

Project three – Revenge of the Recycling System:

Design a System for Sorting and Recycling Containers

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Executive Summary

Project three challenged us to design and create a system that sorts recycling containers into their appropriate containers. To achieve this, we were split into two sub-teams; modeling and computing, both of which will be discussed in more detail in the prevailing paragraphs. The terrestrial drone was available to be fitted with various types of sensors, which would sort the containers through differentiation. Our main objective was to make this system efficient whilst using the least amount of material possible.

On the computation side, the goal was to produce an efficient program that can sort and transfer a wide variety of containers into the right bin. The process of producing the final code went from making flowcharts and pseudocode to continuous refinement of code using the Q-labs environment. We were given the freedom to choose from a variety of sensors. We did short research on several types of sensors by comparing their working principle, advantages, and disadvantages and understanding their attributes. We chose the color sensor because its working is simple and efficient and works well in short range. We first worked on running one cycle efficiently. Functions were made which would perform the subtasks of dispensing containers, transferring containers into Q-bot using Q-arm, moving the Q-bot near an assigned bin, dumbing containers, and returning home in chronological order. In the end, the conditions for dispensing conditions were added and vigorous refinement of code with test cases was done to conclude the making of the code.

The main objective for the modeling sub-team was to create a mechanism that would rotate a recycling hopper to deposit containers into a recycling bin, it had to fit into a certain area on the robot. We were given a choice of two actuators: linear and rotary; we selected the linear actuator due to its simple implementation. Our initial design was based around the idea of a scissor-lift which in brief consisted of two arms aligned diagonally on the y-plane using slider rails and having an opposed motion to lift the baseplate. After 3D-printing the first set of rails and arms we observed that the lift force produced from only one set was enough to raise and lower the baseplate when fully loaded. We decided to dismiss the printing of the second set and conserve material. The M4 screws were used in attaching our mechanism to the baseplate and hopper, similarly magnets were used to attach the hopper to the baseplate. Overall, the design and mechanism worked coordinated with the program and completed their tasks; there were still improvements to be made, the main one being, replacing minute connecting parts with more accessible ones.

After looking into the workings of computation and modeling teams, we can interpret that we were successfully able to integrate the physical and the computational/logical components into producing a functioning mechanism. Our system was able to effectively transfer, and sort containers based on container material type using the principles of assembly modeling and smart devices.

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Appendix A – Supporting documents

```
import sys
sys.path.append('../')
from Common.project_library import *
# Modify the information below according to you setup and uncomment the entire section
# 1. Interface Configuration
project identifier = 'P3B' # enter a string corresponding to P0, P2A, P2A, P3A, or P3B
ip address = '169.254.105.124' # enter your computer's IP address
hardware = False # True when working with hardware. False when working in the simulation
# 2. Servo Table configuration
short_tower_angle = 315 # enter the value in degrees for the identification tower
tall tower angle = 90 # enter the value in degrees for the classification tower
drop tube angle = 180#270# enter the value in degrees for the drop tube. clockwise rotation from zero degrees
# 3. Qbot Configuration
bot camera angle = -21.5 # angle in degrees between -21.5 and 0
# 4. Bin Configuration
# Configuration for the colors for the bins and the lines leading to those bins.
# Note: The line leading up to the bin will be the same color as the bin
bin1 offset = 0.20 # offset in meters
bin1_color = [1,0,0] #red
bin2_offset = 0.15
bin2_color = [0,1,0] #green
bin3 offset = 0.15
bin3\_color = [0,0,1] #blue
bin4 offset = 0.15
bin4_color = [1,0,1] #purple
#----- DO NOT modify the information below ------
if project identifier == 'P0':
    QLabs = configure_environment(project_identifier, ip_address, hardware).QLabs
    bot = qbot(0.1,ip address,QLabs,None,hardware)
elif project_identifier in ["P2A","P2B"]:
    QLabs = configure environment (project identifier, ip address, hardware).QLabs
    arm = qarm(project_identifier,ip_address,QLabs,hardware)
```

Figure 1. Code

```
elif project_identifier == 'P3A':
      table_configuration = [short_tower_angle,tall_tower_angle,drop_tube_angle]
configuration information = [table_configuration, None, None] # Configuring just the table
QLabs = configure_environment(project_identifier, ip_address, hardware,configuration_information).QLabs
table = servo_table(ip_address,QLabs,table_configuration,hardware)
      arm = qarm(project_identifier,ip_address,QLabs,hardware)
elif project_identifier == 'P3B':
      table configuration = [short tower angle, tall tower angle, drop tube angle]
     dbd_configuration = [short_tower_angle,dair_tower_angle,drop_tube_angle]

qbot_configuration = [bot_camera_angle]

bin_configuration = [[binl_offset,bin2_offset,bin3_offset,bin4_offset],[bin1_color,bin2_color,bin3_color,bin4_color]]

configuration_information = [table_configuration,qbot_configuration, bin_configuration]

QLabs = configure_environment(project_identifier, ip_address, hardware,configuration_information).QLabs
      table = servo table(ip address,QLabs,table configuration,hardware)
      arm = qarm(project_identifier,ip_address,QLabs,hardware)
      bins = bins(bin_configuration)
      bot = qbot(0.1, ip_address, QLabs, bins, hardware)
# STUDENT CODE BEGINS
import random
import time
dispensed container = ["Material", 0, "Bin#"]
new_container = ["Material", 0, "Bin#"]
container_count = 0
total container_weight = 0
bot_start_location = [0, 0, 0]
#speed_proximity = 0.55
def calc_avg(data): #find average of data
  total = sum(data)
  points = len(data)
      avg = total / points
      return avg
def initial container():#dispense first container
      global dispensed container
      dispensed_container = table.dispense_container(random.randint(1, 6), True) #Dispense the first container
initial_container()
```

Figure 2. Code

```
def move container(): #general function to move container from servo table to q-bot
    global total container weight
    global container count
   pick up spot = [0.638, 0, 0.253] #Define all the pick-up and drop-off spots
    drop\_spot\_1 = [-0.118, -0.515, 0.669]
    drop_spot_2 = [-0.028,-0.523 , 0.669]
    drop\_spot\_3 = [0.054, -0.522, 0.669]
    inital_drop_spot = [0, 0, 0]
    if container count == 0:#Assigned a drop off spot based on container count
       initial drop spot = drop spot 1
    elif container count == 1:
       initial_drop_spot = drop_spot_2
    elif container_count == 2:
       initial_drop_spot = drop_spot_3
    arm.move arm(0.638, 0, 0.253) #Move the q-arm to the pick up spot
    time.sleep(1)
    arm.control gripper(35) #hold the container
    time.sleep(1)
    arm.rotate elbow(-10) #rotate elbow
    arm.move arm(initial drop spot[0],initial drop spot[1],initial drop spot[2]) #Move to the desired drop off cite
    time.sleep(1)
   arm.rotate elbow(25) #rotate elbow
    time.sleep(1)
    arm.control gripper(-15) #Drop off the container
    time.sleep(0.5)
    container count += 1 #Increase the container count by 1
    total container weight += (int) (dispensed container[1]) #Add the container weight to the total mass on the q-bot
   arm.rotate_shoulder(-25) #rotate elbow to avoid collision with next bottle
    arm.rotate elbow(-25) #rotate elbow
    time.sleep(1)
    arm.home() #return to home position
    time.sleep(0.5)
```

Figure 3. Code

```
def load containers(): #This function loads the bot with upto 3 containers based on condition fulfillment
   global dispensed container
   global new container
   global container count
   global total container weight
   arm.home() #Reset the position of the arm
   time.sleep(0.5)
   bot.rotate(98) #Rotate bot to allow for easier loading
   time.sleep(1)
   #Move the first container that was already on the rotater
   if container_count == 0:
       move_container() #calling the general function and applying conditions
   #While loop that keeps running as long as 3 conditons are met
   load another container = True
   while load_another_container:
       new_container = table.dispense_container(random.randint(1, 6), True) #Spawn a new random container
       #Check if the new container would satisfy the three conditions if loaded
       if new container[2] == dispensed container[2] and total container weight + (int) (new container[1]) <= 90 and container count < 3:
           move container() #Load the new container on the bot as well since it still satisfies the three conditions
           load another container = False #Set this boolean to false to break the while loop since the new container cannot be loaded on
   bot.rotate(-98) #Rotate the bot back to its original rotation
   time.sleep(0.5)
```

Figure 4. Code

```
def transfer containers(): #This function makes the bot follow the line until the drop off bin is found.
     global dispensed_container
global bot_start_location
     bot_start_location = bot.position() #Update the starting position of the bot before it starts its loop around the track
     target_colour = [1, 0, 0] #This variable stores the rgb values for the color of the target bin
if dispensed_container[2] == "Bin01": #Series of if and elif statements that updates the target color for bin
target_colour = [1, 0, 0] #red
     if dispensed_container[2] == "Bin02":
    target colour = [0, 1, 0] #green
     if dispensed_container[2] == "Bin03":
     target_colour = [0, 0, 1] #blue
if dispensed_container[2] == "Bin04":
          target colour = [1, 0, 1] #purple
     #Activate the color and ultrasonic sensors
bot.activate_color_sensor()
     bot.activate_ultrasonic_sensor()
     #Store the inital color and distance readings of the robot as variables
read_colour = bot.read_color_sensor()
     read_distance = bot.read_ultrasonic_sensor()
    bot.set wheel speed([0.055, 0.099]) #[0.55*0.1, 0.55*0.18]

elif bot.line_following_sensors() == [0, 1]:
   bot.set wheel speed([0.099, 0.055]) #[0.55*0.18, 0.55*0.1]

elif bot.line_following_sensors() == [0, 0]:
   bot.set wheel_speed([-0.055, 0.055]) #[-0.55*0.1, 0.55*0.1]
   print("Line_Untracked")
          read_colour = bot.read_color_sensor()[0] #Update the color reading to the current reading by the sensor
          read_distance = bot.read_ultrasonic_sensor() #Update the distance reading to the current reading by the sensor
     #Deactivate colour and ultrasonic sensors
     bot.deactivate_color_sensor()
bot.deactivate_ultrasonic_sensor()
```

Figure 5. Code

Figure 6. Code

Figure 7. Code

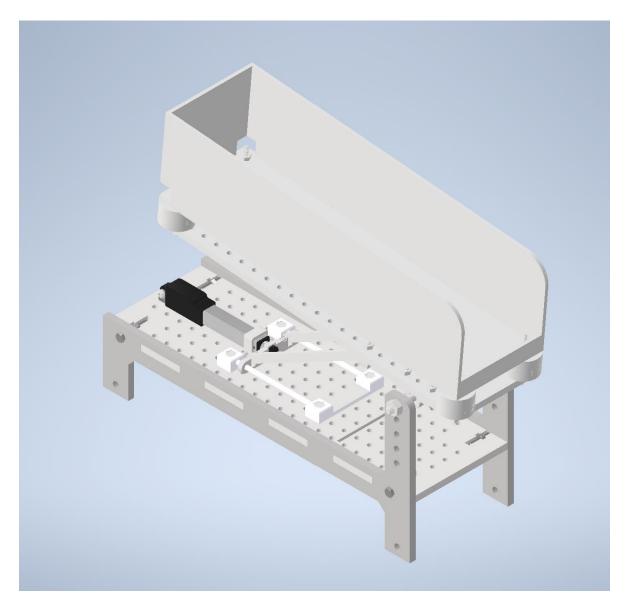


Figure 8. Overview of model

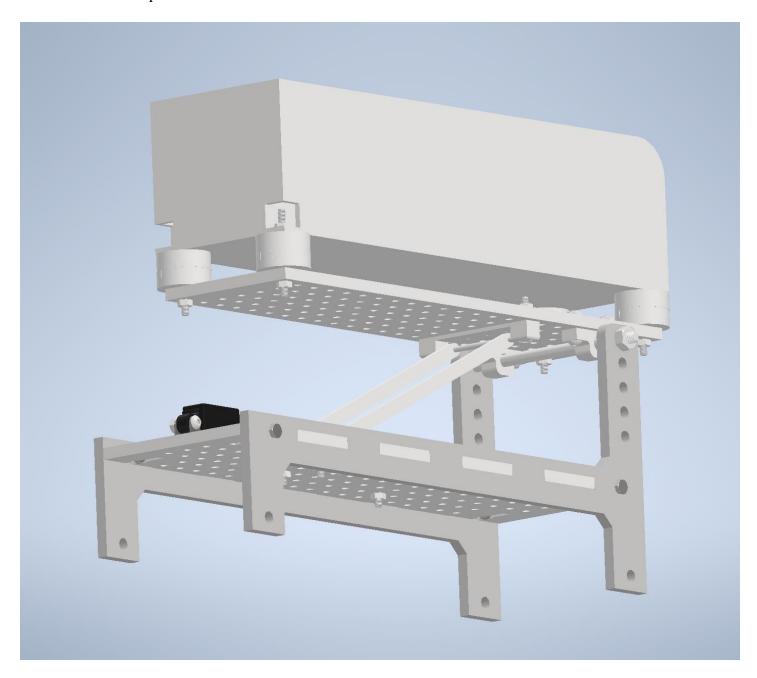


Figure 9. Underside of model

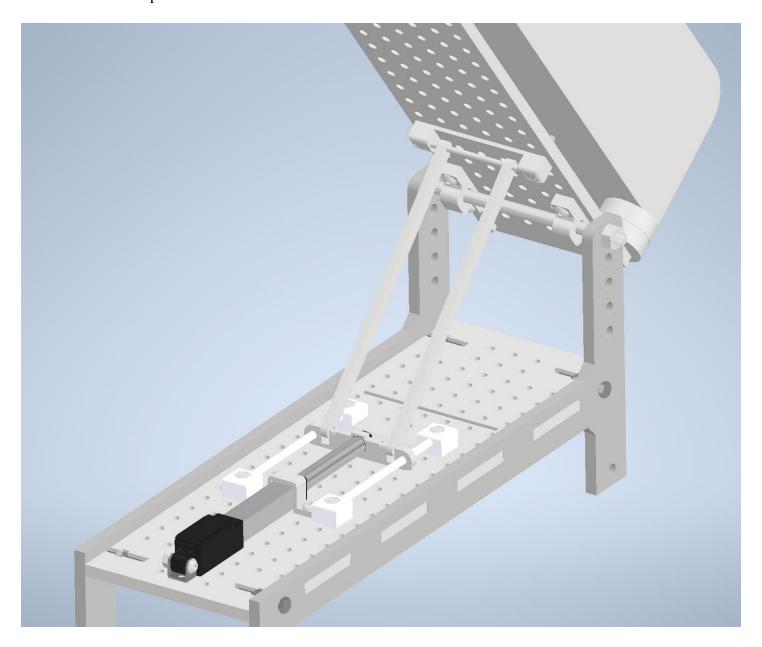


Figure 10. Mechanism in open position.



Figure 11. Mechanism prototype in closed position

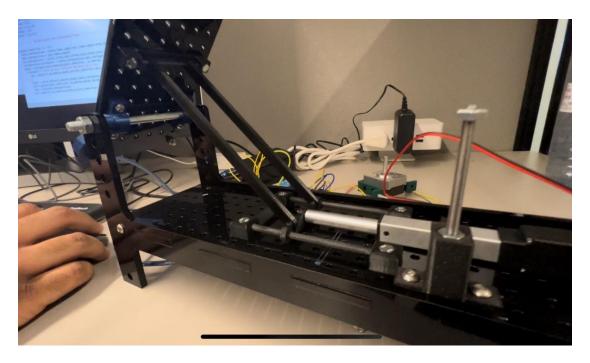


Figure 12. Mechanism prototype in open position.

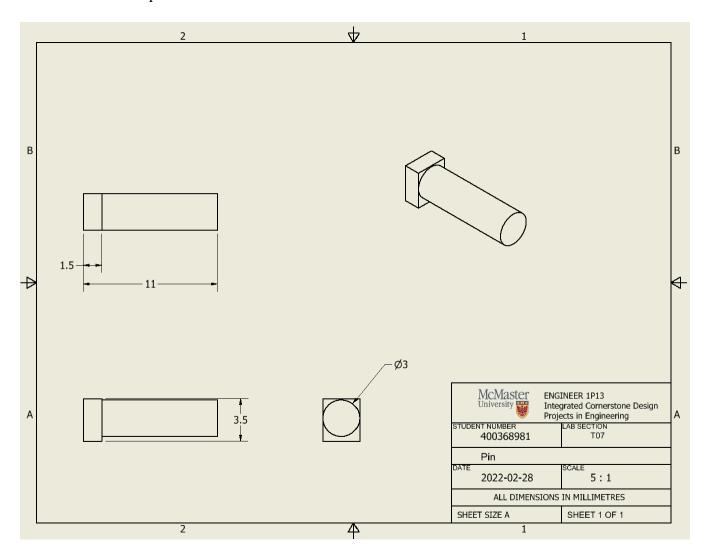


Figure 13. Engineering Drawing of Pin part.

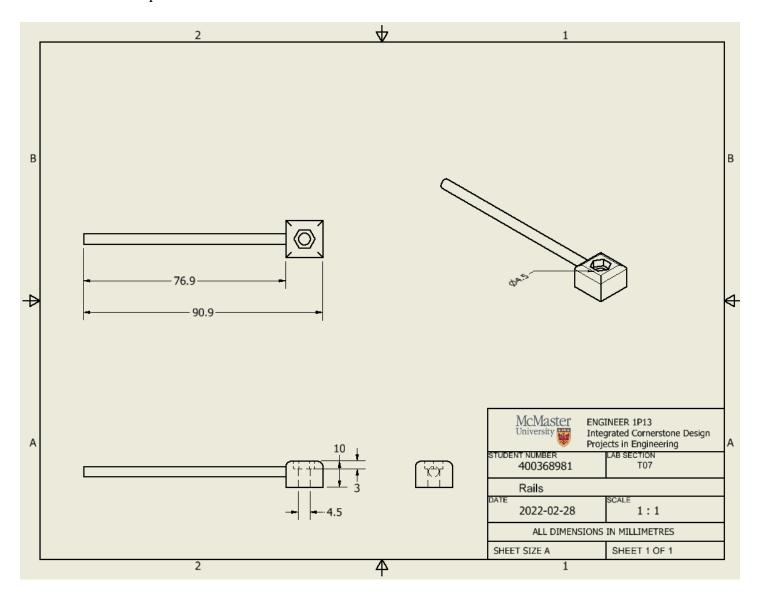


Figure 14. Engineering Drawing of Rail part.

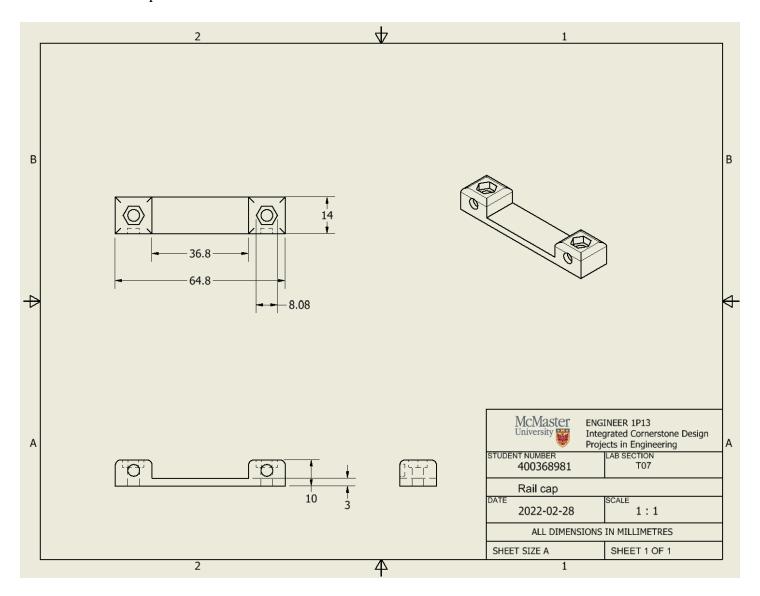


Figure 15. Engineering Drawing of Rail cap part

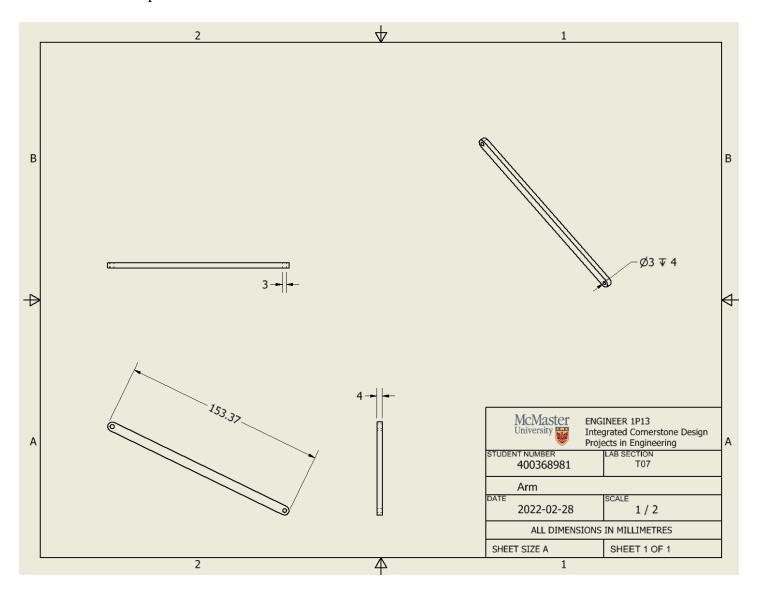


Figure 16. Engineering Drawing of Arm part.

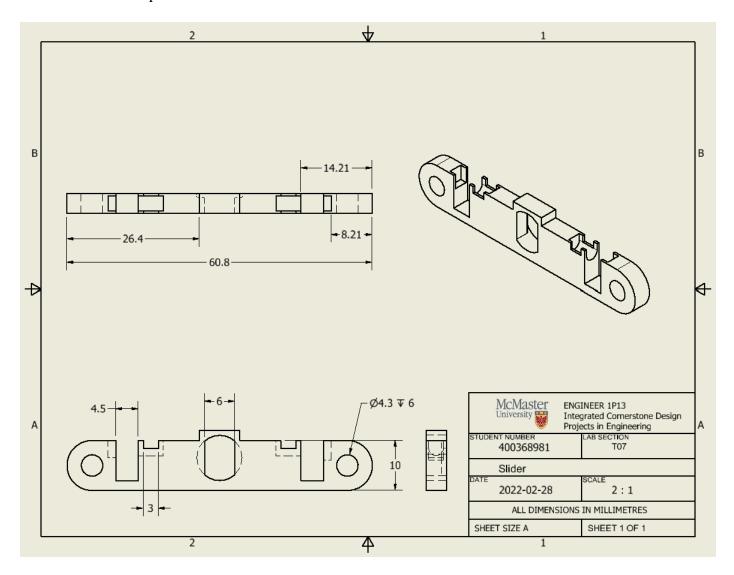


Figure 17. Engineering Drawing of Slider part.

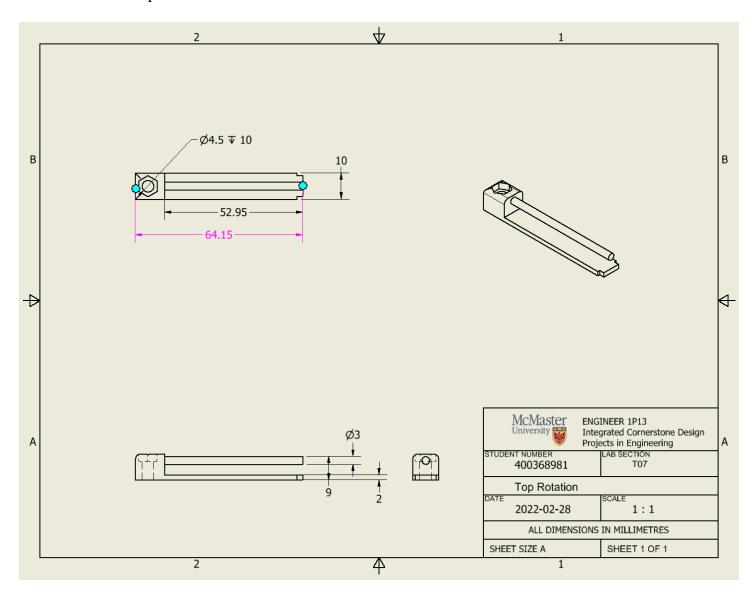


Figure 18. Engineering Drawing of Top Rotation part.

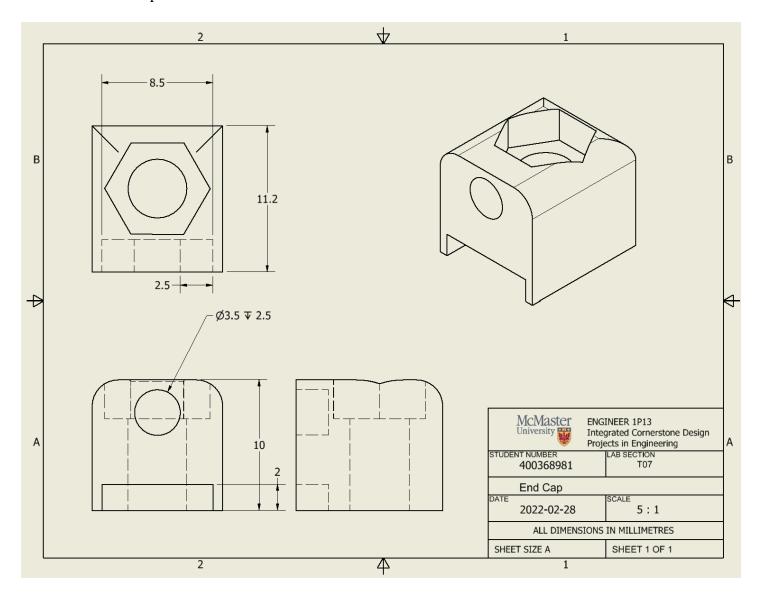


Figure 19. Engineering drawing of End Cap part.

Appendix B - Project Schedule

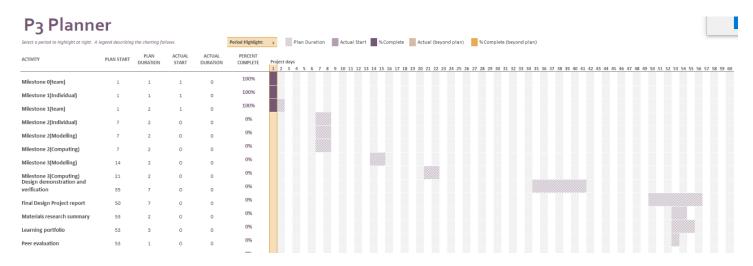


Figure 20. Preliminary Gantt Chart

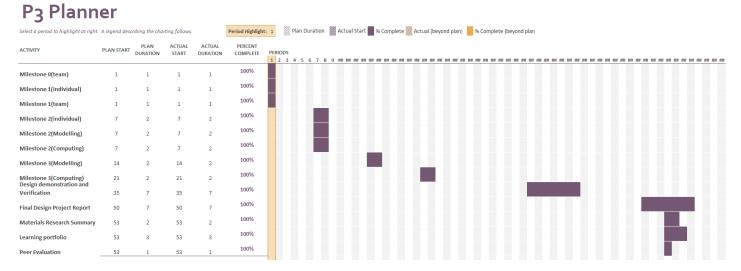


Figure 21. Final Gantt Chart

Appendix C – Weekly Meetings -coordinator

Table 1. Logbook of Additional Meetings

Date	Meeting purpose	Additional details
Thurs Jan 13 th Afternoon Approx. 20m	Milestone 1 completion	Completed the remaining sections of our milestone 1 and 0 worksheets.
Mon Jan 17 th Evening Approx. 1hr	Refining concept sketches	Modelling team worked on refining their concept sketches while working together.
Fri Jan 21 st Morning Approx. 30m	Model selection	Modelling sub team decided which mechanism they would proceed with
Fri Feb 11 th Afternoon Approx. 1hr	Working on mechanism	Worked on the function of our mechanism after completing some 3D printed parts individually.
Fri Mar 4 th Afternoon Approx. 20m	Final deliverable	Split up sections of the final deliverable to be worked on individually.

Meeting minutes (Agenda items not included as our manager never created one)

Date of meeting: Thursday January 20th

Attendance

Role	Name	Mac ID	Attendance (Yes/No)
Manager	Mohammad Hadi	Hadim4	Yes
Administrator	Ayush Patel	Patea202	Yes Yes
Adminstrator	Rayyan Suhail	Suhailr	
Coordinator	Peter Hull	Hullp1	Yes
Coordinator 2	Tony Han	Han18	Yes

Guest

Meeting Minutes

- 1. . Modelling sub team: Sketches are all done, working on deciding the design.
 - a. Using pro-con list to make the decision
 - b. Leaning towards linear actuator, rotary actuator designs were difficult
- 2. . Computing sub team:
 - a. Made pseudocode and flowchart to gain better understanding of the system.
 - b. Ayush worked on pseudocode and Hadi worked on flowchart

Post-Meeting Action Items

Modelling sub team choose a design

Computing sub team worked on flowcharts and pseudocode

Date of meeting: Thursday January 27th

Attendance

Role	Name	Mac ID	Attendance (Yes/No)
Manager	Mohammad Hadi	Hadim4	No
Administrator Adminstrator	Ayush Patel Rayyan Suhail	Patea202 Suhailr	Yes Yes
Coordinator	Peter Hull	Hullp1	Yes
Coordinator 2	Tony Han	Han18	Yes

Guest

Meeting Minutes

- 1. . Modelling sub team: Decided on a linear actuator design
 - a. Creating a scissor lift design
 - b. Might be hard to implement but could pay off
- 2. . Computing sub team:
 - a. Completed sensor research
 - b. Work was split up to make pseudocode or flowcharts for individual functions
 - c. They have chosen a sensor which detects colour. Color sensor has simple functioning and it works well in short ranges.

Post-Meeting Action Items

Start creating inventor model for modelling team

Computing sub team Justify chosen sensor

Date of meeting: Thursday February 3rd

Attendance

Role	Name	Mac ID	Attendance (Yes/No)
Manager	Mohammad Hadi	Hadim4	No
Administrator Adminstrator	Ayush Patel Rayyan Suhail	Patea202 Suhailr	Yes Yes
Coordinator	Peter Hull	Hullp1	Yes
Coordinator 2	Tony Han	Han18	Yes
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Meeting Minutes

- 1. . Modelling sub team: Model is done beginning to 3D print
 - a. Printed at home but some parts didn't work out
 - b. Looks like it will work together had to adapt design to use two sliders in order to facilitate a scissor
- 2. . Computing sub team:
 - a. Started ramping up process towards making real code and our aim was to complete 1 cycle
 - b. Functions were made in a systematic manner and testing was done for individual functions

Post-Meeting Action Items

Modelling sub team get hardware and finish mechanism

Computing sub team aim to complete one cycle

Date of meeting: Thursday Febuary 10th

Attendance

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Adminstrator	Rayyan Suhail	Suhailr	
Coordinator	Peter Hull	Hullp1	Yes
Coordinator 2	Tony Han	Han18	Yes
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Meeting Minutes

- 1. . Modelling sub team: Preliminary model done
 - a. Used only one half of the scissor model worked well decision made to drop the second level as its unnecessary waste
 - b. Still haven't gotten hardware
 - c. Some room for improvement on the rotating top part as it's a bit loose
- 2. . Computing sub team:
 - a. We continued to refine the code and added some comments on which parts were facing problems.
 - b. Refinement was done in the coordinates and bin colors were changed for easier sensing.

Post-Meeting Action Items

Modelling sub team get hardware and refine the top rotation piece

Computing sub team refinement was process and adds conditions

Date of meeting: Thursday February 17th

Attendance

Role	Name	Mac ID	Attendance (Yes/No)
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Administrator	Ayush Patel	Patea202	Yes
Adminstrator	Rayyan Suhail	Suhailr	
Coordinator	Peter Hull	Hullp1	Yes
Coordinator 2	Tony Han	Han18	Yes
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Guest			

Meeting Minutes

- 1. . Modelling sub team: Mechanism is Done!
 - a. Some refinement could be done but overall working condition
 - b. Be ready for design review with drawings and assembly
- 2. . Computing sub team:
 - a. Conditions and functions were added for dispensing conditions.
 - b. Tried while and for loops to see which worked better
 - c. Be ready for design review

Post-Meeting Action Items

Modelling sub team completes engineering drawings.

Computing sub team works on final refinement and commenting

Appendix E – Worksheets

Table 2. Team Milestones:

Document	Link
Milestone 0	https://mcmasteru365.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/msteams 3f8bad-Thurs-
	02/EUqRMhQFF7NNkxlsqfnfzwkBUQYVw1F5AWkq6aCylfLVZA?e=UIiW92
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Milestone 2	https://mcmasteru365.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/msteams_3f8bad-Thurs-
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Milestone 3	https://mcmasteru365.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/msteams 3f8bad-Thurs-
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