sensors. The first sensor is the MQ3 Alcohol Sensor. Currently, this sensor is being worked on by Mohita Prabhakar. There is a python script with which this sensor works. Basically a user can blow into the MQ3 sensor and a reading will be displayed and pushed to a Database. The second sensor is the XD-58C pulse sensor. This sensor is currently being worked on by Karandeep Singh. The user should be able to attach the sensor via a velcro strap around their finger and his/her pulse rate will be captured and pushed to a Firebase Database. The third sensor is the Polar Heart Rate Sensor which is commonly known as the “Heart Rate Educational Starter Pack”. This sensor is currently being worked on by Maheshwerie Samaroo. In this project, there are two pulse sensors which improves accuracy of the readings. One sensor may be more accurate than the other.

# 5. Conclusion

This proposal presents a plan for providing an IoT solution for This is an opportunity to integrate the knowledge and skills developed in our program to create a collaborative project which will lower the rate of alcohol consumption and bring us closer to a solution to prevent drinking and driving.

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