

## **Milestone 3: Redesigning MiniMech with the STM8S208CB microcontroller**

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### **Why the STM8S208CB?**

This microcontroller is cheap (\$3.18 on Digikey) [1], available, and for the purposes of this project has identical hardware requirements and features as the STM32F07VG microcontroller:

- 2 UARTs
- 6GPIO pins
- Runs on 3.3V

It is only 8-bit, however for this project an 8-bit MCU is sufficient. It has a standard peripheral library [2] available that ships with examples, and there are some examples available online of projects that use this library along with cmake [3]. All of these factors made it the best choice as a replacement for the STM32F407VG.

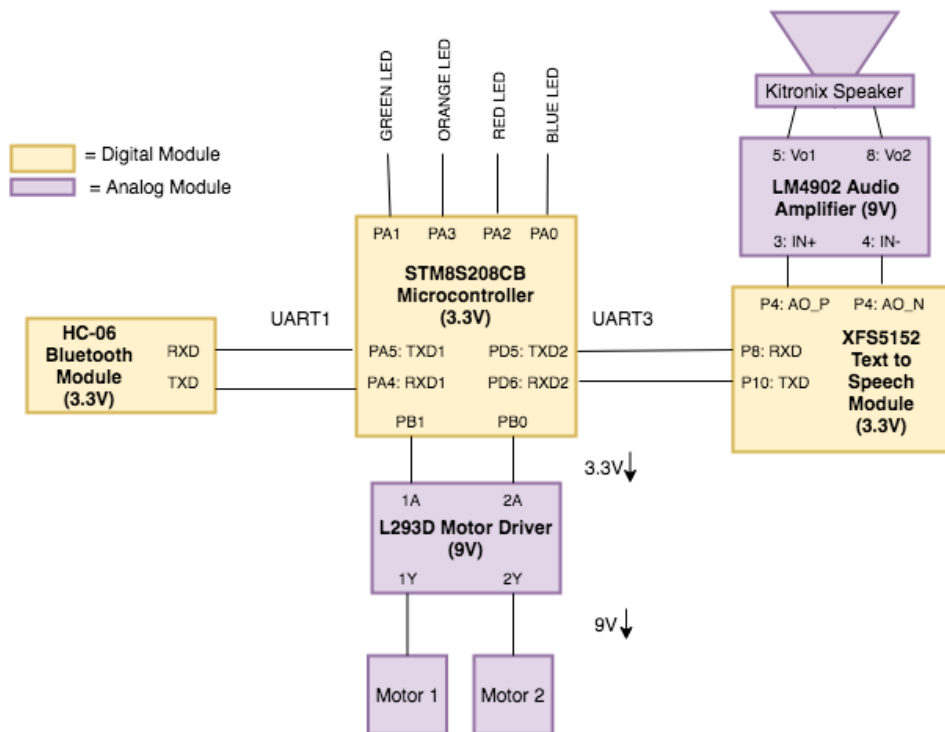
[1] <https://www.digikey.com.au/product-detail/en/stmicroelectronics/STM8S208CBT6/497-8943-ND/2079920>

[2] <https://www.st.com/en/embedded-software/stsw-stm8069.html>

[3] <https://github.com/ulikoehler/stm8s-discovery-sdcc-blink/blob/master/demo-spl/CMakeLists.txt>

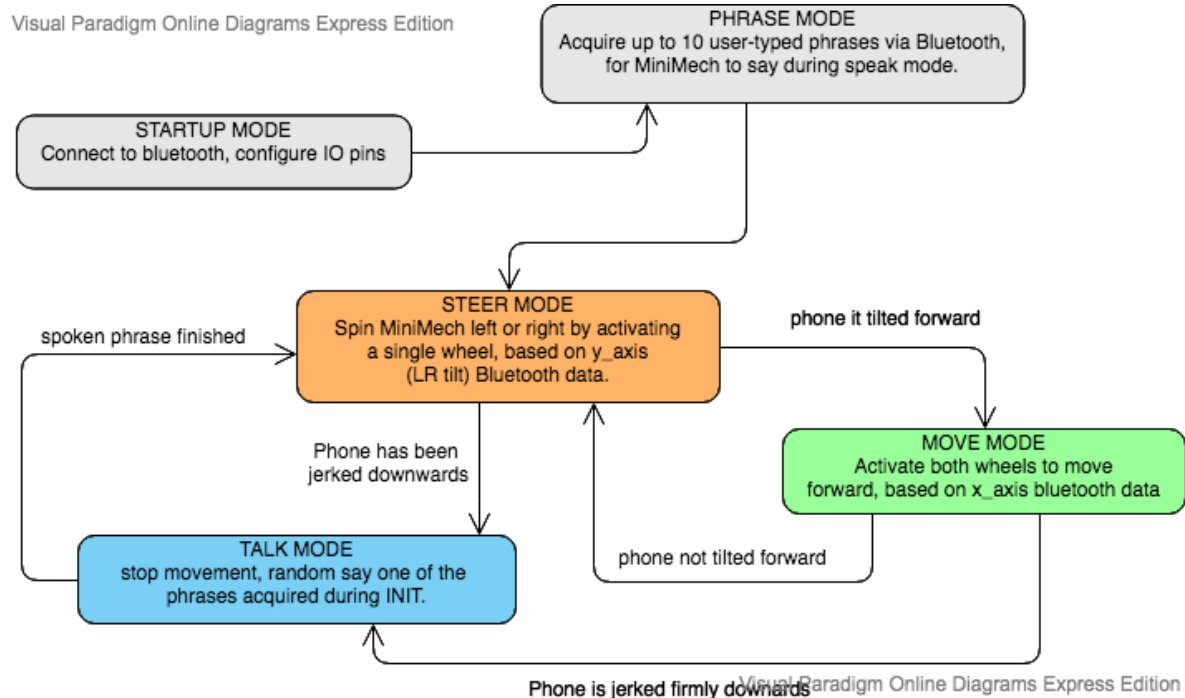
### **Update of Components**

This MCU is the only hardware component that required changing:



The only change required from Milestone 2 is the MCU and its pins

The firmware UML diagram which displays the MiniMech's state machine, also remains unchanged, although the lower layers of software required completely redesigning:



It was decided to make the main MiniMech software as hardware-independent as possible, with a specific list of hardware functions that purpose-built libraries for each hardware module must supply. These are described in `MM main.c`. The MiniMech software is now structured as follows:

