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Design Concept

- Online services create virtual barriers.
- **Network Buddy** uses technology to connect people.
- Meet people at all types of venues based on compatibility.



Approach

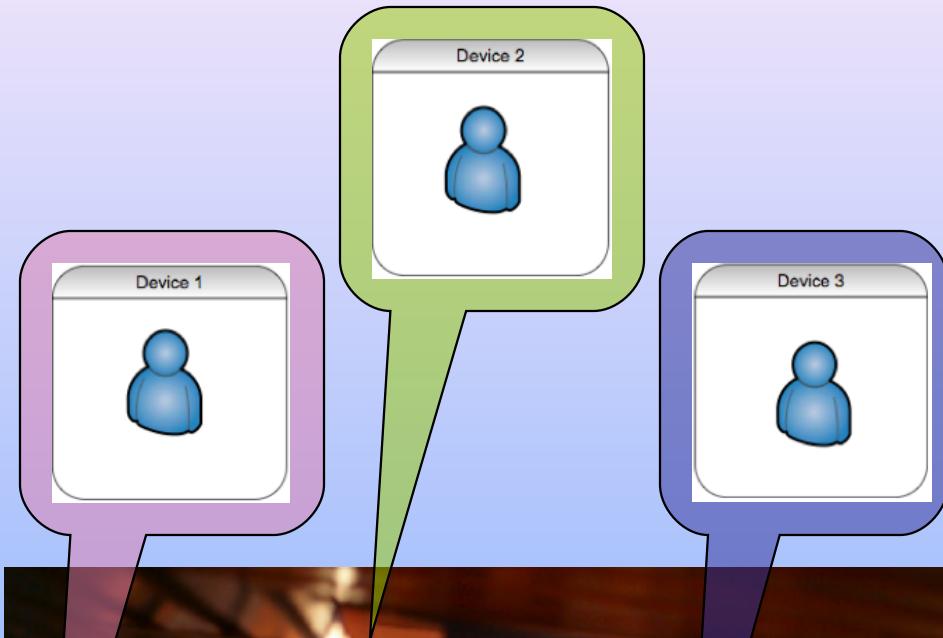
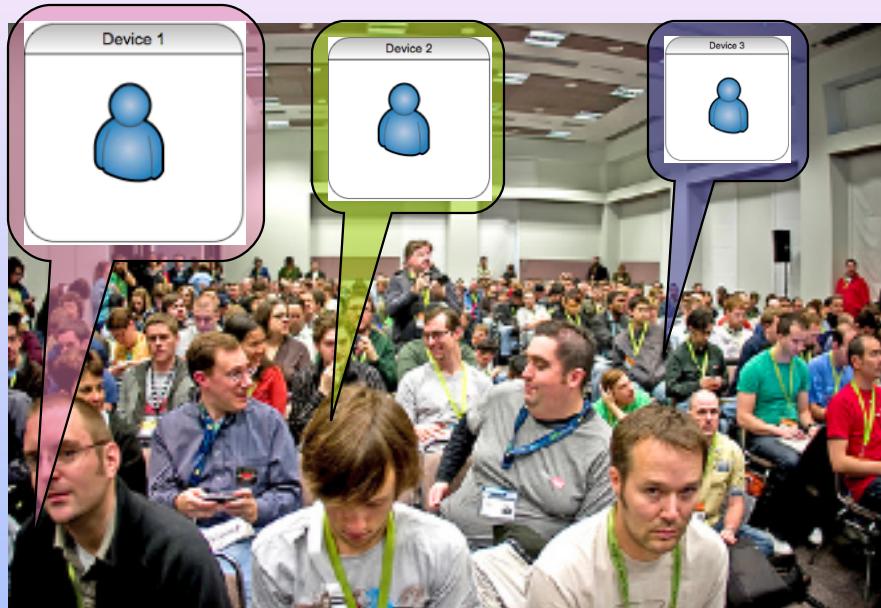
Who will use it?

- Most practical application: Dating.
- Convenient alternative to online dating.
- Expands your social circle.

What is needed?

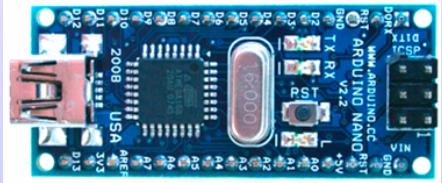
- A set of handheld devices that compare two or more people.
- A web application for user interface.
- SMS service for retrieval of profile (not implemented).

Where It Will Be Used: Social Events, Bars, Business Conferences, Trade Shows

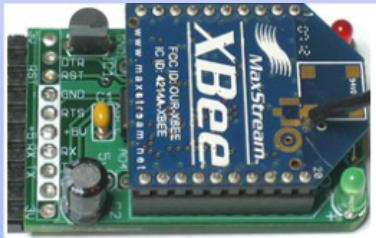


Hardware

The Brains/ USB Interface: **Arduino Nano** MCU



Communication: XBEE Series 1 RF



Display: 8x2 Character



Indicator: **Vibrating**



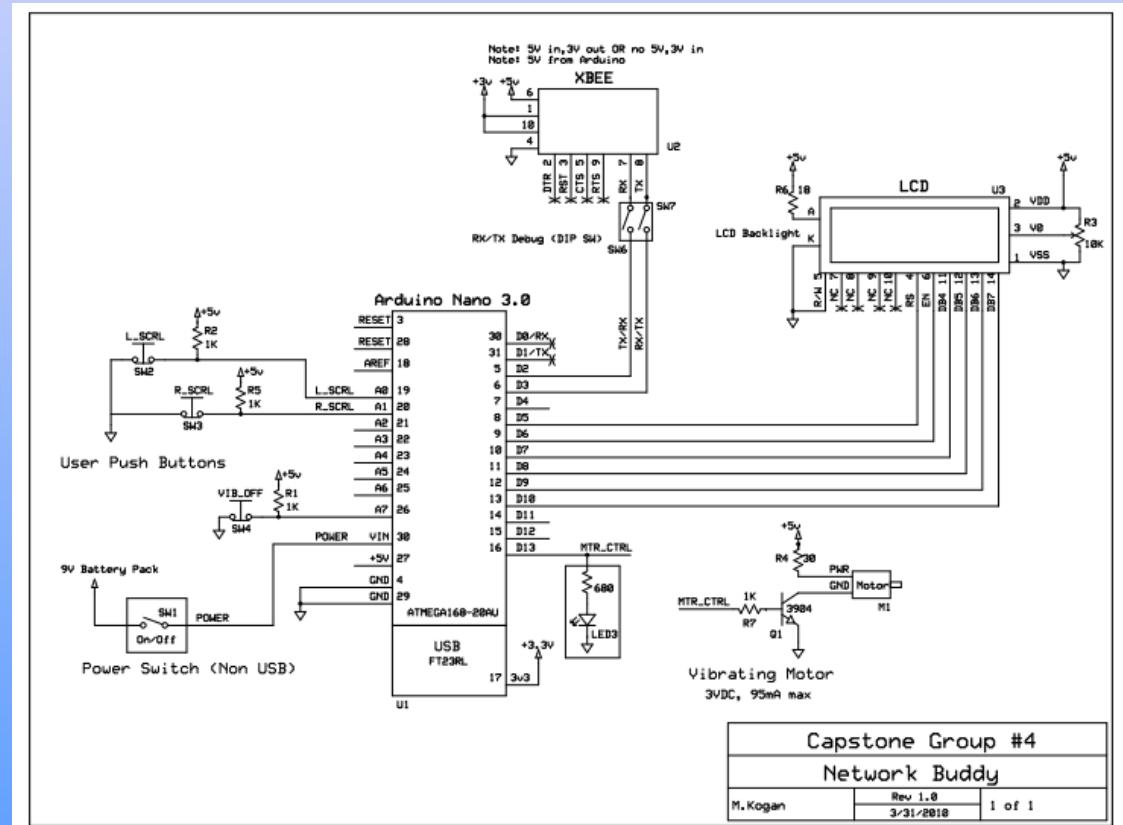
Power: 9V

On/Off: **Power**

Controls (Push Buttons):

Left Scroll

Right Scroll



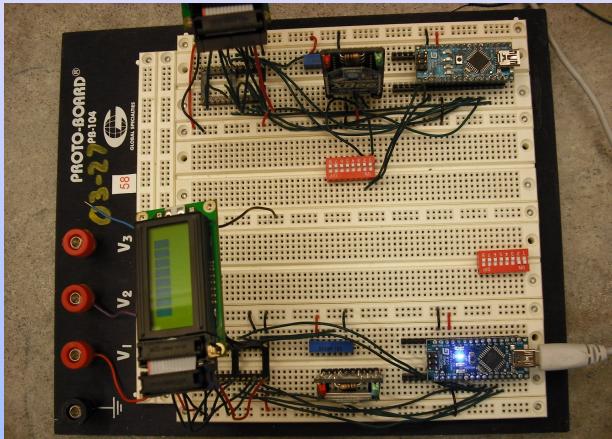
Firmware

- Arduino IDE Program
- C/C++ Hybrid
- Wireless Communications
- Handshaking
- Message protocol
- Component Interfacing:
 - LCD (custom symbols)
 - Vibrating Motor
 - Buttons

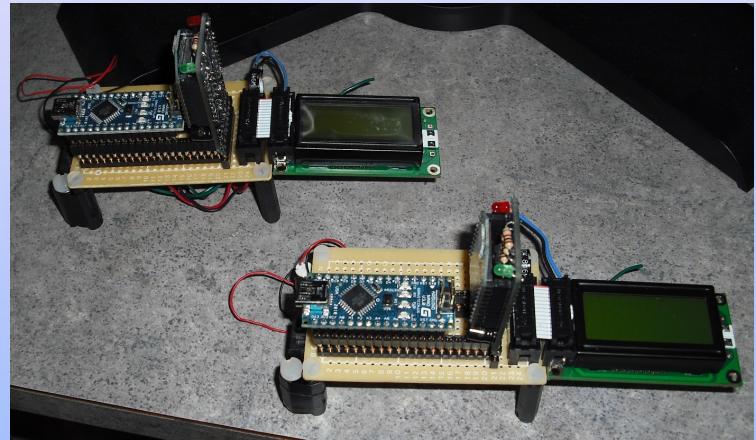


Prototype Versions

Stage 1 –



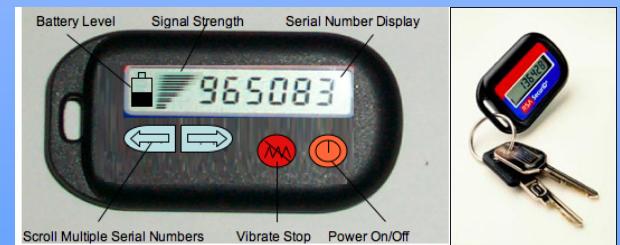
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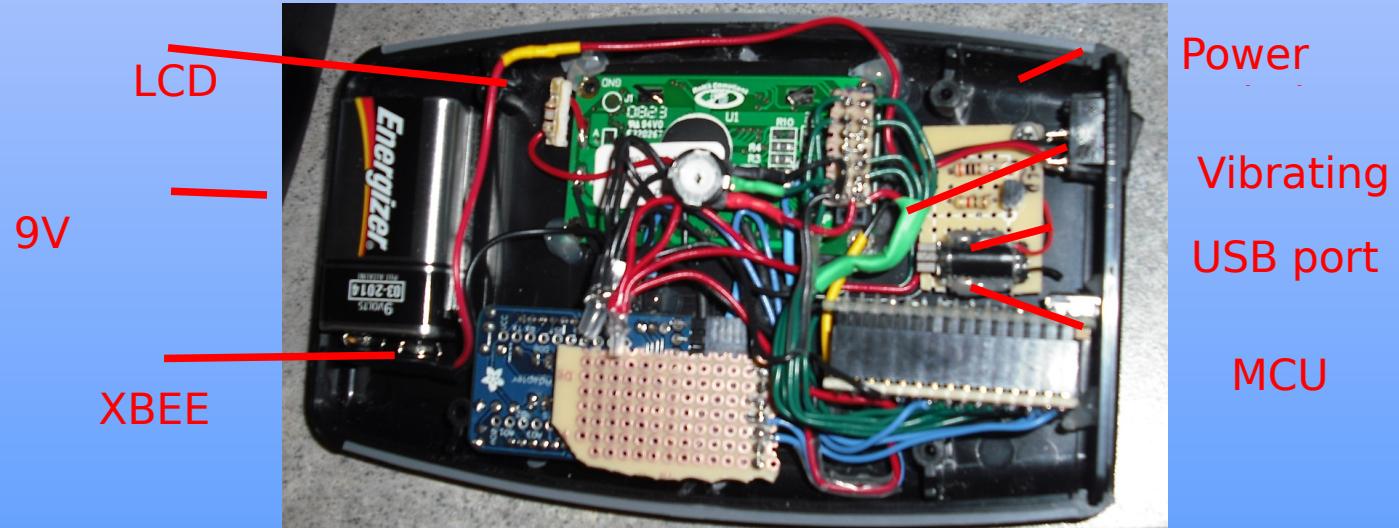
Stage 3 –



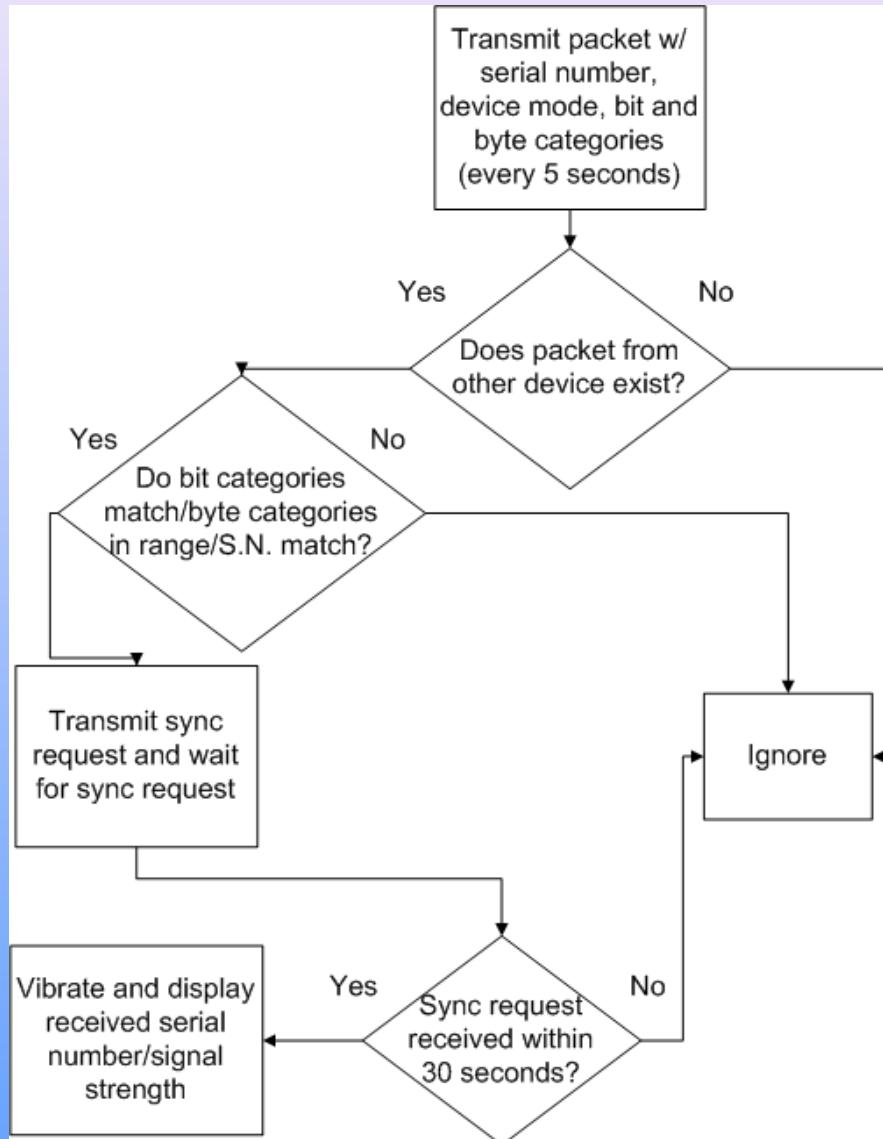
Future Stage – Key



Under the Hood



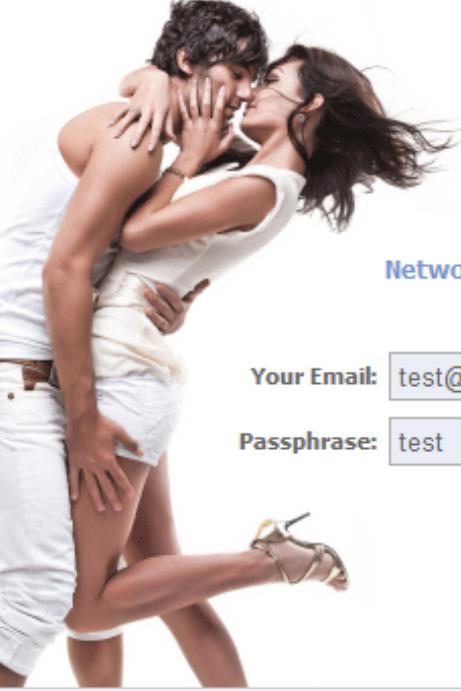
Compatibility Algorithm



Web Application

Allows users to:

-manage mode-specific” profile information
(e.g. “personal networking”,
“conference”)



Network Buddy

Your Email:

Passphrase:

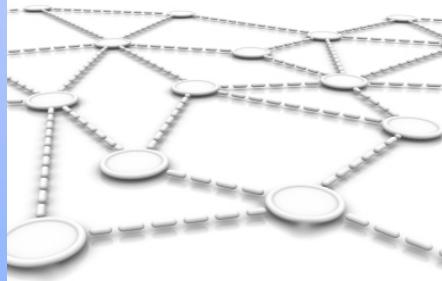


Welcome, testuser! | Logout

My Tools

 [Profile Information](#)

 [Account Settings](#)



Generic Information

My age: 

I am a: 



Mode-Specific Information

Personal Networking Mode #2

Miscellaneous

I seek a: 

Your highest level of education: 

Your salary bracket: 

Personality

Days per week you drink: 

Days per week you smoke: 

Your cleanliness level: 

Physicals

Times per week you play sports: 

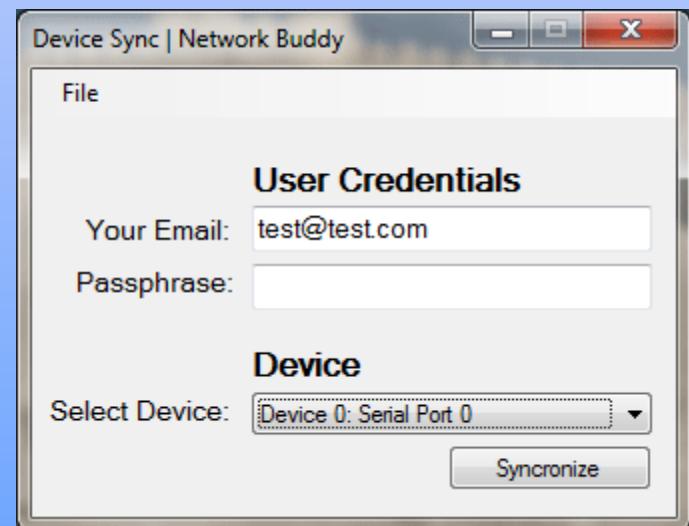
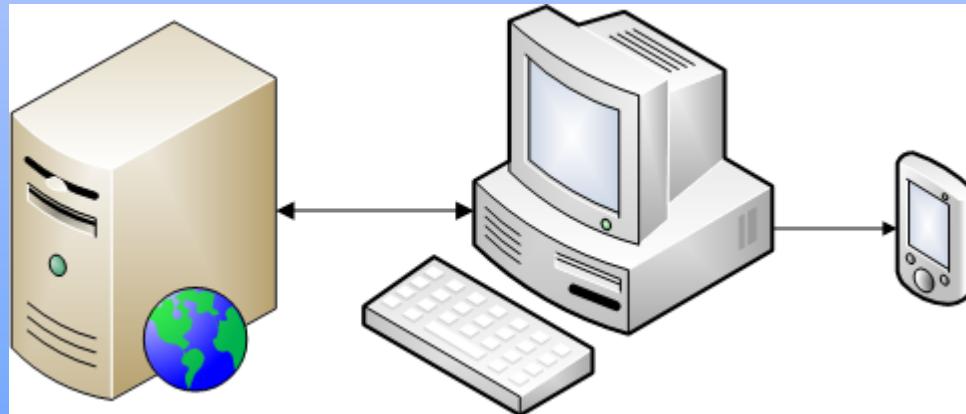
Hours per week you watch TV: 

Your physical activity level: 



Data Sync Application

- Standalone (Windows-based) application
- Connects Device with local Client via USB



Questions?

Matched with Network Buddy!



Matched with
an Online Social Network

