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| Project | Interactive Solar Panel Display |
| Project Website | https://steve-spiteri.github.io/ |
| Reporting Period | October 11th, 2016 – November 8th, 2016 |

Dear Kristian Medri,

I am writing to bring you up to date on the progress I have made on my hardware project, the interactive solar panel display. Recent project activities include a placard to be used in the open house demonstration on Saturday, November 12th 2016 and a thirty second build video showcasing the major components used, assembly, power up, and the functionality I plan to demonstrate at the open house. Completing the placard and thirty second are defined in the project schedule Week 8 lines 26 through 27 – Week 9 lines 28 through 30. I will not be able to attend the open house on Saturday November 12th due to personal reasons but I am hoping my group member, Salvatore Angilletta, will be able to inquire with Vincent Shaikh about the use of a light meter so that we can calibrate the light levels.

I have successfully assembled a circuit connected to the Raspberry Pi 3 that is able to accurately read temperature, humidity, pressure, altitude, and sea-level pressure. The circuit reads output voltage produced by the solar cell and light level but it requires some calibration as the reading does not accurately represent the correct value.

As I was constructing the circuit that was outlined in the fritzing diagram provided last updated I noticed an opportunity of improvement. I was able to modify the circuit to include the sensor hat. This creates a tidier looking circuit. The project has been modified to include the sensor hat. On the project website, there is an image of the circuit containing the sensor hat.

Completing the circuit has brought me closer to meeting the objectives of the project as defined in the approved approval. Notable upcoming tasks include the possibly printing a secondary circuit board to complement the sensor hat to allow a more complete package, calibrating the reading for solar cell output voltage and light level, pushing the data into a database, and cutting an acrylic case for the project.

There are no financial updates. No money has been spent since the last update. I expect to buy some components for the finished project such as stand-offs, shrink tubing, etc.

On the project website are some hyperlinks that helped me produce the code responsible for the readings.