

Technical documentation – Beacon Electronics

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1 Overview

The Beacon is a device placed at a location and provides responses through a change of visual display and audio sound upon the connection with the app on a mobile device as shown in figure 01.

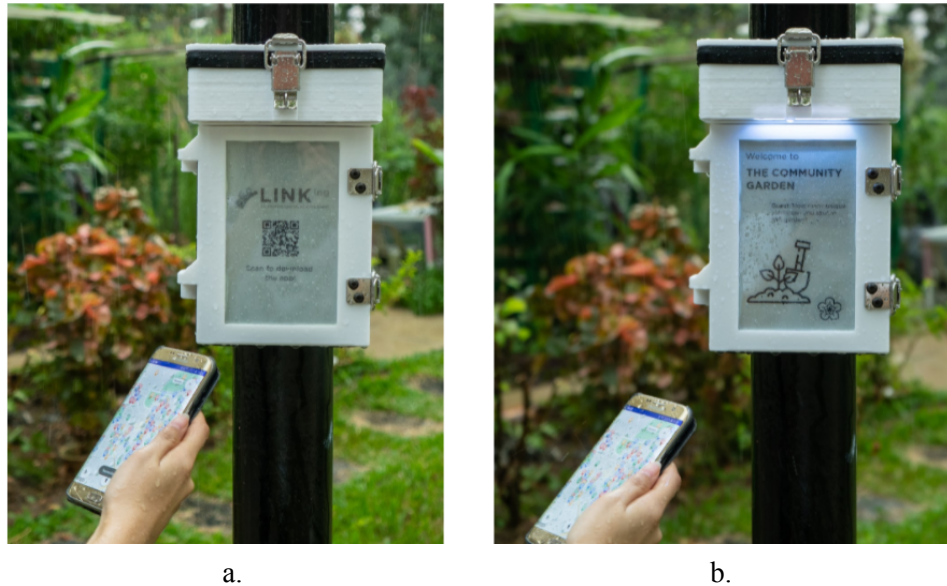


Figure 01: Beacon responses from a to b as user approaches it

The beacon comprises two main parts: the electronics and the casing. The electronics consist of 6 components: the System-On-Chip, visual display, Light-emitting Diode (LED) lights strip, speaker module, battery power source, and solar power source. The casing consists of the main body, e-paper holder/ door flap, LED/solar panel casing, and several accessory components.

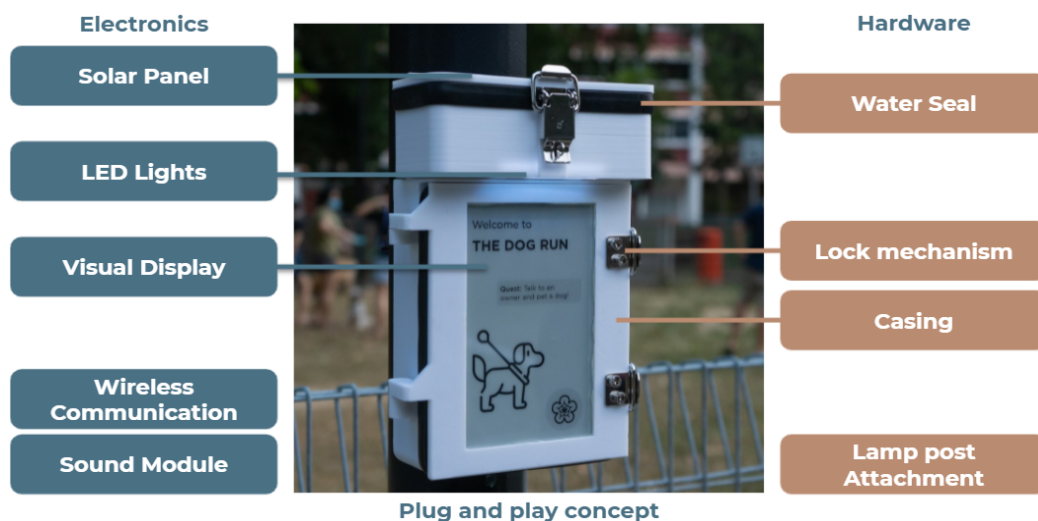


Figure 02: Overview of Electronics

3 Functional Description

3.1 BLE

No.	Components	Description
1	Transmission Power	Set as ESP_PWR_LVL_N14 (-12 dBm) The lowest transmission power for the ESP32 chipset.
2	Characteristic Value	“BeaconS23 Batt {BatteryLevel}” Battery level value is converted directly into a String.
3	Advertising Interval	Set at 800 ~ 900 ms
4	Protocol	Identifier check: 1. {36,31} or “61” If the first two bytes in the received packet do not match the identifier, the Beacon will not process the packet. Received Message Commands in Bytes: 1. {36,31,00,00} - Trigger Beacon 2. {36,31,00,01} - Reset image to default 3. {36,31,00,02} - Show the image 4. {36,31,00,03} - Send image over but does not change display 5. {36,31,00,04} - Send image over and change the image

3.2 E-Paper

No.	Components	Description
1	Resolution	800 x 480 pixels
2	Colours	Black and white only

3.3 Source File Structure

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resources (include schematics, flowchart, guides)• src<ul style="list-style-type: none">• assets (Contains individual c files for each image with char variable defined with size 48000)• lib<ul style="list-style-type: none">• epaper<ul style="list-style-type: none">• utility<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPD_7in5_V2.cpp• EPD_7in5_V2.h• DEV_Config.cpp• DEV_Config.h• EPaper.h• EPD.h• Adafruit_NeoPixel.cpp• Adafruit_NeoPixel.h• battery.h• ble.h• buzzer.h• esp.c

- ESP32AnalogRead.cpp
- ESP32AnalogRead.h
- led.h
- settimer.h
- Sleep.cpp (unused)
- Sleep.h (unused)
- util.h
- main.cpp
- Main.h

3.4 Code

No.	Components	Description
1	Platform	PlatformIO (Arduino)
2	Languages	C/C++
3	Dependencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Espressif 32 (PlatformIO) 2. ESP32Servo 3. esp32-waveshare-epd 4. ESP32AnalogRead 5. Adafruit_NeoPixel
4	Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clone the project from the github repository or open the downloaded project source code 2. Install Visual Studio Code [10] 3. Install PlatformIO IDE [6] 4. Create a PlatformIO project <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Select Framework as Arduino b. Select Board as Adafruit ESP32 Feather c. Install Espressif 32 platform (if its not installed) 5. Import source code into the project
5	Image Generation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import to Adobe Photoshop 2. Crop the image to 800x480 pixels 3. Convert to grayscale 4. Convert to bitmap 5. Rotate to landscape (if image is in portrait) 6. Export or Save as gif 7. Install Image2Lcd program [3] 8. Open image in Image2Lcd 9. Set width to 800 10. Set height to 480 11. Uncheck include head data 12. Set output file as C array 13. Set scan mode as horizontal mode 14. Set BitsPixels as monochrome 15. Check reverse color 16. Save file 17. Check the file is in the correct format: * const unsigned char terry[48000] = {0XFF, 0XFF, ...}

6	Flowcharts	<p>Refer to Resource folder in the cloned repository or downloaded project source code</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. epaper_flowchart 2. LED_flowchart 3. sound_flowchart <p>The flowchart depicts the logical flow of the code to facilitate the functions of the Beacon.</p>
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3.5 Handling Prototype

Charging

To charge the battery in the Beacon, use a micro USB cable and connect it to the micro USB port as shown in the circuit diagram. The Adafruit Huzzah32 ESP32 Feather board has an on-board charging circuitry that handles the charging of the battery. In the prototype, the board is found in the top compartment of the Beacon.

When the battery is disconnected, the charging led light will flash if micro USB is connected. The charging led will stop flashing and display a solid light when the battery is connected. However, when the micro USB is not connected while the battery is connected, the led light will not switch on.

Switch on and off

To switch on and off the Beacon, there is a switch connected in series on the power line of the battery as shown in the circuit diagram. In the prototype, the switch is found in the top compartment of the Beacon.

When the Beacon is switched on, the epaper display should flash and display the default page with the LINKing logo and a QR code.

4 Resources

4.1 GitHub Repository

Project source code	https://github.com/Qiftan/Capstone2021_S23_Beacon
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4.2 Tutorials

Component	Link
Adafruit ESP32 Feather	https://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-huzzah32-esp32-feather
Waveshare Epaper	https://www.waveshare.com/wiki/7.5inch_e-Paper_HAT
DFRobot Speaker	https://wiki.dfrobot.com/DFRobot_Speaker_v1.0_SKU__FIT0449
Grove - rgb led stick	https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_NeoPixel
Bluetooth Low Energy	https://randomnerdtutorials.com/esp32-bluetooth-low-energy-ble-arduino-ide/

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