

Present: Dylan Rowsell, Harley McLachlan, Anika Sheikh, Riku Makita, Adham Sorour, Raman Kaur

Purpose of Meeting: Finalize on idea

Minutes:

Meeting started at 11:06 AM

A. Smart Window Hardware Implementation

- Raman shared her research on hardware implementation of smart window
 - Can have white background modified to whatever size
 - Can use flex led strips
 - Can have dimmers externally and internally
 - All materials can be found under \$40
 - \$40 for 16 feet UG high CRI
 - Voltage dimmer has less frequency, so it flickers more which is not what we want
 - Can use pulse width to make it more natural
 - It is expensive
 - Powering
 - AC adapter or
 - LED batteries to make it portable
 - Can connect to Arduinos for integrating with software functionalities
 - Raman owns 6 Arduinos
 - Harley suggests using Mega as a possibly better alternative
 - It has 250Hz pulse rate which might solve the flickering problem
 - Dylan suggests using thin sheet of glass in front as lens on top of LEDs
 - Name: Frensel
 - Raman will do further research on this

B. Smart Window Software Implementation

- Anika shares research on software implementation
 - App can send information in packets each time user selects different weather mode
 - Server – Over Wi-fi
 - Can possibly use python socket
 - OpenWeatherMap
 - API to get current weather data
 - Free plans include 60 calls/min

C. Joystick Implementation

- Riku shares research on joystick idea
 - Apple has a joystick that can link up to iPad
 - This can be integrated to the wheelchair
- Dylan shares research on joystick ideas
 - Joysticks are relatively cheap
 - Can electrically wire it up with micro controller (analog)
 - Need rechargeable battery
 - Micro controller can be connected via Bluetooth
 - Does not make sense to do it through charging port
 - Each wheelchair currently has built in joystick
 - So we would have to build a wheelchair with the joystick

- Need to build joystick, micro controller, and mounting arm

D. Reminder idea implementation

- Harley shares research on the idea
 - First investigated RFID
 - It is do-able, but it would be bulky because the tags would have to be big enough to measure distance properly
 - Scanners can not get through conductive materials so it would not be able to detect phones inside pocket
 - Riku asks which items will the RFID not work with? Because there are some small chips
 - Harley: smaller chips indicate smaller range detected
 - Smart mirror implementation
 - Use raspberry pie for face recognition that is built into mirror
 - Can sense who is at the door and remind them what to bring
 - Can connect to phone calendar for dynamic reminders
 - Cons
 - Not automatic
 - Relies on user's habit to look in the mirror before leaving the house
 - Pros
 - No tags so not bulky
 - Dylan worries this takes out the reminder aspect of the initial idea
- Adham shares research on idea
 - The door would only detect if phone was with user, then the phone can detect the rest
 - Bluetooth based technology that can be customized to different people
 - Cons – must remind the user even if they have all needed items
 - How would you detect the phone?
 - Use mac addresses in Bluetooth installed on door
- Dylan suggests tag on little items similar to price tag which user will remove when they need to use the item
 - Harley mentions that it relies on people remembering to remove the tags
- Dylan suggests a backpack that detects if needed items are inside it
 - Adham mentions it won't detect items not in backpack like phone or keys

E. Voting on Idea

- Adham – Reminder Idea
- Anika – Reminder Idea
- Riku – Reminder Idea
- Dylan – Smart window
- Raman – Smart window
- Harlet – Smart window
- Conclusion: Tie between 2 ideas but Riku, Dylan, Raman, and Harley does not feel strongly for any specific idea so we chose the Reminder Idea

F. Things to do before next meeting

- Each person writes 10 specifications for the reminder idea on Google doc to avoid duplicates

- Everyone research on further implementation on reminder idea

G. Next Meeting

- 2022-06-06, Monday 2:30PM-3:30PM on Discord

Meeting is adjourned by Dylan at 12:16PM