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Product Sorting Conveyor Belt Design Documentation

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Introduction

This document presents the design and development process of the "**Product Sorting Conveyor Belt**" system. The primary objective of this project is to create an automated conveyor belt system capable of sorting products based on predefined criteria. This solution aims to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and speed in industrial and manufacturing environments, thereby reducing human error and labor costs. The project requires extensive software development, analyzing conceptual designs, careful hardware selections and well-planned PCB & Solidworks design. This documentation will discuss all the important details of each of the above aspects.

Setting Up the Software Environment – 12/02/2024 to 18/02/2024

Once the project idea was finalized, the software feasibility of the project has to be determined. After some thorough research it was clear that using openCV python library we could do image processing and calculate the dimensions of the products in the image sent. Therefore as the first step we should install python and openCV library to our server computer (in this case I used my own laptop).

Installing Python and OpenCV

1. First of all figure out whether you have already installed python on your computer. Enter the following prompt in the cmd.

Python --version

If it's already installed, it'll generate a message with the Python version available. In my computer I had already installed **Python 3.10.2** version. If you haven't already installed python, then follow the below link to install it.

https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/download-and-install-python-3-latest-version/

2. Next, before installing OpenCV library we have to install pip which is the package manager of python. To see whether you have already installed pip, enter the following prompt in the cmd.

pip --version

If it's already installed, it'll generate a message with the pip version available. If it is not installed then follow the below link to install pip.

https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/how-to-install-pip-on-windows/

3. Now that all the prerequisites are fulfilled we can install OpenCV library. It can be directly downloaded and install with the use of pip just by entering the following prompt in the cmd.

pip install opency-python

After a while it'll finish installing and to check whether it's successfully installed we can do a version check using the following prompt.

```
python
>>>import cv2
>>>print(cv2.__version__)
```

Next, we can move onto the software implementation.

Software Implementation – 19/02/2024 to 03/03/2024

After setting the software environment go to the python IDLE and use the following code.

```
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File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
import cv2
import numpy as np
# Setup camera
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
while True:
           # Capture frame-by-frame
           ret, img = cap.read()
           # Convert the image to grayscale
           gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR BGR2GRAY)
           # Apply a threshold to the image to
           # separate the objects from the background
           ret, thresh = cv2.threshold(
                                gray, 0, 255, cv2. THRESH BINARY INV+cv2. THRESH OTSU)
           # Find the contours of the objects in the image
           contours, hierarchy = cv2.findContours(
                                 thresh, cv2.RETR EXTERNAL, cv2.CHAIN APPROX SIMPLE)
           # Loop through the contours and calculate the area of each object
           for cnt in contours:
                                area = cv2.contourArea(cnt)
                                 # Draw a bounding box around each
                                 # object and display the area on the image
                                 x, y, w, h = cv2.boundingRect(cnt)
                                 if area>20:
                                           cv2.rectangle(img, (x, y), (x+w, y+h), (0, 255, 0), 2)
                                            cv2.putText(img, str(area), (x, y),
                                                                                                           cv2.FONT HERSHEY SIMPLEX, 1, (0, 0, 255), 2)
           # Show the final image with the bounding boxes
           # and areas of the objects overlaid on top
           cv2.imshow('image', img)
           if cv2.waitKey(1) == ord('q'):
                      break
 # When everything done, release the capture
cap.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

Figure 1

Since, we haven't implemented any hardware yet, this code uses the web camera to get the live feed (or for testing purposes we can just input an image saved in our computer as well).

OpenCV is a trained model which can separately identify objects. Above code uses the OpenCV library and creates contours around objects. Then using its functions we can get the co-ordinates of the objects \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{y} and also the dimensions of the object width & height.

Run the above code and aim your web camera to a certain object. You will get the output as follows.



Figure 2

However, one disadvantage of this library is that depending on the height from object to the camera the readings will differ. But since we keep the camera at certain height in the product sorter, we can use a constant K to convert the measured readings to accurate measurements. We can adjust this constant through the software.

Hardware Testing and Selection -04/03/2024 to 24/03/2024

There are four main hardware requirements for this project. That is the camera, micro-controller with Wi-Fi, stepper motor (for the arm) and a power supply unit. For the camera and the micro-controller we have chosen the ESP32 Cam Module for testing purposes (for the PCB design we will have to get the microcontroller and the camera separately).

ESP32 Cam Module

Advantages	Disadvantages
Cost-Effective	Limited Processing Power
Integrated Wi-Fi and Bluetooth	Low RAM
Versatility	Camera Quality
Compact Size	No Onboard USB Interface
Camera Support (OV2640)	Limited GPIO Availability
Development Support	Temperature Sensitivity
Programming Flexibility	

Table 1

However considering these pros and cons, and the requirements for the project, ESP32 Cam is a technically and financially feasible product to be included in the prototype.

Also since there is no onboard USB interface, we will have to use a separate FTDI module to upload the code. The connection between the ESP32 Cam module and the FTDI module is shown in the below image.

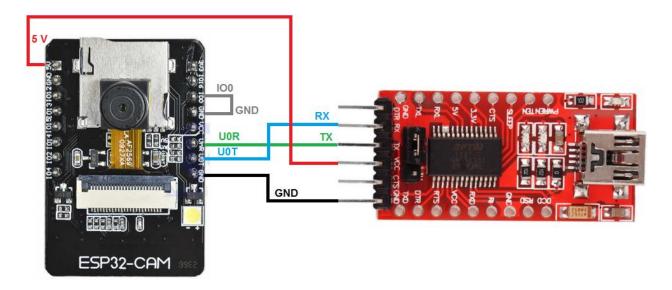


Figure 3

The code to be uploaded to ESP32 is shown below. It uses the ESP32 as a Wi-Fi access point, creates its own IP address and uploads the images to that web server.

```
♣ ProductSorter.cpp ●
#include "esp_camera.h"
      #include "esp_log.h"
#include "nvs_flash.h"
      #include "esp_wifi.h"
      #include "freertos/FreeRTOS.h"
      #include "freertos/task.h'
      #include "esp_http_client.h"
      #include "esp_event.h"
#include "lwip/sockets.h"
 10
      #define CAM PIN PWDN
 11
                              -1 //power down is not used
 12
      #define CAM_PIN_RESET
                              -1 //software reset will be performed
 13
      #define CAM PIN XCLK
      #define CAM_PIN_SIOD
 14
                              26
      #define CAM_PIN_SIOC
 15
                              27
      #define CAM_PIN_D7
 16
                               35
      #define CAM PIN D6
 17
                               34
      #define CAM_PIN_D5
 18
                               39
      #define CAM_PIN_D4
 19
                               36
      #define CAM_PIN_D3
 20
                               21
      #define CAM_PIN_D2
 21
                              19
      #define CAM_PIN_D1
 22
                              18
      #define CAM_PIN_D0
 23
 24
      #define CAM_PIN_VSYNC
                              25
 25
      {\tt \#define\ CAM\_PIN\_HREF}
 26
      #define CAM_PIN_PCLK
 27
      #define WIFI_SSID "your_SSID"
 28
      #define WIFI_PASS "your_PASSWORD"
 29
 30
      #define SERVER_IP "192.168.1.100"
 31
      #define SERVER_PORT 8080
 32
 33
 34
      static const char *TAG = "ESP32-CAM";
 35
      static void wifi_init(void);
```

```
37
     static esp_err_t camera_init(void);
      static void send image to server(uint8 t *image data, size t image len);
39
      void app main() {
40
          esp_err_t ret = nvs_flash_init();
41
42
          if (ret == ESP_ERR_NVS_NO_FREE_PAGES || ret == ESP_ERR_NVS_NEW_VERSION_FOUND) {
              ESP_ERROR_CHECK(nvs_flash_erase());
43
              ret = nvs_flash_init();
44
45
46
          ESP_ERROR_CHECK(ret);
47
          wifi init();
48
          ESP_ERROR_CHECK(camera_init());
49
50
51
          while (1) {
              camera_fb_t *fb = esp_camera_fb_get();
52
53
              if (!fb) {
54
                  ESP_LOGE(TAG, "Camera capture failed");
                  vTaskDelay(1000 / portTICK_PERIOD_MS);
56
57
58
59
              send_image_to_server(fb->buf, fb->len);
              esp camera fb return(fb);
60
61
              vTaskDelay(5000 / portTICK_PERIOD_MS); // Capture image every 5 seconds
62
63
64
65
      static void wifi_init(void) {
66
          ESP_ERROR_CHECK(esp_netif_init());
67
68
          ESP_ERROR_CHECK(esp_event_loop_create_default());
          esp netif create default wifi sta();
69
70
71
          wifi_init_config_t cfg = WIFI_INIT_CONFIG_DEFAULT();
 72
          ESP_ERROR_CHECK(esp_wifi_init(&cfg));
 73
 74
          wifi_config_t wifi_config = {
 75
 76
                  .ssid = WIFI SSID,
 77
                  .password = WIFI_PASS,
 78
 79
          };
 80
 81
          ESP_ERROR_CHECK(esp_wifi_set_mode(WIFI_MODE_STA));
          ESP_ERROR_CHECK(esp_wifi_set_config(ESP_IF_WIFI_STA, &wifi_config));
 82
 83
          ESP_ERROR_CHECK(esp_wifi_start());
 84
 85
          ESP LOGI(TAG, "wifi init sta finished.");
 86
 87
      static esp_err_t camera_init(void) {
 88
 89
          camera_config_t config;
 90
          config.ledc channel = LEDC CHANNEL 0;
          config.ledc_timer = LEDC_TIMER_0;
 91
 92
          config.pin_d0 = CAM_PIN_D0;
 93
          config.pin_d1 = CAM_PIN_D1;
          config.pin_d2 = CAM_PIN_D2;
 94
 95
          config.pin_d3 = CAM_PIN_D3;
 96
          config.pin d4 = CAM PIN D4;
          config.pin_d5 = CAM_PIN_D5;
 97
 98
          config.pin_d6 = CAM_PIN_D6;
          config.pin_d7 = CAM_PIN_D7;
 99
          config.pin_xclk = CAM_PIN_XCLK;
100
101
          config.pin_pclk = CAM_PIN_PCLK;
          config.pin_vsync = CAM PIN_VSYNC;
102
          config.pin_href = CAM_PIN_HREF;
103
104
          config.pin_sccb_sda = CAM_PIN_SIOD;
          config.pin_sccb_scl = CAM_PIN_SIOC;
105
106
          config.pin_pwdn = CAM_PIN_PWDN;
107
          config.pin reset = CAM PIN RESET;
```

```
config.xclk_freq_hz = 20000000;
108
109
           config.pixel format = PIXFORMAT JPEG;
110
           if (psramFound()) {
111
112
               config.frame_size = FRAMESIZE_UXGA;
               config.jpeg_quality = 10;
113
114
               config.fb_count = 2;
115
           } else {
              config.frame size = FRAMESIZE SVGA;
116
117
               config.jpeg_quality = 12;
               config.fb_count = 1;
118
119
120
121
          // Camera init
           esp_err_t err = esp_camera_init(&config);
122
          if (err != ESP_OK) {
    ESP_LOGE(TAG, "Camera Init Failed");
123
124
125
              return err;
126
127
          return ESP_OK;
128
129
130
      static void send_image_to_server(uint8_t *image_data, size_t image_len) {
           struct sockaddr_in server_addr;
131
132
           int sock = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, IPPROTO_IP);
133
           if (sock < 0) {
              ESP_LOGE(TAG, "Unable to create socket: errno %d", errno);
134
135
136
137
138
           server_addr.sin_addr.s_addr = inet_addr(SERVER_IP);
          server_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
server_addr.sin_port = htons(SERVER_PORT);
139
140
141
142
           int err = connect(sock, (struct sockaddr *)&server addr, sizeof(server addr));
143
           if (err != 0) {
               ESP_LOGE(TAG, "Socket unable to connect: errno %d", errno);
144
145
               close(sock);
146
               return;
147
148
149
           // Send HTTP POST request header
150
           char *post_header = (char *)malloc(128);
           snprintf(post_header, 128, "POST /upload HTTP/1.1\r\n"
151
                                       "Host: %s:%d\r\n"
152
153
                                       "Content-Type: image/jpeg\r\n"
                                       "Content-Length: %d\r\n\r\n",
154
155
                                       SERVER_IP, SERVER_PORT, image_len);
           send(sock, post_header, strlen(post_header), 0);
156
157
           free(post_header);
158
159
           // Send the image data
           send(sock, image_data, image_len, 0);
160
161
           // Close the socket
162
           close(sock);
163
164
165
```

Figure 4

Once the code is uploaded the serial monitor will display something like this.

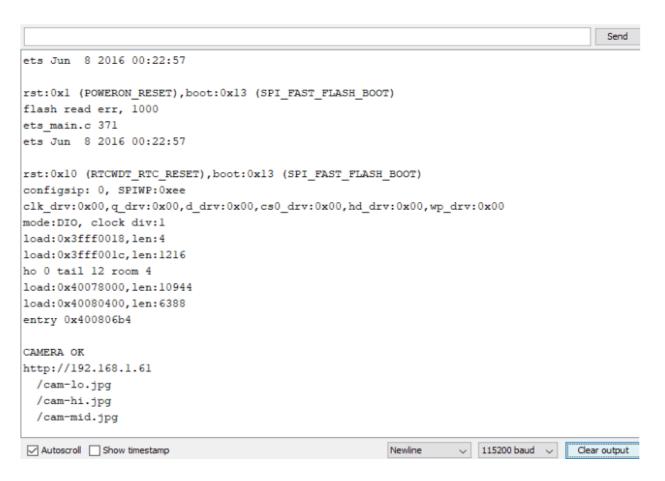


Figure 5

Here the live feed from the camera has been sent to the IP address -192.168.1.61 in three different resolutions. Now we have to change the python code in the software in order to retrieve that live feed from the given IP address. The changed python code is shown below.

```
*Live stream and Object detection.py - C:\Users\acer\Desktop\Live stream and Object detection.py (3.10.2)
File Edit Format Run Options Window Help
 import cv2
 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
 import urllib.request
 import numpy as np
 import concurrent.futures
import requests
url='http://192.168.1.11/cam-hi.jpg'
data = 0
def run1():
     cv2.namedWindow("live transmission", cv2.WINDOW_AUTOSIZE)
          img resp=urllib.request.urlopen(url)
          imgnp=np.array(bytearray(img_resp.read()),dtype=np.uint8)
         im = cv2.imdecode(imgnp,-1)
         gray = cv2.cvtColor(im, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
         ret, thresh = cv2.threshold(gray, 0, 255, cv2.THRESH BINARY INV+cv2.THRESH OTSU)
         contours, hierarchy = cv2.findContours(thresh, cv2.RETR EXTERNAL, cv2.CHAIN APPROX SIMPLE)
         for cnt in contours:
              area = cv2.contourArea(cnt)
              x, y, w, h = cv2.boundingRect(cnt)
              if area>20 and w>20 and h>20:
    cv2.rectangle(im, (x,y), (x+w, y+h), (0, 255, 0), 2)
                   cv2.putText(im, str(area), (x,y), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1, (0, 0, 255), 2)
if area>100000 and area<110000:
    cv2.putText(im, "Object Detected", (x, y+h), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 1, (0, 0, 255), 2)</pre>
                   else:
                   response = requests.post("http://192.168.1.11/post-request", json=data)
                   print (response.text)
          cv2.imshow('live transmission',im)
          key=cv2.waitKey(5)
          if key==ord('q'):
     cv2.destroyAllWindows()
              == '__main__
      name
     print("started")
     with concurrent.futures.ProcessPoolExecutor() as executer:
              f1= executer.submit(run1)
```

Figure 6

The output will be similar to the one shown under software implementation. Additionally, here it will display whether the object is detected or not under given width and height constraints.

Once the object is detected the stepper motor will be activated and the mechanical arm attached to it will push the product, hence product sortation will be completed. The stepper motor used for this is 28BYJ-48 5V stepper motor along with the ULN2003A driver module.

Power Supply

Power supply is the other main component of the project. First of all since this product is meant to be used in the product manufacturing industries, we have to convert the 230V AC current input into 5V DC current using a converter. When choosing the converter power constraints are essential. However, since the microcontroller, the camera and other small electronic components only require power amounts of milli Watt, we can simply use a 230V AC - 5V DC 3Watt converter to supply enough power for all needs in the circuit.

Furthermore, the OV2640 camera which is been used in the ESP32 Cam module requires few voltage inputs such as 5V, 3.3V, 2.8V and 1.2V. In order to cater for those needs we have used following voltage regulators in the power supply.

Voltage Level	Regulator Used
5V	Direct from the converter
3.3V	AMS1117-3.3V
2.8V	LM317T Adjustable Voltage Regulator
1.2V	LM317T Adjustable Voltage Regulator

Table 2

Schematic Designs – 25/03/2024 to 07/04/2024

Once all the Hardware component selections and testing are done it's time to design the schematics for the PCB. This will mainly include the schematics for the ESP32 Cam module and the power supply including the regulators. The schematics have been designed in a hierarchical approach where the ESP32 Cam module, power supply and PSRAM schematics will come under the main schematic as follows.

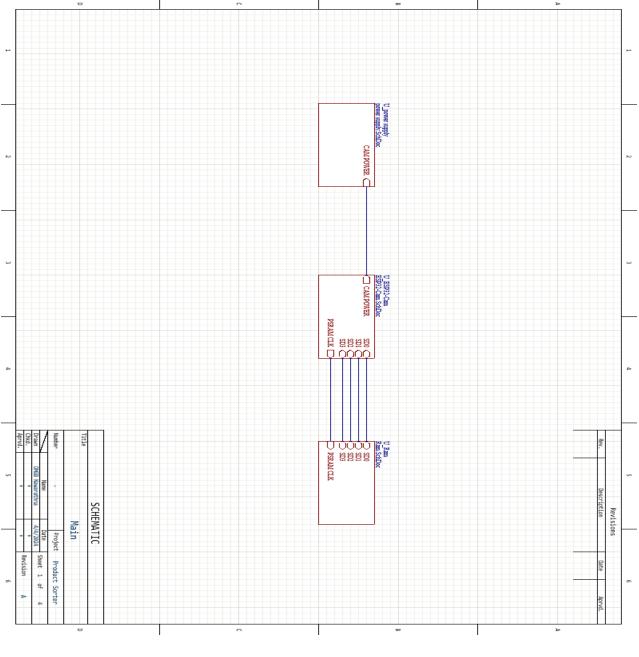


Figure 7

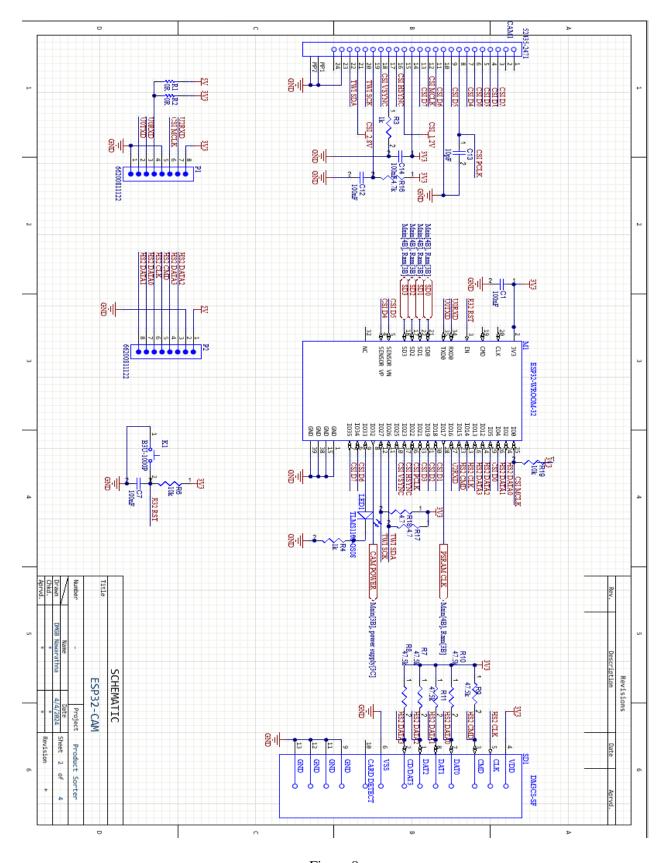


Figure 8

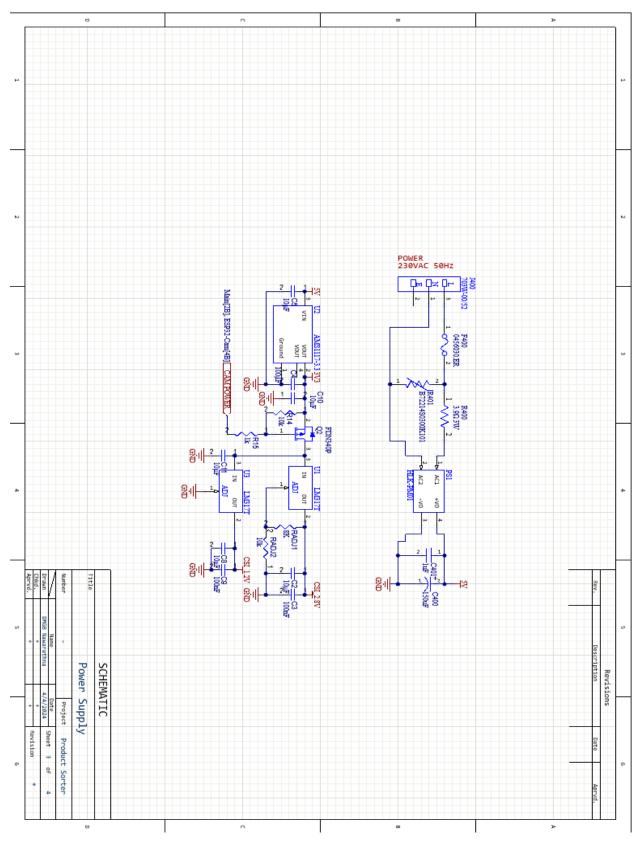


Figure 9

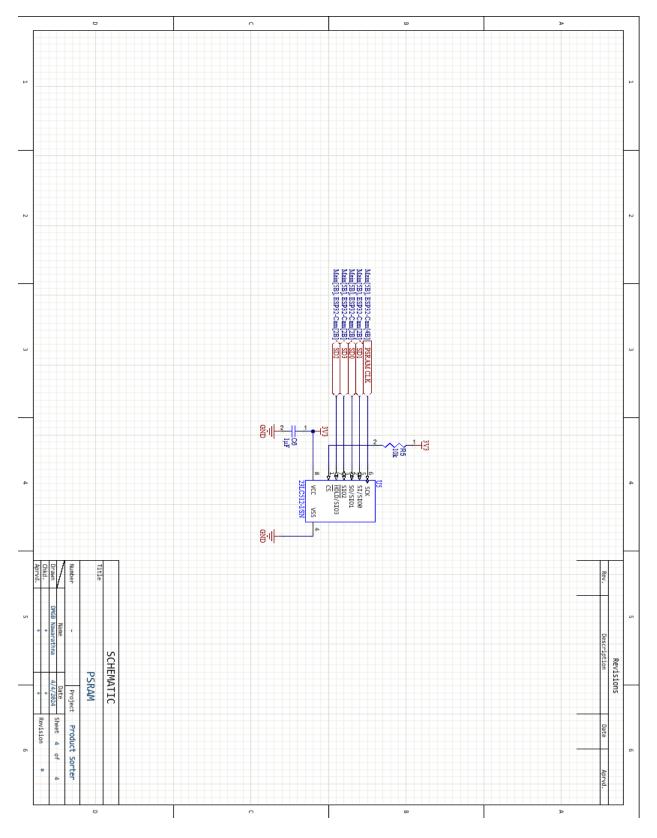


Figure 10

PCB Design - 08/04/2024 to 14/04/2024

Once the schematics are finalized using a PCB designing software (Altium) we extract the components into the PCB, placed them carefully and routed them. The finalized 2D and 3D PCBs are shown below.

2D Design

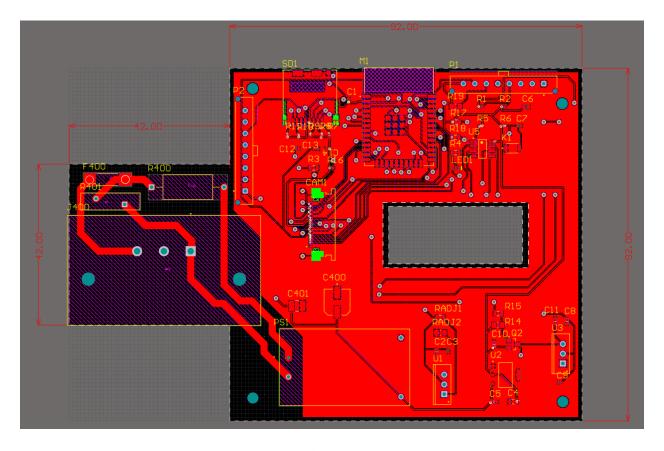


Figure 11

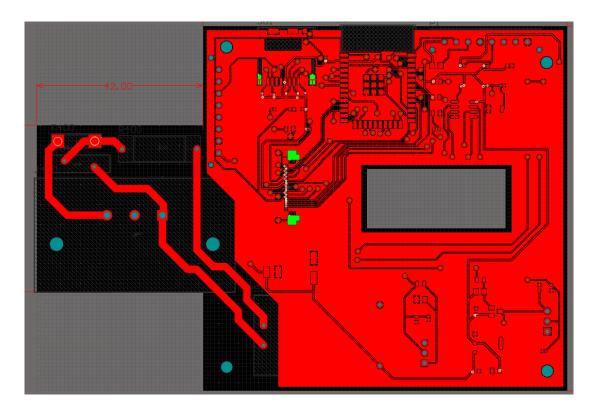


Figure 12

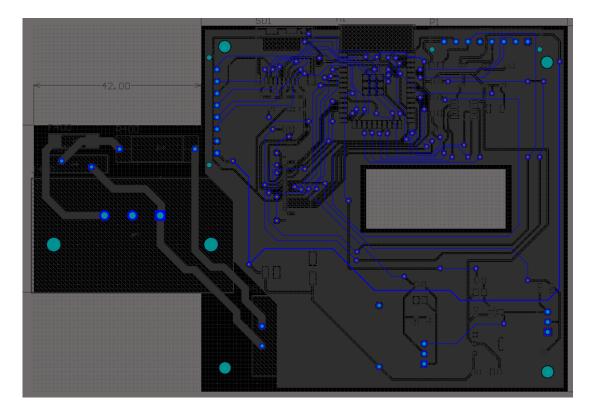


Figure 13

3D Design

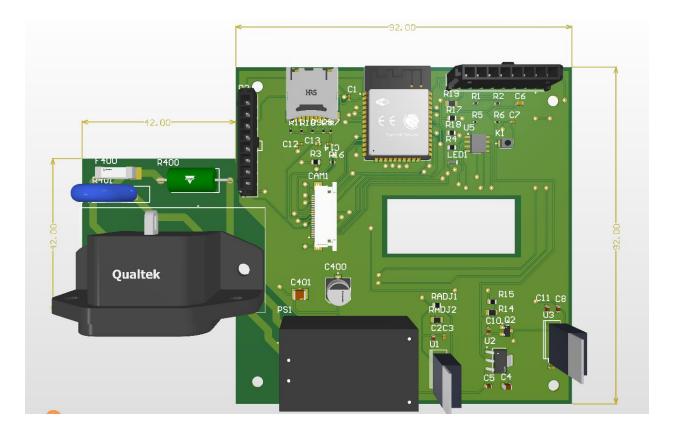


Figure 14

Once the design is finalized we adjusted the PCB constraints according to JLCPCB constraints and ensured there are no errors for the PCB print. Next, the design was sent for the printing process.

SolidWorks Design – 15/04/2024 to 28/04/2024

While the PCB is being printed, we designed the enclosure. The main idea of the enclosure is that it should hold the camera above the conveyor belt. Therefore, it should have a tower kind of structure which will stand on one side of the conveyor belt holding the camera above it. Further, it should have a bar perpendicular to the tower. That bar will carry the stepper motor which will operate the mechanical arm and push the product on the conveyor belt when necessary. The design is shown below.

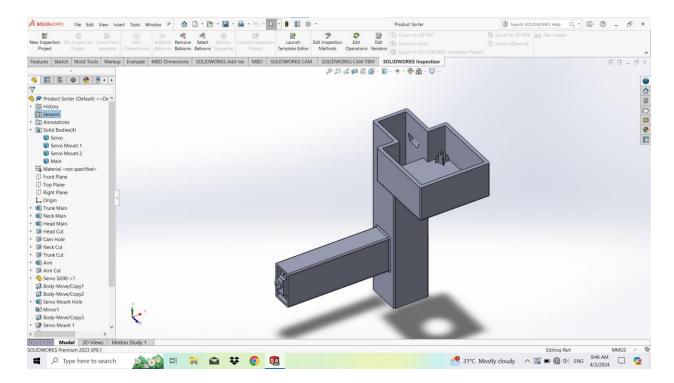


Figure 15

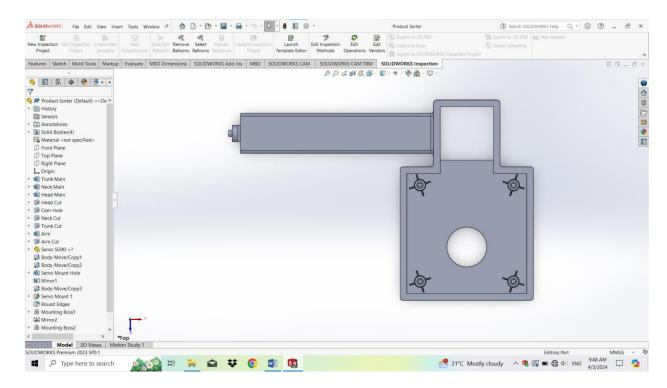


Figure 16

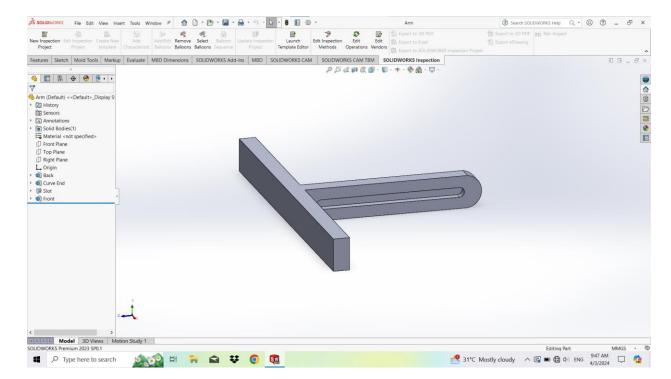


Figure 17

Once the solidworks design is completed and finalized, it was sent for the printing process as well.

Final Steps and Conclusion

Once the printed PCB is received, it was soldered and tested. Next the completed PCB was integrated with the printed enclosure and the final tests were run.

In summary, the journey towards developing the Product Sorting Conveyor Belt using Computer Vision technology has been characterized by meticulous planning and innovative design. Guided by stakeholder needs and a commitment to excellence, significant progress has been made from conceptualization to final design.

As we advance to prototype development and integration, we remain focused on validating performance and refining the system based on user feedback. Ultimately, this project represents a leap forward in industrial sorting technology, driven by innovation and customer satisfaction. With confidence in the approach, I anticipate delivering a solution that will redefine product sorting in industrial environments.

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Appendix

Daily Log Entry

Date	Entry
14/02/2024	Installed OpenCV and setting up the environment
20/02/2024 - 02/03/2024	Software implemented using python and OpenCV
08/03/2024	Came up with three conceptual designs
10/03/2024	Purchased hardware modules for testing
14/03/2024 - 18/03/2024	Hardware implementation and coding using arduino
20/03/2024	Evaluated all conceptual designs and finalized one preliminary design
20/03/2024 - 22/03/2024	Changed the software code in order to adjust with the hardware
	implementation
26/03/2024	Started drawing schematics
04/04/2024	Finalized the schematic designs and initiated the PCB design
08/04/2024	Finalized the PCB design
16/04/2024	Started designing the enclosure using Solidworks
24/04/2024	Sent the PCB for printing
28/04/2024	Finalized the Solidworks design
03/05/2024	Retrieved the printed PCB
07/05/2024	Purchased components required for the PCB
08/06/2024	3D printed the enclosure
14/06/2024	Soldered the PCB components

Table 3

Code in Previous Submission (Using Arduino Libraries)

```
1_EDR.ino
   #include <WebServer.h>
       #include <WiFi.h>
       #include <esp32cam.h>
       #define LEDTEST 15
       const char* WIFI_SSID = "SLT-ADSL-WIFI";
const char* WIFI_PASS = "med2490779";
   8
  10
       WebServer server(80);
  11
       static auto loRes = esp32cam::Resolution::find(320, 240);
  12
  13
       static auto midRes = esp32cam::Resolution::find(350, 530);
  14
       static auto hiRes = esp32cam::Resolution::find(800, 600);
  15
        void serveJpg()
  16
          auto frame = esp32cam::capture();
  17
         if (frame == nullptr) {
  18
          Serial.println("CAPTURE FAIL");
           server.send(503, "", "");
          /*Serial.printf("CAPTURE OK %dx%d %db\n", frame->getWidth(), frame->getHeight(),
          | | | | | static_cast<int>(frame->size()));
  24
  25
         server.setContentLength(frame->size());
server.send(200, "image/jpeg");
WiFiClient client = server.client();
  26
  27
  28
  29
          frame->writeTo(client);
  30
  31
        void handleJpgLo()
  32
  33
   34
           if (!esp32cam::Camera.changeResolution(loRes)) {
   35
           Serial.println("SET-LO-RES FAIL");
   36
   37
           serveJpg();
   38
   39
        void handleJpgHi()
   40
   41
   42
           if (!esp32cam::Camera.changeResolution(hiRes)) {
   43
             Serial.println("SET-HI-RES FAIL");
   44
   45
          serveJpg();
  46
  47
        void handleJpgMid()
  48
   49
   50
           if (!esp32cam::Camera.changeResolution(midRes)) {
             Serial.println("SET-MID-RES FAIL");
   53
           serveJpg();
   54
   55
   56
        void handlePostRequest() {
   57
           String postData = server.arg("plain");
           //Serial.print("Received POST data: ");
   59
           //Serial.println(postData);
           if(postData == "1"){
   60
   61
             Serial.println("Object Detected!");
   62
             digitalWrite(LEDTEST, HIGH);
   63
   64
             delay(2000);
   65
             digitalWrite(LEDTEST, LOW);
   66
```

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67
         }
// Process the received data here
68
 69
         server.send(200, "text/plain", "POST data received by ESP32");
 70
 71
 72
 73
       void setup(){
 74
 75
         pinMode(LEDTEST, OUTPUT);
         Serial.begin(115200);
 76
         Serial.println();
 77
 78
 79
           using namespace esp32cam;
 80
           Config cfg;
           cfg.setPins(pins::AiThinker);
 81
 82
           cfg.setResolution(hiRes);
           cfg.setBufferCount(2);
 83
 84
           cfg.setJpeg(80);
 85
           bool ok = Camera.begin(cfg);
Serial.println(ok ? "CAMERA OK" : "CAMERA FAIL");
 86
 87
 88
         WiFi.persistent(false);
 89
 90
         WiFi.mode(WIFI_STA);
         WiFi.begin(WIFI_SSID, WIFI_PASS);
 91
         while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
 92
          delay(500);
93
 94
         Serial.print("http://");
 95
 96
         Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());
        Serial.println(" /cam-lo.jpg");
Serial.println(" /cam-hi.jpg");
Serial.println(" /cam-mid.jpg");
 97
 98
 99
100
          server.on("/cam-lo.jpg", handleJpgLo);
server.on("/cam-hi.jpg", handleJpgHi);
server.on("/cam-mid.jpg", handleJpgMid);
101
102
103
104
          // Add handler for the POST request
105
          server.on("/post-request", HTTP_POST, handlePostRequest);
106
107
          server.begin();
108
109
110
111
        void loop()
112
113
          server.handleClient();
114
```