



ADVANCED VEHICLE BLACKBOX

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Problem Background



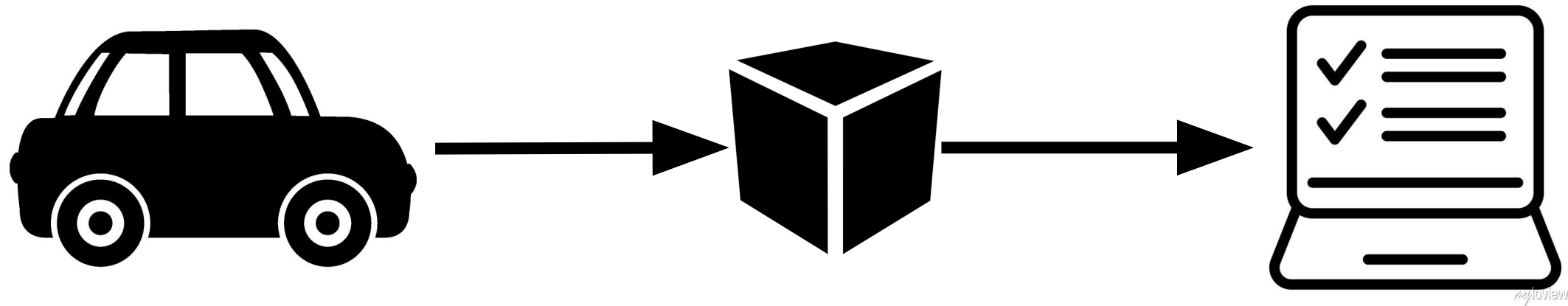
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- Chances of collision increase as drivers perform unsafe maneuvers.
- Drivers are unaware of their driving behaviours.
- Insurance companies charge for insurance based on assumptions of age and car model. Creates unfair system.
- Accidents are preventable.



Needs Statement

- Drivers need to recognize their bad driving habits in order to determine areas of improvement and awareness of their consequences.
- Drivers need a device that constantly monitors their driving behavior.
- Drivers need a customized user interface that develops a holistic driving profile for them.



Goal and Objectives

The goal of this project is to encourage healthy and responsible driving practices through automatic, real-time monitoring systems. Incorporating a user-specific interface creates an accurate profile such that it increases self-awareness. We hope that by creating a time sensitive profile algorithm, we are able to realistically grasp a driver's current driving behavior and through consistent monitoring, reduce their chances of collisions or accidents.

Literature Review



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- Military Vehicle Blackbox - Ahmad Asi, Benjimin Chang, Mehdi Dadfarnia, Serge Kamta, and Ifzalul Khan
 - Prevent Data Loss: high-speed SSD, pressure sensor, GPS, data rotator software.
 - Funded by US Military
 - IoT-based Blackbox - Karthika M*, Anitha A
 - Data sent to IoT via ESP8266 chip
 - Alcohol sensor, gyroscopes, light and ultrasonic sensor
 - Output displayed in LCD Screen, saved on cloud
 - IoT-based Blackbox - IEEE
 - Similar to the above project
 - Sends text messages for data retrieval
 - Contacts medical assistance during collisions
 - Focus on protecting victims of car crashes.
 - DVR Dashcams
 - Contain Event Data Recorder
 - Cost-efficient
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Design Constraints and feasibility



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- Technical
 - We will be relying on a combination of wired and wireless sensor implementation (i.e OBD) to reduce wiring issues.
 - Proper Wiring is main focus here
 - Physical
 - We are designing our prototype with compactness in mind, in order to make our product accessible for various vehicles.
 - Our outside “hull” for our microcomputer will be 3-D printed such that it contains ports for outside connections and a space to fit the raspberry pi inside.
 - Economical
 - Provided \$600 Budget: Purchase of materials for embedded system
 - Remaining budget for unexpected purchases
 - Time
 - End of April
 - Create bi-weekly sprints + burn up charts.
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Evaluation of alternative solutions



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- Dash Cams
 - Standard dash cams lack the implementation of GPS, IMU and OBD
 - They are only helpful in the case of collision, as they keep videographic proof of lanes leading upto the collision.
 - Therefore, it cannot identify the driver's behavior because anyone can get into a bad accident, whether they are good or bad drivers.
 - Front+Rear Camera
 - Image recognition is expensive and difficult, making it a tough starting point for our project.
 - Does not guarantee accuracy and often requires training models several times on lane detection to get it to work well.
 - limits insightful data on a user's holistic driving behavior.
 - Standard IMU
 - IMU lacks insight from road conditions (i.e bumpy, traffic giving inconsistent speed reading) needed for an advanced driving detection system.
 - GPU based Web Platform
 - Location tracking and speed detection through GPS may lack context in situations where driving above or below the speed limit is realistic.
 - Speed Alert System
 - Creating an alarm system that sounds an alarm each time a user goes above speed limit can result in distracted drivers, causing them to be frustrated and reduce their focus from responsible driving.
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Proposed Design



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High Level Block Design

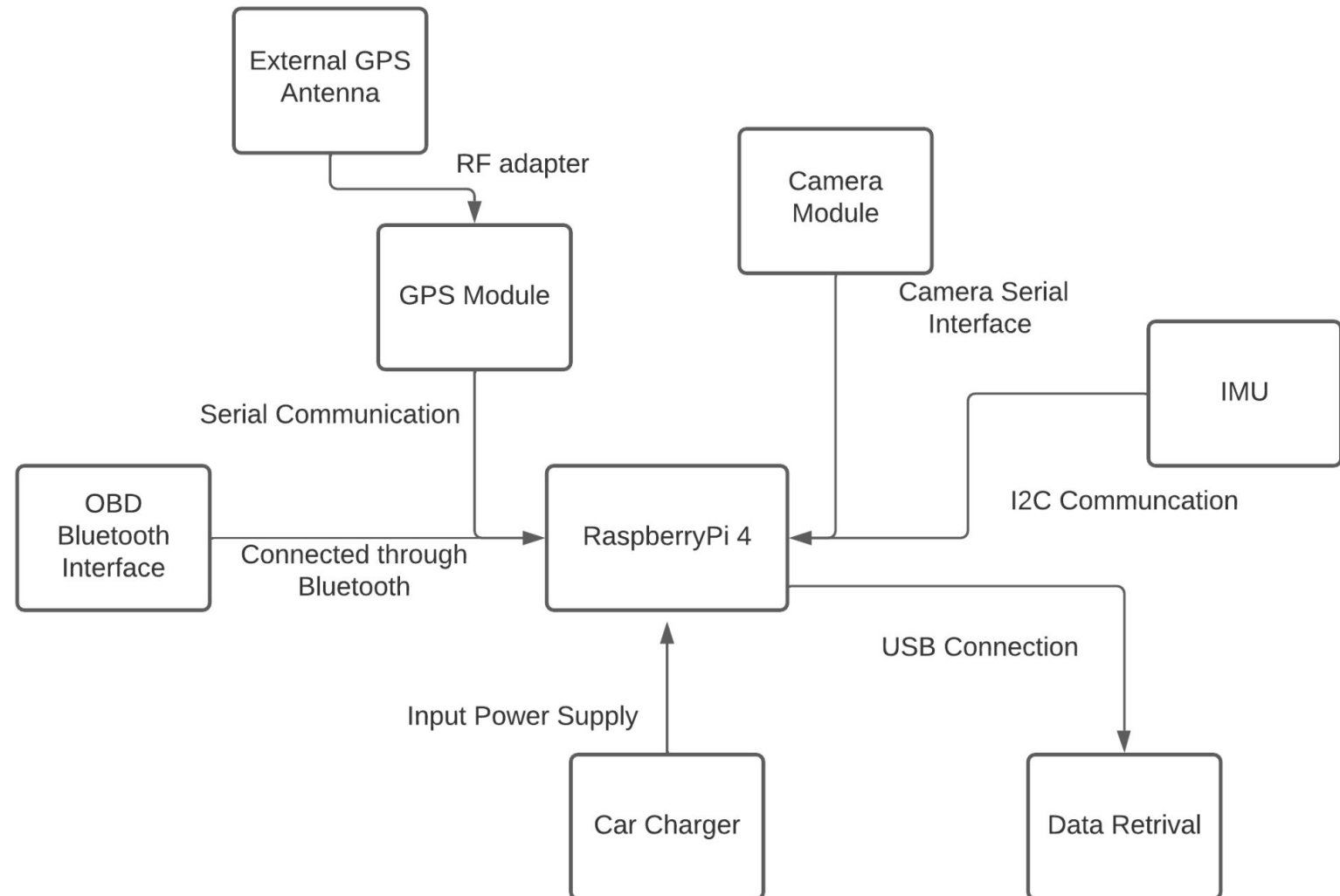


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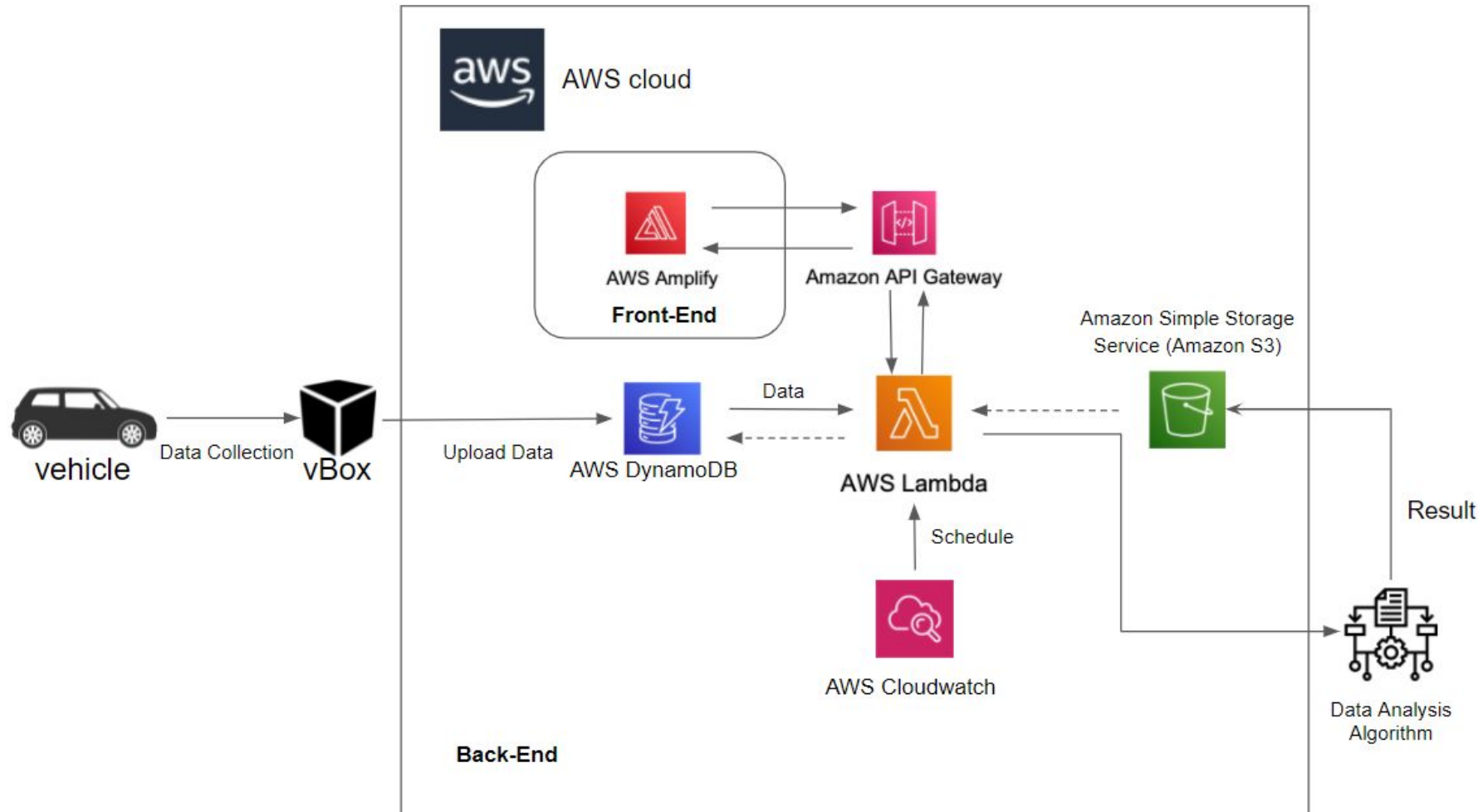
Sensor & Data Retrieval Flowchart



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Embedded
System Design
Flowchart

Approach for design validation



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Our design is intended to transition from prototype to final deployment through a series of layered testing that allows us to thoroughly examine the functionality of hardware and software aspects of our project.

- Hardware
 - Run simple python commands on Raspi terminal to check each sensor status.
 - Use multimeter to check soldering connection
 - Software
 - Viewing 'Transaction Logs' in SQL Server to check if new data entry has been made for a given timestamp
 - Usage Scenario
 - Slow-speed Area
 - Fast-lane roads
 - High Traffic Area
 - Rough Terrain Area
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- Total = \$345.50
- Economical viability: Volume Production \$250.
- Sustainability: Parts are ordinary common parts that can easily be found from more than one vendor
- Manufacturability: Highly modularized and flexible since data is handled on the cloud side

Description	Price	Quantity
Raspberry Pi 4 Camera	\$24.59	1
Adafruit GPS Hat	\$29.95	1
External GPS antenna	\$19.95	1
IMU (Accelerometer & Gyro)	\$14.95	1
Standoffs for Pi HATs	\$0.75	1
RF Adapter cable	\$3.95	1
Bluetooth interface OBD port	\$13.99	1
Raspberry Pi 4	\$167.95	1
SD card with 512 GB	\$29.99	1
Car charger for Raspberry Pi 4	\$14.44	1
Suction Cup Mount	\$24.99	1
3D Printed Enclosure	\$25.00	1

Schedule of tasks

Task #	Task Description	Start Date	End Date
1	Web Application starter code	02/17/2022	02/22/2022
2	Dashboard Design	02/22/2022	02/24/2022
3	Assemble and install Camera, IMU, GPS	02/24/2022	02/28/2022
4	Connect Raspberry Pi to Server	02/24/2022	02/28/2022
5	Connect OBD port interface	02/24/2022	02/28/2022
6	Setup AWS Database	02/24/2022	03/10/2022
7	Setup AWS Lambda & API	02/24/2022	03/10/2022
8	Obtain raw data from modules	02/28/2022	03/03/2022
9	Integrate OBD python library	02/28/2022	03/07/2022
10	Concurrently obtain data from GPS and OBD	03/08/2022	03/15/2022
11	Format data file	03/10/2022	03/24/2022
12	Record Camera video and store as needed	03/10/2022	03/20/2022
13	Retrieve data and make error handlings	03/15/2022	03/29/2022
14	WebApp Google API integration	03/10/2022	03/17/2022
15	WebApp: Login View	03/10/2022	03/17/2022
16	WebApp: Report View	03/10/2022	03/22/2022
17	Implement uploading data to server	03/17/2022	03/24/2022
18	Develop analyzing algorithm	03/22/2022	04/05/2022
19	Testing-WebApp displaying retrieved data	03/24/2022	04/07/2022
20	Determine metrics for reckless behavior	04/05/2022	04/12/2022
21	Final testing	04/05/2022	04/19/2022
22	Correct/Perform minor improvements	04/14/2022	04/21/2022

Major Tasks Schedule Breakdown:

- Assemble and install necessary packages of the modules by the 02/28/2022
- Software: Setup necessary AWS API functions, tables in database, among other AWS configurations by 03/10/2022
- Hardware: Working on concurrently obtaining and storing data of all the modules by 03/17/2022
- Web Application Development with basic data and APIs functionality: 03/24/2022
- Develop Analyzing Algorithm by 04/05/2022
- Metrics testing and final testing by April 19, 2022

Project Management and teamwork |

- Due to the project encompassing hardware and software at a similar level. The team will split into two groups:

Hardware



Software



Societal, safety and environmental analysis



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- Societal
 - Society benefits directly from reduced poor driving practices -- more saved lives.
 - Safety
 - Blackbox will be manufactured in a compact design such that driver's ability to drive is not impacted by the device
 - Environmental
 - Reducing carbon footprint through use of car's battery outlet instead of external source of power.
 - Reusing data during training purposes to reduce gas emissions caused from project
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We appreciate your attention
Questions?

