Final Project Documentation

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Introduction

• Carberry Pi is an automotive application of a mini-computer in the car. As the quintessential project for my undergraduate studies, this concept provides a deep-dive into an area of future interest.

Hardware

Carberry Pi requires a few tools of the trade.

Namely:

- Raspberry Pi (this project uses a Raspberry Pi 3 model B)
- Professional Grade OBDII Cable
- Raspberry Pi Touchscreen
- DS3231 RTC IC (Real Time Clock)

Carberry Pi Software

Dashboard

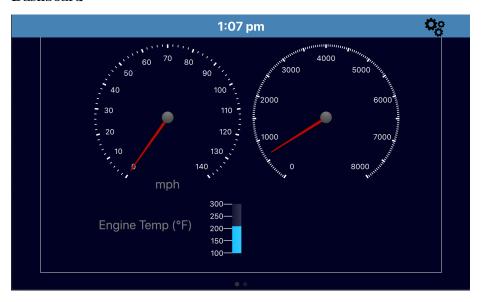


Figure 1: Dashboard

Diagnostics

Configuration

• Currently a work-in-progress

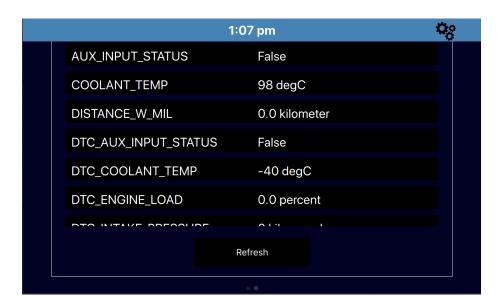


Figure 2: Diagnostics

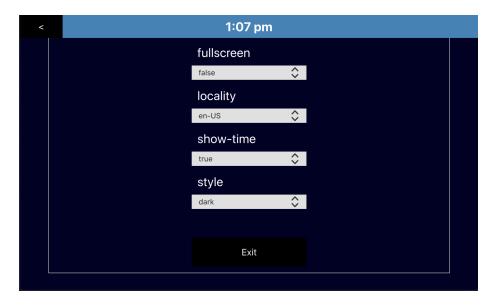


Figure 3: Configuration

Architecture

Written in

- Backend: Python
 - Utilizes python-obd library for OBD information
- Frontend: PyQt (Qt-Quick Focused) Javascript

Interface Architecture

- Dynamic loading allows react-like module instantiation and destruction
 - Each component is loaded into a view as a separate entity
 - These components can then be pushed/popped onto or from the mainstackview
 - A separate script (javascript) manages the creation/destruction of the back button
- Time
 - The time is based on the RTC (Real Time Clock) of the Raspberry Pi itself.
 - As such, changing the locality has no effect on the time value.

Connecting the Pieces

// tutorial with picture layout of connecting each component

Getting Up and Running

Recommended OS: DietPi

The *DietPi* (debian-based) operating system distribution acts as a lightweight desktop environment for running GUIs on the Pi.

Of Course, you may run this application on another operating system of your choosing.

Recommended DE: LXDE

This project uses LXDE as it is a lightweight desktop environment that suits the limited hardware of the Rasperry Pi wonderfully.

** The autostart functionality of the installation script requires LXDE.

** The use of another desktop environment will require appending a command that executes the *start_carberry.sh* script to the startup file of the respective DE.