

# Paintball Environment Tactical Engagement Recon System (P.E.T.E.R.S.)

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# Introduction

- ▶ In the game of paintball, there are a lot of distractions that prevent players from coordinating with teammates as efficiently as possible.
- ▶ Distractions Include
  - Determining Team Location
  - Paintball Availability
  - Air Pressure Availability
- ▶ This project aims to provide a solution for the most common and most frequent issues that players face on the field.



# Introduction - Equipment Overview

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# Problem Statement

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- ▶ Our research indicates that there is currently no single product available that addresses all of the most common distractions that a player faces while playing the game of paintball.
- ▶ We plan to utilize various sensors, a display, and a communication network to develop a single system which alleviates these distractions.



# Background Research - Requirements

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In order to design a system that addresses the previously mentioned problem statement, the following requirements were derived:

- ▶ The system shall:
  - ▶ Collect real-time data on user provisions (paint and pressure levels)
  - ▶ Track user location
  - ▶ Process data to be displayed to the user
  - ▶ Share user location with teammates
  - ▶ Display information on user provisions, user location, and teammate location

# Background Research

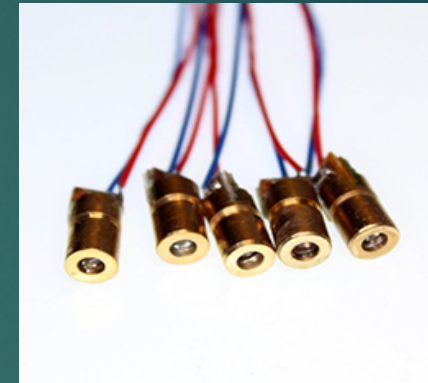
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## Requirement - Collecting Data On User Provisions



### Air Pressure Levels

- ▶ Existing Solution - Analog Gauge
- ▶ **Chosen Solution - Retrofit Pressure Sensor**
  - Honeywell MLH06KPSB10A
  - Operating Pressure: 0 – 6000 psi
  - Operating Supply Voltage: 5V



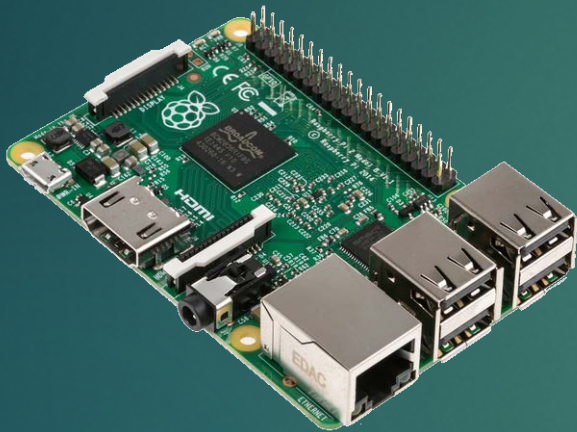
### Paintball Levels

- ▶ Existing Solution – Visual Inspection, Clear Hopper
- ▶ Considered Solution - Counting Paintballs Expelled
  - User Defines Paintball Input
- ▶ **Chosen Solution - Break Beam Level Indicator**

# Background Research

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Requirement - Processing Data to be Displayed to User



Raspberry Pi 2



Arduino Uno

- Python Language - Balance of flexibility, performance, and portability
- Kivy – Community driven python GUI design tools that translate well to Android systems





# Background Research

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Requirement - Sharing User Location with Teammates



Wi-Fi



Bluetooth



ZigBee

Ranking: (Best) 1 - Worst (4)	Architecture	Range Capability	Link Speed	Integration Complexity	Cost
WiFi	Central	2	1	1	4
Bluetooth	P2P	4	3	2	9
Zigbee	Mesh	3	4	3	10
CDMA/4G	Central	1	2	4	7

# Background Research

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Requirement - Display Information on User Provisions, User Location, and Teammate Location

Requirement - Track User Location



Recon Snow2 HUD

	Price	Viewing Angle	Resolution	Screen Size	Built-in Sensors	Support	Modularity	Connectivity	Cost
Google Glass	3	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	15
GlassUp	1	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	20
Recon Snow2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	11

# Background Research - Standards

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- ▶ Standard ECMA-404 (*JSON Data Interchange Format*)
- ▶ Standard IEEE 802.11 – Wi-Fi
- ▶ Standard IEEE 802.15 - Bluetooth
- ▶ EPA regulation 40 CFR 273.13(a) (Waste management requirements for small quantity handlers of universal waste batteries)



# Proposed Solution

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A system consisting of the following:

- ▶ Honeywell Pressure Sensor mounted to air tank regulator
  - Collects real time data on available pressure in tank
- ▶ Hopper with Break Beam System
  - Monitors available paint levels in hopper
- ▶ Raspberry Pi 2 with Wi-Fi/Bluetooth Dongles
  - Processes data
  - Share data between users
- ▶ Recon Snow2 Heads Up Display (HUD)
  - Displays Information to the user

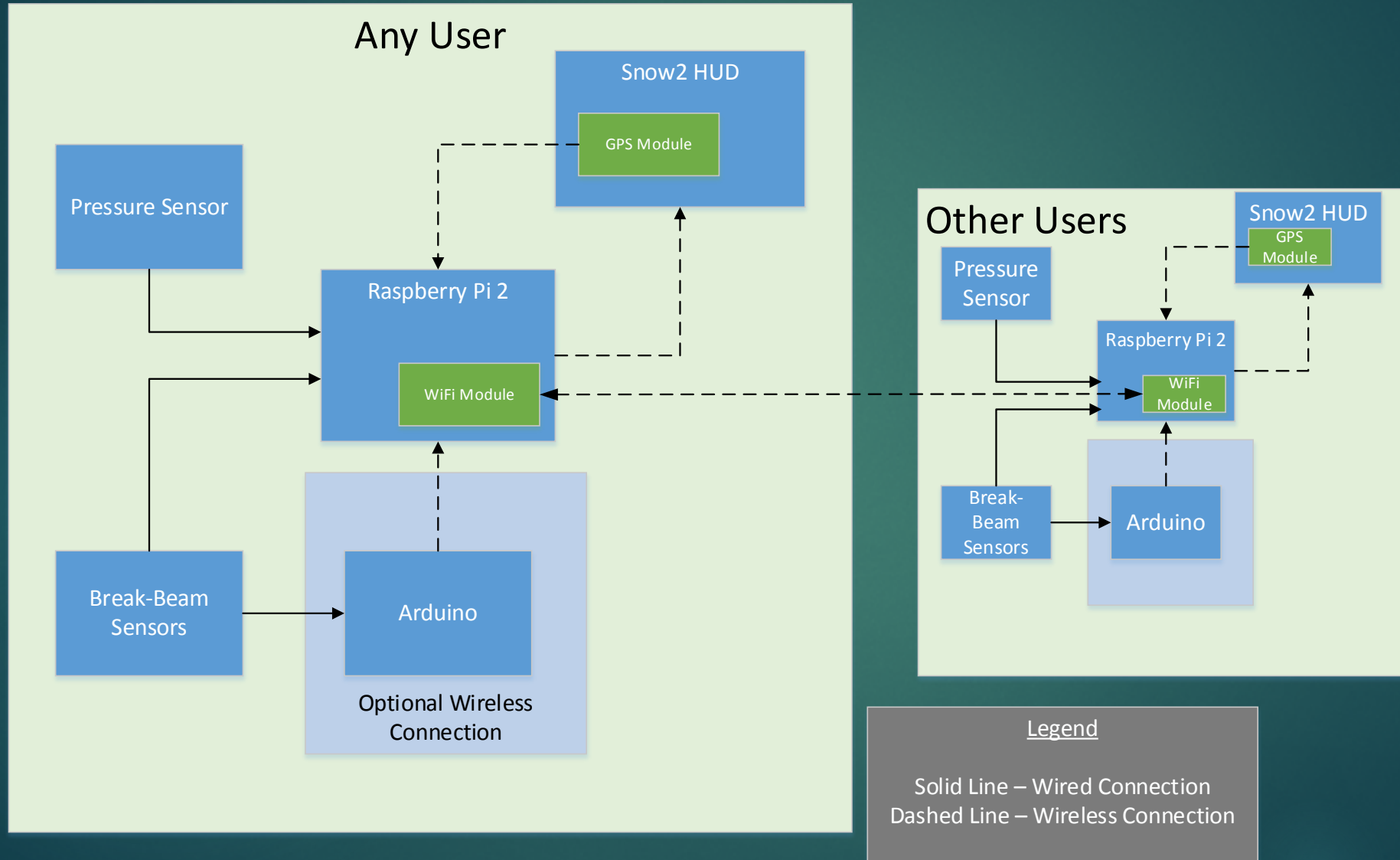
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# Proposed Solution – Block Diagram

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# Proposed Solution – Feasibility

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- ▶ Use of commercial-off-the-shelf products (C.O.T.S.) helps to satisfy our requirements
  - Pressure Sensor found that fits the requirements
  - Recon Snow2 has built-in GPS module, and many other features
  - Raspberry Pi 2 satisfies the processing requirement
- ▶ By compartmentalizing the project into smaller tasks, the overall project becomes more manageable

# Fall Progress – Hardware

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- ▶ All equipment purchased and acquired
- ▶ Honeywell Pressure sensor mounted and tested in 2 locations
- ▶ Gathered important data using Arduino
- ▶ Preliminary Break Beam Feasibility Test Completed

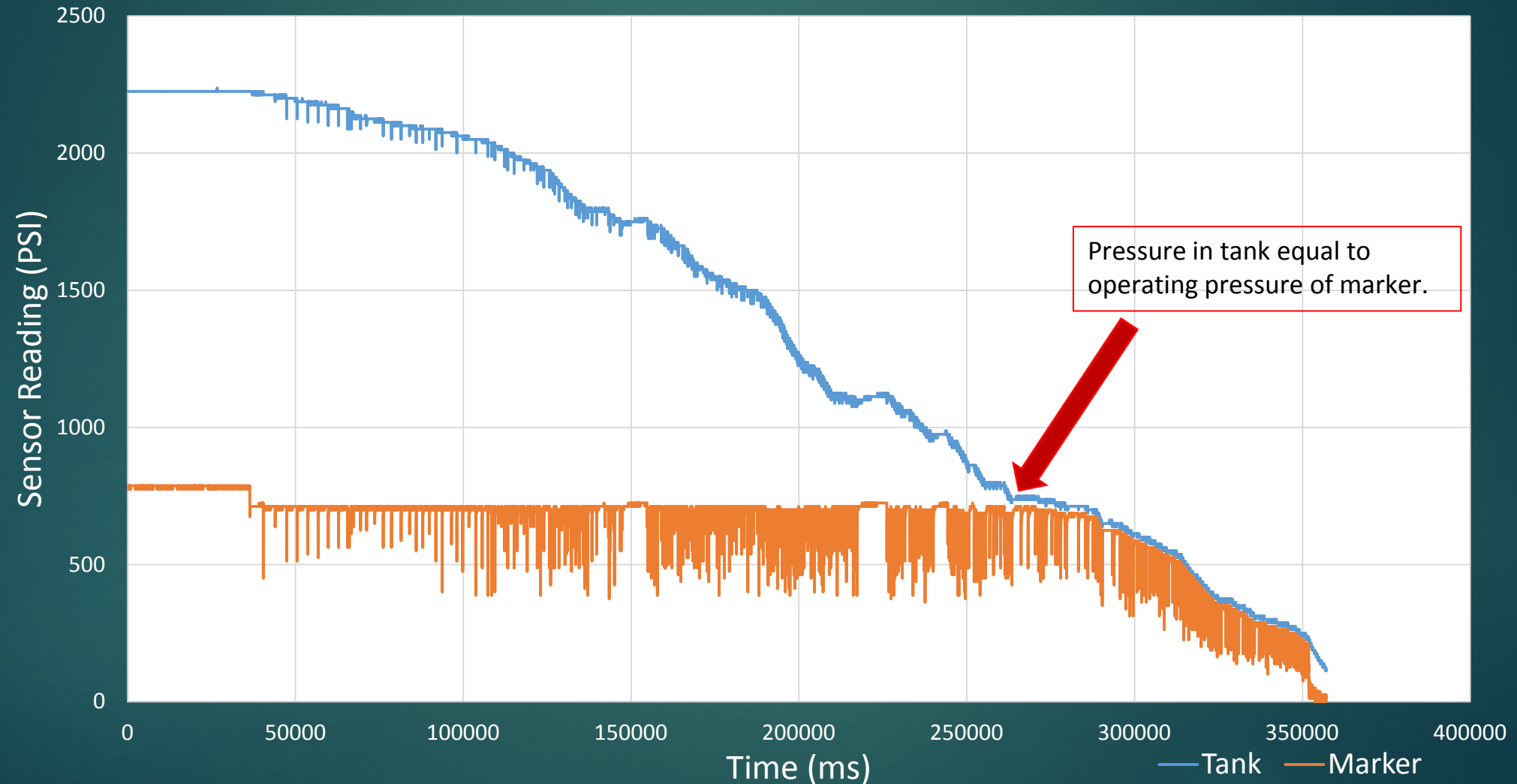


A – Pressure Sensor Mounted on Marker  
B – Pressure Sensor Mounted on Tank

# Fall Progress – Pressure Sensor Data

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Pressure Sensor Data Comparison by Location





# Fall Progress - Software

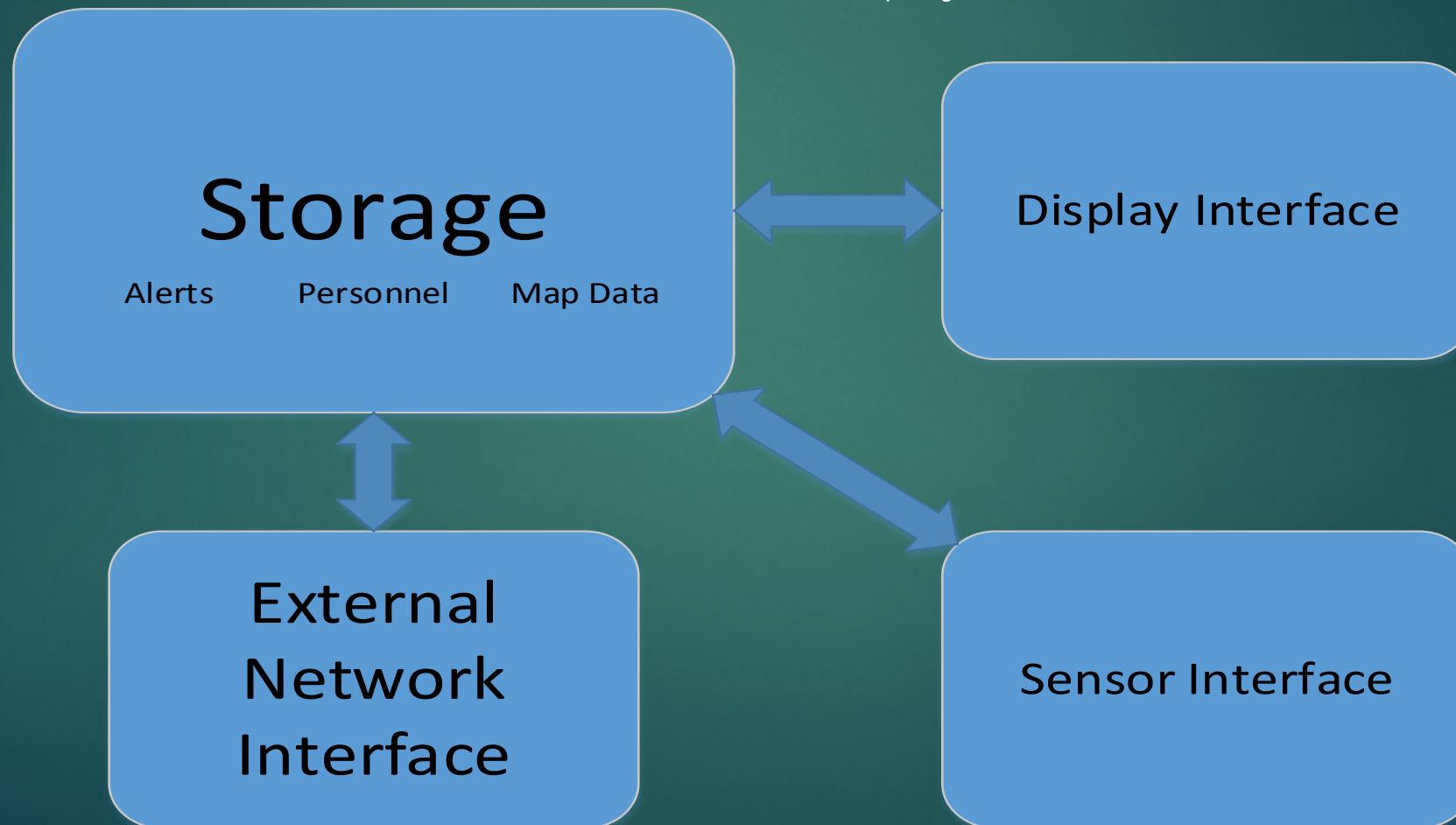
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- ▶ Base classes for GUI display framework
  - ▶ Moving Map Overlay
    - ▶ Utility classes (i.e. Latitude/Longitude to Pixel Position)
    - ▶ Supplemental classes (i.e. overlay constructors, icons, alert formatting, etc.)
  - ▶ Air Tank Readout and Paint Level Overlay
- ▶ Python Application Packaging for Android
- ▶ Data Collecting Utility
  - ▶ Gathered important data from Pressure Sensor
  - ▶ Paint detection algorithm

# Fall Progress – Software Architecture

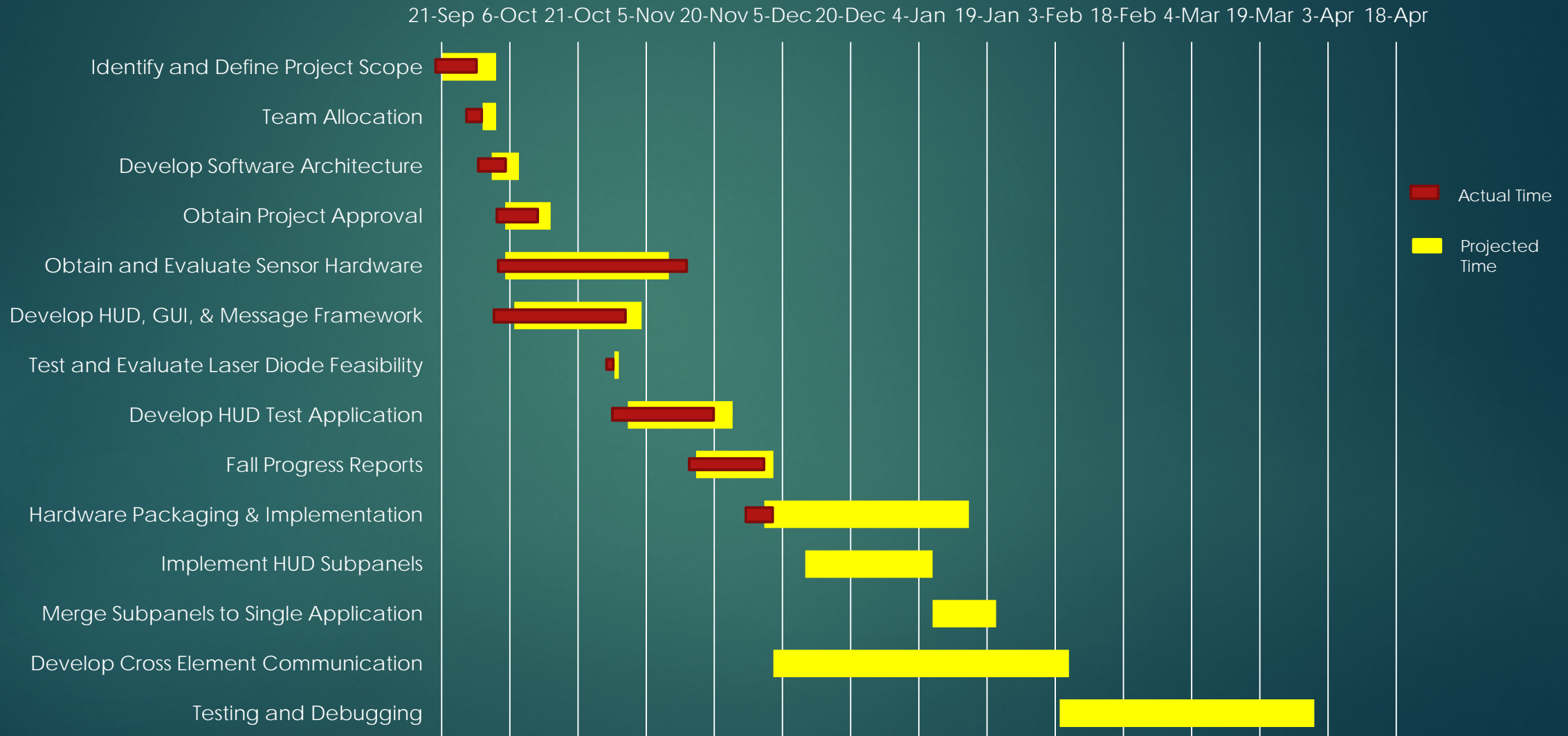
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- ▶ Basic network framework
  - ▶ Communication of JSON formatted messages
  - ▶ Uniform solution to communicate between PI, display, sensors and users



# Work Schedule / Timeline

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# Team Member Responsibility

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Team Member	Completed	In Progress	Future
Richard Taylor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Graphical Display Framework</li><li>Assisted with Wireless Data Transfer Framework</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Application Packaging for HUD</li><li>Implementing Moving Map Subpanel</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Further GUI Subpanel Implementation</li></ul>
Brett Reich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Threaded Network Sockets</li><li>JSON Message Passing</li><li>Shared Message Server</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Application Packaging for HUD</li><li>Map Data URL Generation</li><li>Map Data Downloading</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Map Data Storage</li><li>Sensor Data Storage</li><li>Automatic Unit Detection</li></ul>
Kenneth Hale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sensor Research</li><li>Sensor Test and Evaluation</li><li>Data Collection Methods</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Software Development Ramp-up</li><li>Assist in Break Beam System Development</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assist in GUI Development</li><li>Product Packaging</li><li>Break Beam Software Development</li></ul>
Anthony (AJ) Schmidt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sensor Research</li><li>Sensor Test and Evaluation</li><li>Data Collection Methods</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Break Beam Hardware Development</li><li>Hopper Design</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hopper Construction</li><li>Product Packaging</li><li>Mask Modification</li></ul>
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# Budget - Industrial

Planned Expenses	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YEAR
Employee Costs													
Wages	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$300,000.00
Benefits	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$81,000.00
Subtotal	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$31,750.00	\$381,000.00

Office Costs													
Office lease	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	\$20,640.00
Gas	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$1,350.00
Electric	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$1,450.00
Water	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$300.00
Telephone	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$300.00
Internet access	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$900.00
Office supplies	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$480.00
Subtotal	\$2,165.00	\$2,165.00	\$2,165.00	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	\$2,165.00	\$2,165.00	\$25,420.00

Unit Component Cost													
(2) Micro-Bluetooth 4.0 LE	\$17.98												\$17.98
(2) Micro-SD 16GB (Sony 70Mbps)	\$17.98												\$17.98
(2) CanaKit Raspberry Pi-2 + Case	\$93.98												\$93.98
(2) Reacon Snow2 (HUD)	\$798.00												\$798.00
Reacon Snow2 (HUD + Goggles)	\$549.00												\$549.00
(2) MLH05KPSL06A Pressure Sensor	\$292.28												\$292.28
(2) Edimax EW-781Un Wi-Fi Adapter	\$19.98												\$19.98
(2) AA Battery Pack	\$38.98												\$38.98
Laser Diodes 5-pack	\$11.89												\$11.89
Photo-Resistors 20-pack	\$4.69												\$4.69
Misc Materials	\$83.11												\$83.11
Subtotal	\$1,927.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,927.87

Total - \$408,347.87

TOTALS													
Monthly Planned Expenses	\$35,842.87	\$33,915.00	\$33,915.00	\$33,835.00	\$33,835.00	\$33,835.00	\$33,835.00	\$33,835.00	\$33,835.00	\$33,835.00	\$33,915.00	\$33,915.00	\$408,347.87
TOTAL Planned Expenses	\$35,842.87	\$69,757.87	\$103,672.87	\$137,507.87	\$171,342.87	\$205,177.87	\$239,012.87	\$272,847.87	\$306,682.87	\$340,517.87	\$374,432.87	\$408,347.87	

# Budget – Out of Pocket

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Model Name	Unit Cost	Units	Sub-total
AA Battery Pack	\$19.49	2	\$38.98
Micro-Bluetooth 4.0 LE	\$8.99	2	\$17.98
Micro-SD 16GB (Sony 70Mb/s)	\$8.99	2	\$17.98
CanaKit Raspberry Pi 2 + case	\$46.99	2	\$93.98
SNOW2 (HUD only)	\$399.00	2	\$798.00
MLH05KPSL06A – Pressure Sensor	\$146.14	2	\$292.28
Photo-Resistor (20pcs)	\$4.69	1	\$4.69
SNOW2 (HUD + Goggles)	\$549.00	1	\$549.00
Laser Diode (5 pcs)	\$3.54	1	\$3.54
Edimax EW-7811Un Wi-Fi Adapter	\$9.99	2	\$19.98
Female / Male / Male 1/8th	36.47	1	\$36.47
Shipping (for goggles)	\$54.99	1	\$54.99
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,927.87</b>
		<b>Per Person</b>	<b>\$385.57</b>



# Potential Societal Impacts

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- ▶ Targets existing players and large gaming community
- ▶ Potential to get thousands of people out of the house and be more active
- ▶ Possible Integration into Civil Service/Military Applications



# Summary

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- ▶ Important technological change to a popular game
  - ▶ Eliminate common game distractions
  - ▶ Enable players to utilize pertinent data
- ▶ A lot of work to be done, but a lot had been accomplished
  - ▶ External sensors tested and mounted
  - ▶ Initial Laser Diode testing for low paint count
  - ▶ Networking Software framework developed
  - ▶ Display Software framework developed

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# Questions

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# Challenges Found

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## ► Hardware

- Acquiring pressure sensor data that satisfied the real-time requirement
- Acquiring a viable solution to paint level indication

## ► Software

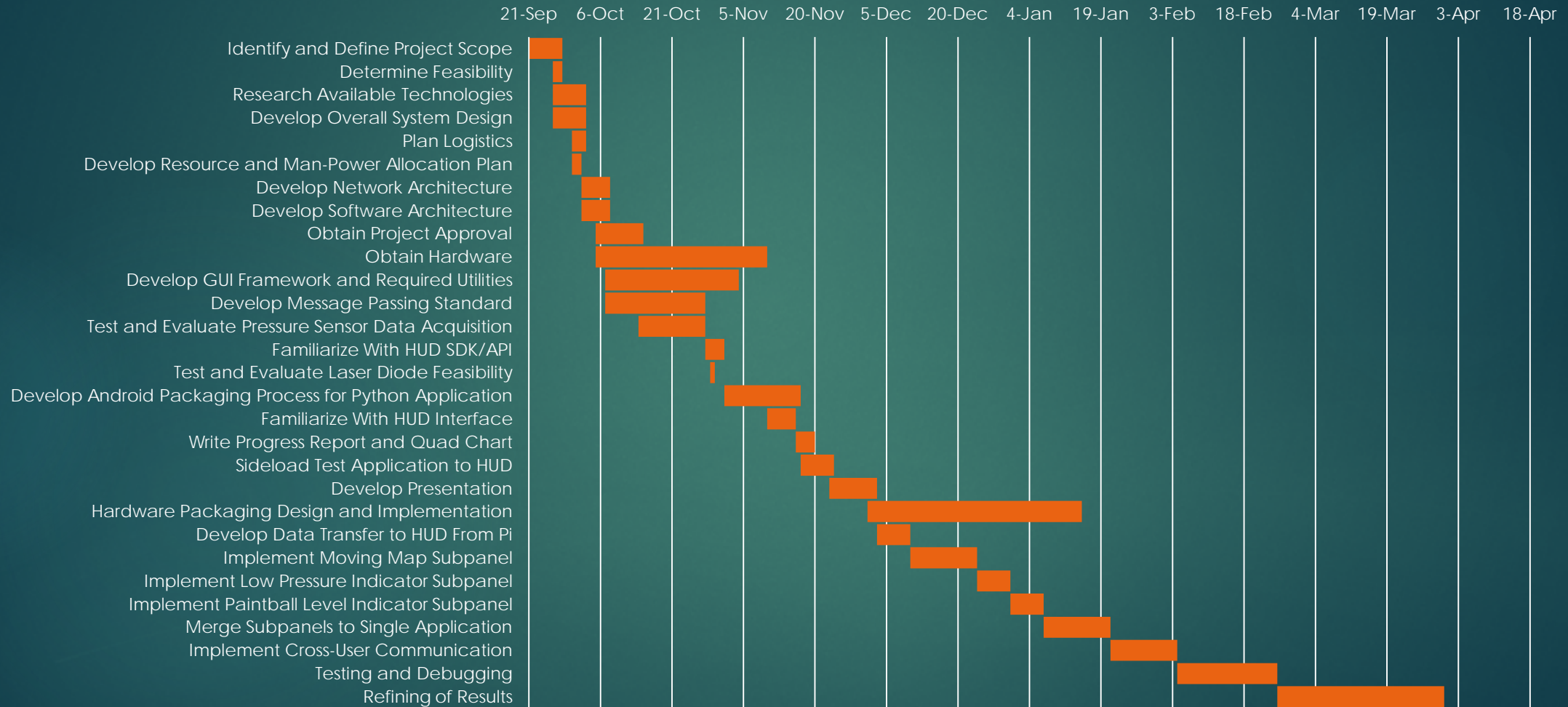
- Different map projection types creates multiple problem sets in terms of determining player position on the map
- Kivy's *Buildozer* APK-build tool setup

## - General

- Project Logistics

# Work Schedule / Timeline

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# Break-Beam Circuit

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