

Hazard Analysis Mechatronics

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Revision History

Table 1: Revision History

Date	Developer(s)	Change
Date1	Name(s)	Description of changes
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1 Introduction

This document is a hazard analysis of Group 20's ASL Translator. The ASL Translator is a real-time sign language translation device intended to aid individuals who are hard of hearing in day to day communication tasks. This device may also be used for the purpose of facilitating the learning of sign language in an educational setting.

2 Scope and Purpose

The purpose of this document is to identify hazards that may occur when using the ASL Translator specifically in the components, their causes and consequences on user operation, hazard mitigation, and their respective safety requirements.

3 System Boundaries

4 Definition of Hazard

The definition of a hazard is based on the definition from Nancy Leveson's work. A hazard is a property or condition in the system along with a condition in the environment that results in a loss. A hazard is anything that can cause our system to function incorrectly, or not function at all. In the ASL Translator, there exists only hazards that affect safety during operation.

5 Critical Assumptions

6 Failure Modes and Effects Analysis

The hazard analysis tool being used is the Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA). This will enable hazard identification and analysis such that additional safety requirements can be created and considered in the implementation of the project.

6.1 Hazards Out of Scope

The out of scope hazards for our project is primarily based on the user's decision. This is because we do not have control over the following:

- The camera that is to be used in conjunction with the system
- The Raspberry Pi model and microSD card capacity being used

Both components listed above are essential to the functionality of the system. However, there is no enforcement on these aspects as the user may prefer something less costly or more costly. The user's decision towards these components may vary and can affect the overall performance of the system. Steps will be taken to minimize the impact of the user's choice in these categories such as ensuring backwards compatibility is possible with our implementation of code on the Raspberry Pi and camera calibration methods.

6.2 Failure Modes and Effects Analysis Table

Below is the FMEA table for the project.

Component	Failure Modes	Effects of Failure	Causes of Failure	Recommended Action	SR	Ref.
Raspberry Pi	Fail to output translated results	The output is not properly displayed	a. Code execution failure due to improper flashing to board	a. Reboot the board and ensure that the correct software and dependencies are loaded		H1-1
	Hardware failure (board)	Raspberry Pi cannot function	a. The board is not powered due to faulty power supply	a. Ensure that the board is properly plugged in. Use another power cable to verify that the board itself is not faulty. The raspberry pi is equipped with a polyfuse to prevent over-current. If the board does not power on after 24 hours, the fuse should be replaced.	a. HR1	H1-2
			b. The software is corrupted	b. Remove the microSD card and ensure that the card is not corrupted using a computer. If it is corrupted, attempt to reformat the microSD card and write the software onto it again.	b. HR1	
			c. The board is faulty or defective	c. Attempt to run the software on an identical model using the same cables, microSD card, and peripherals. If the software works, then the existing board is faulty and should be replaced. Otherwise, test using the newer components until the problem is isolated.	c. HR1	
			d. The microSD card cannot be read	d. Same as H1-2b	d. HR1	
Camera	Failing to detect motion	Device is unable to detect or translate sign language	a. Poor lighting conditions	a. Ensure the lighting condition in the working environment is sufficient. This will enable the camera to get sufficient light exposure to recognize hand motions.		H2-1

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Camera	Failing to detect motion	Device is unable to detect or translate sign language	b. Unclear hand gestures by the user	b. The user should make a slightly bigger hand gesture to ensure that the camera is picking the motion. If the problem persists, refer to H2-2a		H2-1
	Hardware failure	Device is unable to detect or translate sign language	a. Issues with the lenses	a. Ensure that the camera lenses are not clouded by debris and recalibrate the camera. If the problem persists, replace the lenses.	a. HR2	H2-2
			b. Electrical power issues	b. Make sure that the camera is properly plugged into the system. Test the camera on another device such as a PC, and if the camera is functional. Test the power supply of the board. Refer to H1-2a for power supply testing.	b. HR2	
The machine learning model for ASL	ML model is not accurate	The device will produce incorrect or unexpected outputs	a. Incorrect data set is being used	a. Double check to see if the input data is correct when training the model		H3-1
			b. ML model is misusing data and turning it into meaningless input	b. Pass irrelevant input through to see if the error is consistent with input that is correct. This indicates that there is an error with how the model is programmed		
			c. The training dataset is not randomized enough resulting in the model anticipating specific orders of input	c. Shuffle the data during training to introduce variance into the model to boost output accuracy		

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The machine learning model for ASL	ML model is not accurate	The device will produce incorrect or unexpected outputs	d. Model is underfit or overfit resulting in poor generalization outside of the training dataset	d. Same as H3-1c		H3-1
Hand tracking script	Script is not running	The device will not be able to translate sign language	a. Code execution error	a. Ensure script is error-free and has error handling for foreseeable cases of error		H4-1
			b. Code was not flashed onto the board correctly	b. Same as H1-1a		

7 Safety Requirements

7.1 Hardware Requirement

HR1: The Raspberry Pi board should be checked and tested before using it in the project.

HR2: The camera should be checked before each use to ensure the lenses are clean and working properly.

7.2 Requirement Category 2

8 Roadmap