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Servomotors Rotate cushioned Microcontroller extensions into contact Reads the distance and with the wrist. normalizes and filters the result. Ultrasonic Sensors Use ultrasonic range finding to sense the distance to objects from 1 inch to 10 feet. (2 cm to 3.5m)

Sonar For The Blind

Mounted to the back of the hand. It measures the distance to things and translates that into pressure on the wrist.



Objectives and Problems

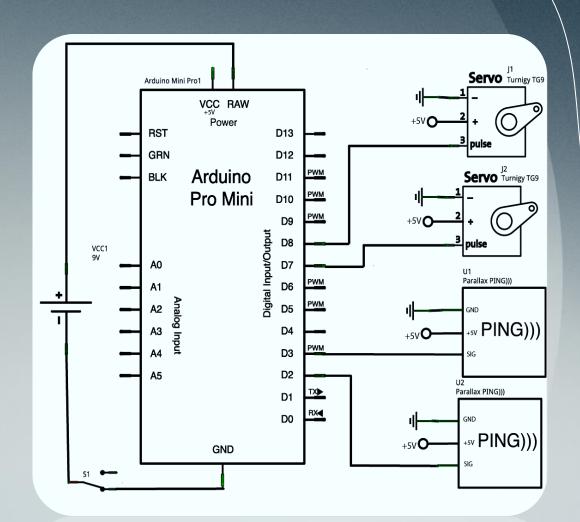
- Wrist mounted due to the importance of touch to the visually impaired.
- Flat low learning curve.
- Range and delay determined by sensor (sonar, infrared, radar, lidar,....).
- Expense and fashion friendly. "Accessible"
- Vibration motors can be problematic, vibrations, if they're constant, can cause nerve damage.
- Other feedback systems must be vocal.



Parts

(not final, subject to change)

- (1) Arduino Mini Pro 5v / other suitable boards
- (2) Ultra sonic sensors
- (2) small hobby servo
- (1) 9v battery connector
- (1) slide switch.
- Suitable plastic or wearables for glove
- Tape/ hook/ fasteners to attach parts to glove
- Electric speaker/microphone module
- Bluetooth module and push button for emergencies





Features and Future proofing

- The ultrasonic sensor should be replaced by better ones as they become cheaper.
- The device can ignore itself and other desired objects through software.
- A microphone/speaker module can be added to enhance the feedback UX.
- A Bluetooth module and push button can be added for emergencies like falling.
- Simple to wear, use and maintain.



Similar Products







Cost Estimates

Part	Min	Max
Arduino uno	280	360
Bluetooth	85	180
Ultra sonic (2)	60	120
Speaker/microphone	20	200
Servo motor (2)	100	400
Slide switch /Push button/ Battery connector/ other	100	300
Wearable	100	300
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All	745	1,860

Business model

COST STRUCTURE

Production Marketing R&D REVENUE STREAMS

Direct sales Sales as a service

VALUE PROPOSITIONS

The Device

Support and repair service

Promise of better iterations

CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

Retailers

Online shop

Phone lines

CHANNELS

Visual impaired communities

ophthalmology hospitals, clinics,...

dealers

CUSTOMER SEGMENTS

Vision impaired people

Companies and governments as part of their healthcare, social security and insurance policies

KEY PARTNERS

Manufacturers Retailers



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Retailers for prices

