

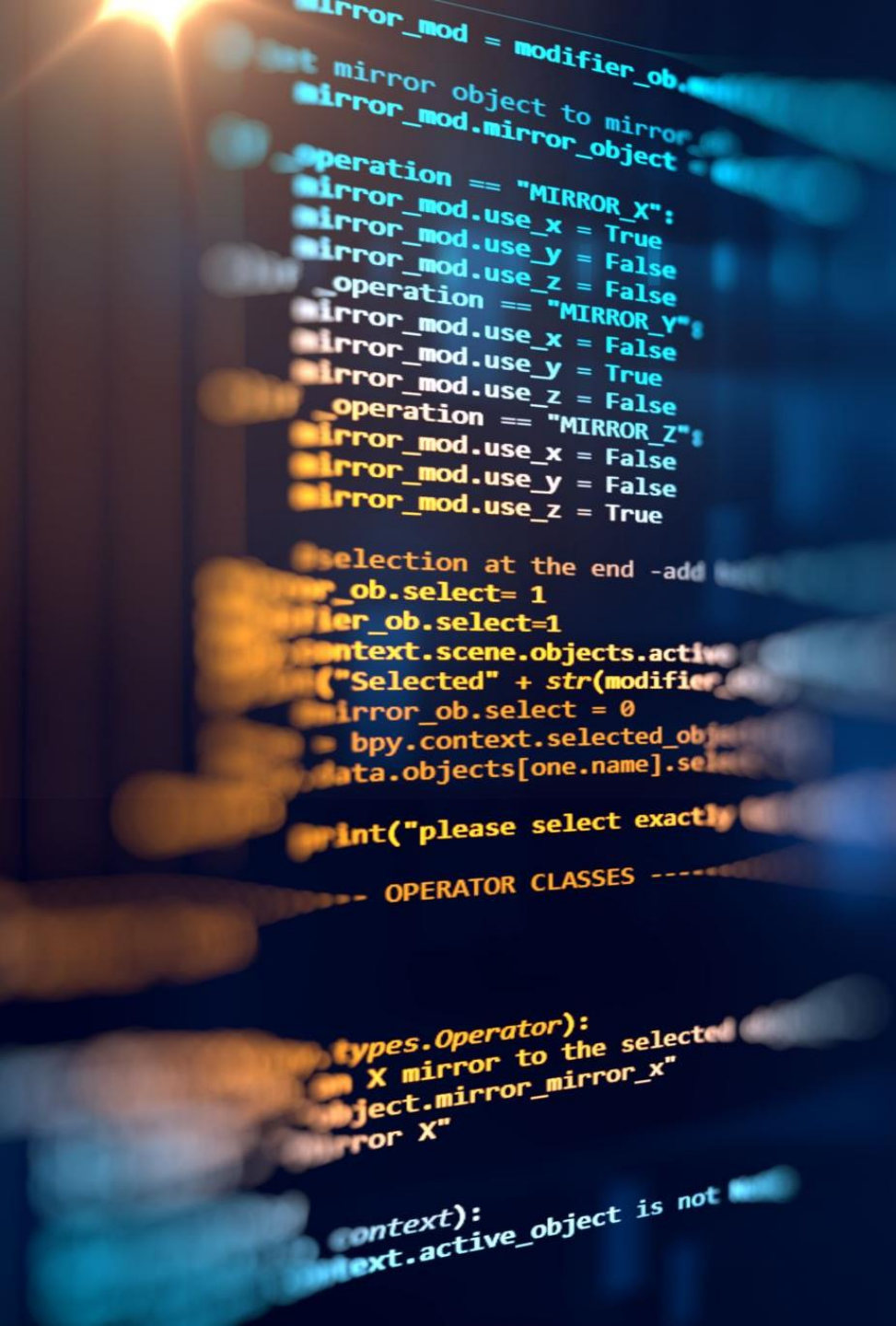
OUR FINAL PROJECT: BUILD A PHYSICAL COMPUTING “INTER-FACE”

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Final Project

LET'S INTRODUCE THE
FINAL PROJECT!



FINAL PROJECT MISSION:

PROTOTYPING A PHYSICAL COMPUTING INTER-FACE

PROTOTYPING A PHYSICAL COMPUTING INTER-FACE?

01

PROTOTYPING
a physical
computing inter-
face

02

Prototyping a
**PHYSICAL
COMPUTING**
inter-face

03

Prototyping a
physical computing
INTER-FACE

04

Requirements for
prototyping a
physical computing
interface

PROTOTYPING A PHYSICAL COMPUTING
INTER-FACE?

01. PROTOTYPING



Building a
**proof of
concept**
model to
test out
an idea

PROTOTYPING

The background is a complex, abstract composition of numerous 3D rectangular blocks and cubes. These blocks are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and perspective, with some blocks appearing to recede into the distance while others are in the foreground. The color palette is diverse, featuring warm tones like yellows, oranges, and reds on the left side, transitioning through dark blues and purples in the center, and ending with cooler blues and greens on the right. The lighting is dramatic, casting shadows that emphasize the three-dimensional nature of the blocks.

02. PHYSICAL COMPUTING

Sensing and
controlling **the**
physical
world through
hardware and
software

PHYSICAL COMPUTING

Connecting
electronic and
physical media
through (mostly)
**human-
centered
interactive
systems**

PHYSICAL COMPUTING

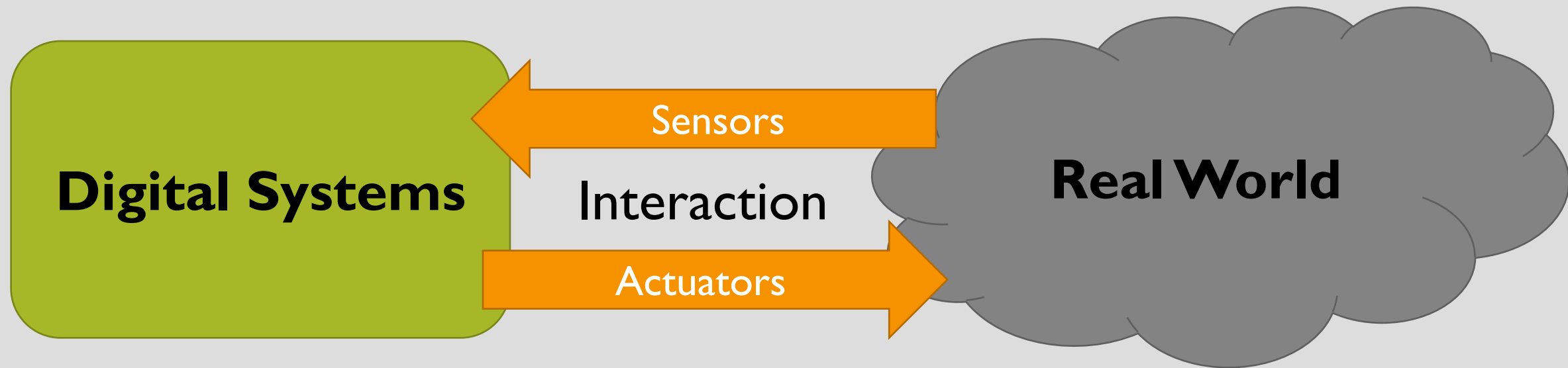
Augmenting
physical
objects and
environments
with the ability
to **sense, see,
talk, move,
generate,
connect, and
“be smart”**

PHYSICAL COMPUTING

Prioritizes
body-
centered
computing
interfaces

PHYSICAL
COMPUTING

PHYSICAL COMPUTING



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03. INTER-FACE



“A place of
interaction
between two
systems.”

-Marshall McLuhan, *Understanding
Media: The Extensions of Man*
(1962)

A means for
communication
between **human**
and **computing**
systems

INTERFACE

INTER –

Prefix, from the Latin, “between”

INTER-FACE

– FACE

Appearance

Facial Expression

Surface

04. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Prototype a physical computing “inter-face”

The interface must have at minimum:

- A physical “face” of some kind (as abstract or as concrete as you’d like to make it, literal or figurative)
- One of these **sensors**:
Push button, potentiometer, LDR/photocell
- One of these **actuators**:
Servo motor or piezo
- At least two LEDs

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The final inter-face must:

- Be **reactive or interactive** (with functioning **inputs** and **outputs**)
- Be **presentable and testable** (ie: not falling part)
- Have **physically embedded components within the “face”**

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

This is a **solo** project
BUT you are ENCOURAGED to
work with others
for troubleshooting
and developing ideas further.

A close-up, slightly angled view of a spiral-bound notebook. The notebook is open to a page that features a calendar grid. The grid has columns for days of the week and rows for months. Large numbers '31', '1', and '2' are visible in the background, likely representing dates. A white rectangular box with a black border is superimposed over the center of the page, containing the text '05. SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN'. The spiral binding is visible along the top edge of the page.

05. SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

SCHEDULE

Week 11:

PROJECT BRAINSTORMING

Week 12:

SYSTEM PROTOTYPING + FAB PLANNING

Week 13:

FABRICATION + INTEGRATION (LO-FI PROTOTYPING)

Week 14:

PLAYTESTING AND ITERATION

Week 15:

EXHIBITION AND FINAL DELIVERABLES DUE

WEEK 11 DELIVERABLES

SKETCH / DIAGRAM OF PROJECT IDEA

LIST OF PROJECT COMPONENTS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERACTION

(SEND VIA SLACK BEFORE NEXT CLASS)

WEEK 12 DELIVERABLES

CODE IN PROGRESS – INTEGRATING ALL
INPUTS/OUTPUTS

FABRICATION MATERIALS LIST

REVISION OF WEEK 11 DELIVERABLES AS NECESSARY
(SEND VIA SLACK BEFORE NEXT CLASS)

WEEK 13 DELIVERABLES

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION OF FABRICATION IN
PROGRESS

UPDATES TO CODE, IF APPLICABLE

(SEND VIA SLACK BEFORE NEXT CLASS)

WEEK 14 DELIVERABLES

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION OF UPDATES, IF
APPLICABLE

UPDATES TO CODE, IF APPLICABLE

(SEND VIA SLACK BEFORE NEXT CLASS)

WEEK 15 DELIVERABLES

IN-CLASS PRESENTATION OF FINAL PROJECT

VIA SLACK:

FINAL PHOTO AND VIDEO DOCUMENTATION

FINAL CODE

06. FOR YOUR REFERENCE...



FOR MORE INFO ON TESTING
CIRCUIT CONNECTIONS...

For reference:

<http://arduino4go.com/2016/08/22/chapter-2-using-the-multimeter/>



FOR MORE INFO ON
TESTING VOLTAGE...

For reference, see:

<http://arduinoitogo.com/2016/10/07/chapter-4-voltage/>



FOR MORE INFO ON
TESTING CURRENT...

For reference, see:

<http://arduino4u.com/2016/10/07/chapter-4-current/>



FOR MORE INFO ON
TESTING RESISTANCE...

For reference, see:

[http://arduino-togo.com/
2016/10/07/chapter-4-
resistance/](http://arduino-togo.com/2016/10/07/chapter-4-resistance/)

[https://arduino-togo.com/
/2017/03/10/appendix-a-
reading-resistor-codes/](https://arduino-togo.com/2017/03/10/appendix-a-reading-resistor-codes/)

Voltage, Current, Resistance

	VOLTAGE	CURRENT	RESISTANCE
LED			
RESISTOR			
BATTERY			

Voltage, Current, Resistance

	VOLTAGE	CURRENT	RESISTANCE
LED	The LED will get dimmer as the voltage gets lower, or brighter as more voltage is added; if there is too much voltage the LED will burn out	LEDs only need a very small amount of current to run. However, reducing the amount of current too much will turn the LED off.	LEDs have a tiny amount of resistance
RESISTOR	Voltage is converted into heat when it crosses over a resistor. More voltage means more heat and less voltage means less heat.	Resistors lower the amount of current being drawn in a circuit,	The amount of resistance depends on the resistor's rated value. Check appendix b to learn how to identify resistor values
BATTERY	Batteries establish the voltage level for both the high point and zero volts, a.k.a. the ground.	Current comes from the battery. The current flowing will change depending on what components attached to the battery and how much current they require.	Since a battery is not a perfect conductor, there is a small amount of resistance inside of the battery, but when it is in our circuits it is effectively zero.

VOLTAGE, CURRENT, RESISTANCE

Ohm's Law:

$$\mathbf{V \text{ (voltage)} = I \text{ (current)} * X \text{ (resistance)}}$$

OTHER WAYS OF EXPRESSING OHM'S LAW

$$V = I * R$$

$$I = V / R$$

$$R = V / I$$



FOR MORE INFO ON
OHM'S LAW...

For reference, see:

<http://arduinoitogo.com/2016/10/07/chapter-4-ohms-law/>



FOR MORE INFO ON
COMPONENTS IN
PARALLEL / SERIES

For reference, see:

<http://arduinoitogo.com/2016/10/07/chapter-4-components-in-parallel-and-series/>

Arduino Code Review

Structure

```
/* Each Arduino sketch must contain the  
following two functions. */
```

```
void setup()  
{  
    /* this code runs once at the beginning of  
the code execution. */  
}
```

```
void loop()  
{  
    /* this code runs repeatedly over and over as  
long as the board is powered. */  
}
```

Comments

```
// this is a single line
```

```
/* this is  
a multiline */
```

Setup

```
pinMode(pin, [INPUT\OUTPUT]);  
/* Sets the mode of the digital I/O pin.*/
```

Control Structures

```
if(condition){  
    // if condition is TRUE, do something here }  
else {  
    // otherwise, do this  
}
```

Digital I/O

```
digitalWrite(pin, val);  
/* val = HIGH or LOW write a HIGH or a LOW value to a digital  
pin. */
```

```
int var = digitalRead(pin);  
/* Reads the value from a specified digital pin,  
either HIGH or LOW. */
```

Arduino Code Review

Data Types

`void` //nothing is returned
`boolean` //0, 1, false, true
`int` //16 bit integer (i.e. -5, 400, 32)
`float` // 32 bit decimal (i.e. -5.2, 77.835)

Constants

`HIGH` \ `LOW`
`INPUT` \ `OUTPUT`
`true` \ `false`

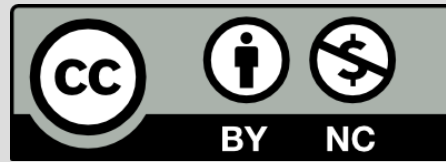
Mathematical Operators

`=` // assignment
`+` // addition
`-` // subtraction
`*` // multiplication
`/` // division

Logical Operators

`==` // boolean equal to
`!=` // not equal to
`<` // less than
`>` // greater than
`<=` // less than or equal to
`>=` // greater than or equal to
`&&` // Boolean AND
`||` // Boolean OR
`!` // Boolean NOT

More at <https://www.arduino.cc/reference/>



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SEE YOU NEXT TIME!

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