

# PiHue Project

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## **Previous Project Description**

During the fifth semester me and my group members have been working on a project called Smart Parking Lot. The full project would has the functions to taking pictures of vehicles' licenses plates and then open the gate or close the gate let the vehicle enter or exit automatically. However, due to the cancellation of the project in this semester, I started on my own project by myself. You can check out my previous project on this website <https://bigbosstony.github.io>.

## **Proposal**

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*Proposal for the PiHue Project*

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## **Executive Summary**

As a student in the Computer Engineering Technology program, I will be integrating the knowledge and skills I have learned from our program into this Internet of Things themed capstone project. This proposal requests the approval to build the hardware portion that will working with the software running on raspberry pi system. This project mainly focus on the connection between raspberry pi and Philips

Hue. I will be collaborating with the following company/department Humber Department of Public Safety. In the winter semester I have no plan to form a group with the following students, who are also building similar hardware this term and working on the mobile application with me. The hardware will be completed in CENG 317 Hardware Production Techniques independently and the application will be completed in CENG 319 Software Project. These will be integrated together in the subsequent term in CENG 355 Computer Systems Project as a member of a 2 or 3 student group.

## **Background**

By using this project, you can automatically turn on your lamp when you get home.

I have searched for prior art via Humber's IEEE subscription selecting "My Subscribed Content" and have found and read which provides insight into similar efforts.

The first article I found discusses how to control devices through wireless transmission(Yin & Keoh, 2016).

The second journal talks about design of smart home control system by Internet of Things based on ZigBee(Yi, Zhou, & Liu, 2016).

The last one is a breakdown of Amazon echo digital personal assistant(Dempsey, 2015).

In the Computer Engineering Technology program we have learned about the following topics from the respective relevant courses:

- Java Docs from CENG 212 Programming Techniques In Java,
- Construction of circuits from CENG 215 Digital And Interfacing Systems,
- Rapid application development and Gantt charts from CENG 216 Intro to Software Engineering,
- Micro computing from CENG 252 Embedded Systems,
- SQL from CENG 254 Database With Java,
- Web access of databases from CENG 256 Internet Scripting; and,
- Wireless protocols such as 802.11 from TECH152 Telecom Networks.

This knowledge and skill set will enable me to build the subsystems and integrate them together as my capstone project.

## **Methodology**

This proposal is assigned in the first week of class and is due at the beginning of class in the second week of the fall semester. My coursework will focus on the first two of the 3 phases of this project:

Phase 1 Hardware build.

Phase 2 System integration.

Phase 3 Demonstration to future employers.

### *Phase 1 Hardware build*

The hardware build will be completed in the fall term. It will fit within the CENG Project maximum dimensions of 12 13/16" x 6" x 2 7/8" (32.5cm x 15.25cm x 7.25cm) which represents the space below the tray in the parts kit. The highest AC voltage that will be used is 16Vrms from a wall adaptor from which +/- 15V or as high as 45 VDC can be obtained. Maximum power consumption will be 20 Watts.

### *Phase 2 System integration*

The system integration will be completed in the fall term.

### *Phase 3 Demonstration to future employers*

This project will showcase the knowledge and skills that I have learned to potential employers.

The tables below provide rough effort and non-labour estimates respectively for each phase. A Gantt chart will be added by week 3 to provide more project schedule details and a more complete budget will be added by week 4. It is important to start tasks as soon as possible to be able to meet deadlines.

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<b>Labour Estimates</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Phase 1</b>		
Writing proposal.	9	Tech identification quiz.
Creating project schedule. Initial project team meeting.	9	Proposal due.
Creating budget. Status Meeting.	9	Project Schedule due.

Acquiring components and writing progress report.	9	Budget due.
Mechanical assembly and writing progress report. Status Meeting.	9	Progress Report due (components acquired milestone).
PCB fabrication.	9	Progress Report due (Mechanical Assembly milestone).
Interface wiring, Placard design, Status Meeting.	9	PCB Due (power up milestone).
Preparing for demonstration.	9	Placard due.
Writing progress report and demonstrating project.	9	Progress Report due (Demonstrations at Open House Saturday, November 12th, 2016 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.).
Editing build video.	9	Peer grading of demonstrations due.
Incorporation of feedback from demonstration and writing progress report. Status Meeting.	9	30 second build video due.
Practice presentations	9	Progress Report due.
1st round of Presentations, Collaborators present.	9	Presentation PowerPoint file due.
2nd round of Presentations	9	Build instructions up due.
Project videos, Status Meeting.	9	30 second script due.
<b>Phase 1 Total</b>	<b>135</b>	
<b>Phase 2</b>		
Meet with collaborators	9	Status Meeting
Initial integration.	9	Progress Report
Meet with collaborators	9	Status Meeting
Testing.	9	Progress Report
Meet with collaborators	9	Status Meeting
Meet with collaborators	9	Status Meeting

Incorporation of feedback.	9	Progress Report
Meet with collaborators	9	Status Meeting
Testing.	9	Progress Report
Meet with collaborators	9	Status Meeting
Prepare for demonstration.	9	Progress Report
Complete presentation.	9	Demonstration at Open House Saturday, April 8th, 2017 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Complete final report. 1st round of Presentations.	9	Presentation PowerPoint file due.
Write video script. 2nd round of Presentations, delivery of project.	9	Final written report including final budget and record of expenditures, covering both this semester and the previous semester.
Project videos.	9	Video script due

**Phase 2 Total 135**

### **Phase 3**

Interviews TBD

**Phase 3 Total TBD**

### **Material Estimates Cost Notes**

#### **Phase 1**

RaspBerry Pi 3 Starter Kit \$89.99 <https://www.amazon.com/Vilros-Raspberry-Ultimate-Starter-Kit-Clear/dp/B01CYWE2oU>

Pi Camera Module with Case \$38.79 [https://www.amazon.com/Raspberry-Pi-Camera-Module-Megapixel/dp/B01ER2SKFS/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?s=pc&ie=UTF8&q2&keywords=raspberry+pi+camera](https://www.amazon.com/Raspberry-Pi-Camera-Module-Megapixel/dp/B01ER2SKFS/ref=sr_1_2?s=pc&ie=UTF8&q2&keywords=raspberry+pi+camera)

Piezo Buzzer Element (Vibration Sensor) \$5.19 Canada Robotix

LED \$0.50 Canada Robotix

USB GPS Dongle. \$50 Amazon

<b>Phase 1 Total</b>	<b>&gt;\$200.00</b>
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**Phase 2**

Materials to improve functionality, fit,  
and finish of project.

<b>Phase 2 Total</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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**Phase 3**

Off campus colocation	<\$100.00    An example: [4].
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<i>Shipping</i>	<i>TBD</i>
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<i>Tax</i>	<i>TBD</i>
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<i>Duty</i>	<i>TBD</i>
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<b>Phase 3 Total</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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**Concluding remarks**

This proposal presents a plan for providing a smart home accessories. This is an opportunity to integrate the knowledge and skills developed in our program to create a collaborative IoT capstone project demonstrating my ability to learn how to support projects. I request approval of this project.

**Abstract**

Philips Hue starter kit is a great product. I want to discover the possibilities of connecting Hue bridge to raspberry pi.



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## **1.0 Introduction**

### **1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of this documentation is to give a description of the “PiHue” in both hardware requirements and software side. It will also contain a explanation of the application.

### **1.2 Scope**

The main use of PiHue is to help you control your lights in your home.

In beta phase, after set up the system, you can easily control your Hue through raspberry pi.

In final phase of PiHue, raspberry pi will have the full functionality to control Philips Hue lighting systems wirelessly through raspberry pi.

### **1.3 Definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations**

The bridge: Max 50 bulbs per bridge

A19 Bulb: Light output 806 lm, color temperature 2700K, Beam angle  $180^{\circ} \pm 20^{\circ}$

Raspberry pi: small single-board computers.

Ethernet cable: IEE802.3

IFTTT: If This Then That

## **2.0 Software Requirements Specifications**

### **2.1 Product Description**

#### **2.1.1 Goal**

This project will combine Raspberry Pi, Philips Hue and the bridge, connect all the device by internet, more specifically all the devices will connect in a local network area. Control lights using raspberry pi.

#### **2.1.2 Targeted Users**

Tech-fans, with modern technology to build smart home accessories.

#### **2.1.3 Overview Of Product**

PiHue includes a Raspberry 2 Model B, Philips Hue bulbs, the bridge, a router or a ethernet switch, power adapter and ethernet to USB adapter(in case your laptop do not have a ethernet port).

### **2.2 System Perspective**

#### **2.2.1 Product Perspective**

The product will be written by Python on the Raspberry Pi side. It will using some pi libraries adopted from internet.

#### **2.2.2 Product Functionality**

The main functionality of my product is to provide user to control lights in your home.

#### **2.2.3 Requirements**

Internet connection is needed to send command and script to bridge to turn on or off the lights. A router will be needed to build a secure line for the bridge. A ethernet switch will be helpful to test it in a common

public places which normally not easy to connect bridge and raspberry pi in the same network area, for example, college and library.

## **2.3 Overall Description**

### **2.3.1 System Interface**

System Interface for my project includes raspberry pi and a the bridge, a router or a ethernet switch used to create the local network.

### **2.3.2 Hardware**

The main process of this project is to understand communication of Hue bridge.

### **2.3.3 Software**

User will use raspberry pi to integrate with the bridge.

## **2.4 Build Instruction**

### **2.4.1 Introduction**

Understanding how Philips Hue works, and hack Hue bridge with raspberry pi then set up connection between raspberry pi and the bridge. I have searched through the internet for a proper installation on raspberry pi and found this build instructions adopted from [Randy Reed](#) on [hackster](#).

#### **2.4.1.1 Bridge**

The bridge used to enable your smart bulbs to communicate with other devices via the internet. The main API offered by the bridge can be accessed when your app and bridge are on the the local network. Also I noticed the bridge's ethernet cable wiring is different than the standard TIA/EIA 568B Wiring.

#### **2.4.1.2 Bulbs and ZigBee**

These smart bulbs contain 3 types of LED specifically chosen to produce a range of colours and intensities. The bulbs I use is Philips Hue White A19 Bulbs. They are connected to the bridge via an open standards protocol called ZigBee Light Link. ZigBee is an IEEE 802.15.4-based specification for a suite of high-level communication protocols used to create personal area networks with small, low-power digital radios, such as for home automation, medical device data collection, and other low-power low-bandwidth needs. You can find more information on the developers' website <http://www.zigbee.org>.

#### **2.4.2 Preparation**

Start up with Philips Hue API, you can check out the API from Philips <https://www.developers.meethue.com>. Also a hue library for raspberry pi is needed, I found two libraries on GitHub, you can choose one of them or both: [phue](#) and [pyhue](#).

##### **2.4.2.1 Hardware Wiring and Network Setup**

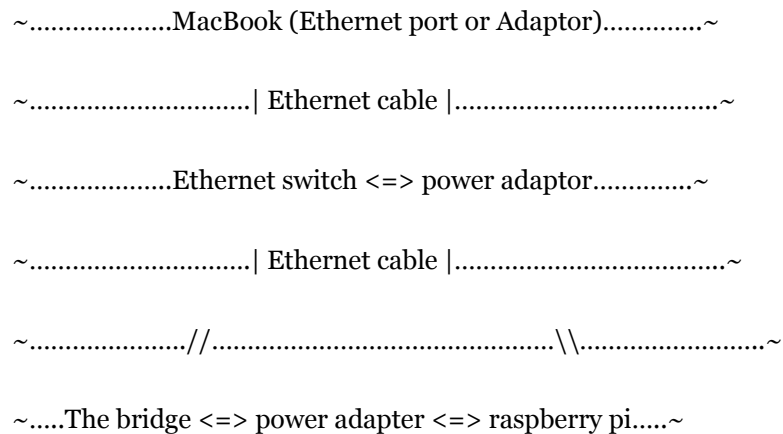
Connect raspberry pi and the bridge in the same network area location is very easy to do in your house network, just connect raspberry pi wireless or wired to the router, and connect the bridge to the router wired, and you are ready to go.

But in a public area, it's could be difficult to do. In Humber College, I tried to connect raspberry pi to the college WiFi, however, raspberry pi does not recognized by our network, and can not be configured. The reason is Humber uses a PEAP(Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol) network protocol, this protocol is a high level protected communication channel. It requires a server-side PKI certificate to create a secure TLS tunnel to protect user authentication and use server-side public key certificates to authenticate the server.

To solve this question, I set up a router at school, by creating your own network and set up your protocol, it is possible to connect bridge and raspberry pi in the same network. I used a [AirPort Express](#), you can easily set up and administrate this router from your Mac or iOS devices.

Finally, using AirPort Express is one way to set up your network, but I discovered a new way and the best

way to handle this situation. Taking your raspberry pi outside to test your project can be messed up, you have to connect power cable, keyboard, mouse and a display. Then you have to set up your router and bridge, this process is possible but not convenience. I found a short cut to do this. You will set up the connection to by the following diagram.



Next, you need to configure your network setting on your MacBook.

Go to your System Preferences, then select Sharing, on the Internet Sharing section, turn on Ethernet Port or Ethernet adapter then turn on Internet Sharing. Now open VNC Viewer(download from <https://www.realvnc.com>), (your raspberry pi should be configured to turn on VNC server), enter the server address normally 192.168.2.2, and you are connected to raspberry pi and can use your MacBook's keyboard, trackpad and display. The bridge's IP address would be 192.168.2.3.

### 2.4.3 System Diagram

INPUT —> Raspberry Pi —> Action —> Philips Hue API —> Hue Bridge

### 2.4.4 Cost of Material

Required Items	Quantity	Cost
Philips Hue White A19 Starter Kit	1	\$69.99
TP-Link Desktop Switch	1	\$14.99
Ethernet Cable	3	\$4.99
Raspberry pi 2 Model B	1	\$49.99

PiTFT Touchscreen 3.5"	1	\$59.09
USB-C to Gigabit Ethernet Adapter	1	\$29.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$228.05</b>

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#### 2.4.5 Time Commitment

<b>Todo</b>	<b>Time Required</b>
Hue library and other software installation	(1 hr) I take this amount of time to find out the proper library for the system.
Hue bridge connection	(1 hr) I using meethue.com to find out the unique ID for the bridge and testing the command with the bridge.
Sample code testing	(30 mins) Error fixing.

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#### 2.4.6 Hardware Installation

##### 2.4.6.1 PiTFT Plus Touchscreen Installation (Option/Archived)

For easy way to control the bridge using raspberry pi, you can install a touchscreen. I used PiTFT Plus 480x320 3.5" TFT+Touchscreen from [adafruit](#). The installation process is followed by [adafruit](#). I choose easy install option which you can download the fully prepared image from the website above. After that you will start up a fresh sd card, use SDFormatter to formate your sd card. Then I used ApplePi Baker(you can find other useful tools on [http://elinux.org/RPi\\_Easy\\_SD\\_Card\\_Setup](http://elinux.org/RPi_Easy_SD_Card_Setup)) to burn the image to the sd card. After that plug in your sd card to the raspberry pi and you are ready to start using the touchscreen.

[Update] I noticed if you update your raspberry pi to the latest version, it will overwrite the configuration file of the touchscreen, and the raspberry pi will stuck at the booting section leave a black screen. I suggest you to follow section 2.4.2.1 for the setup.



## 2.4.7 Software Installation

### 2.4.7.1 System Update

first, update you system's package list by:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

Next, upgrade all your installed packages to their latest versions with the command:

```
sudo apt-get dist-upgrade
```

### 2.4.7.2 Library Installation

Two kinds of libraries for pi I found is [pyhue](#) and [phue](#).

**pyhue:** `pip install pyhue`

**phue:** `sudo easy_install phue` or `pip install phue`

**requests:** `sudo apt-get install python-pip`

```
sudo pip install requests
```

### 2.4.7.3 Other Requirement

### 2.4.7.4 The bridge Setup

Using [www.meethue.com/api/nupnp](http://www.meethue.com/api/nupnp) to discover the IP address and ID of the bridge.

Go to [http://ip\\_address\\_you\\_found/debug/clip.html](http://ip_address_you_found/debug/clip.html).

Address `http://<bridge ip address>/api`

URL `/api`

Body `{"devicetype": "my_hue_app#pi tony"}`

Press the button on the bridge and then press **POST** button to generate the unique ID.

Address `http://<bridge ip address>/api/unique_id/lights`

Body

## GET

Address `http://<bridge ip address>/api/unique_id/lights/1 \`

Body

## GET

Address `http://<bridge ip address>/api/unique_id/lights/1/state`

Body `{"on":false}`

## PUT

### 2.4.7.5 IFTTT Setup

Create a IFTTT account on <https://ifttt.com>.

Start using Maker Channel to extends the possibility of your project.

### 2.4.8 Program Testing

#### 2.4.8.1 Sample Code

```
import pyhue

bridge = pyhue.Bridge('my_ip_address', 'my_username')

for light in bridge.lights:
    light.on = True
    light.hue = 0
```

python script with `json` and `requests` libraries, e.g:

```
import requests

import json

url = "http://[Bridge IP address]/api/[username]/lights/1/state"
```

```
data_on = {"on":True, "sat":254, "bri":254,"hue":5000}  
data_off = {"on":False}  
  
r = requests.put(url, json.dumps(data_on), timeout=5)
```

### **3.0 Conclusion**

As the smartphone has been the most important device we use everyday, and network based assistant is already taking place of so many area, like Google Now, Siri and Amazon echo. These smart devices are entering your house. With Philips Hue, it is possible to control lights in your home by your cellphone or just your voice. This project is focus on hacking the Hue bridge using raspberry pi through a local network.

Learning how the bridge is talking with the Philips Hue Bulbs is the key for this program. I simplified on the programming side, set up the connection between raspberry pi and the bridge by using python. There are multiple ways to do so. I first use IFTTT which is the easiest way to get connection with the bridge. The whole process is done by ZigBee protocol, and I am coding on the raspberry pi by python and existed hue library provided by GitHub. The python library foe Philips Hue is compatible with Philips Hue API 1.0.

The project gives you the freedom to use your lights and discover the possibility to extend ways to use Philips Hue. With A19 white Bulbs, you only find a little fraction of the Hue, but understanding the theory behind it, you can set up more ambitions project with colour ambiance kit A19 and others.

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