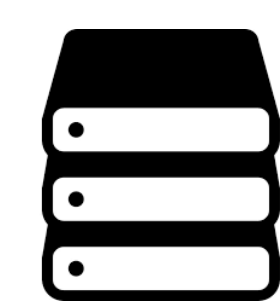


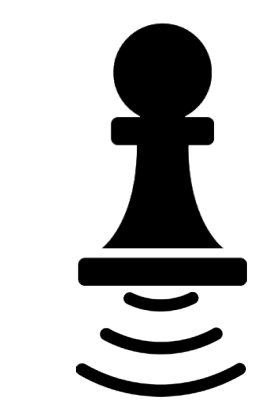
digiBoard

The future of board games

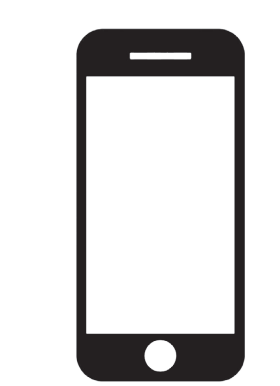
Overview



Store and play a library of digitized board games



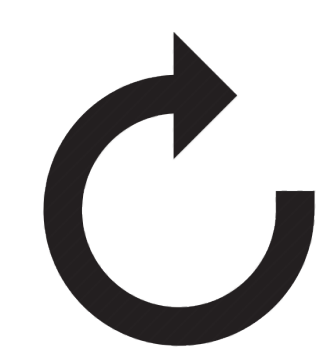
Smart game pieces communicate with the digiBoard



Connect and interact with the device using your phone



Background



There has been an ever-growing resurgence of board games in the past 10 years



Ensures people still have a personal interaction on a digitally enhanced board game platform

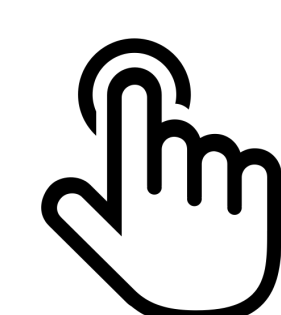


Lack of digitization within the board game genre

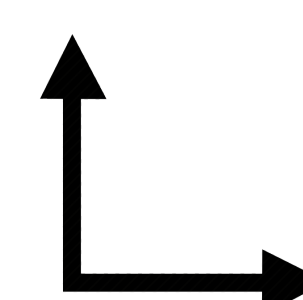


Market gap for an interactive form of entertainment

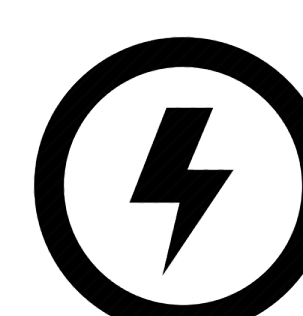
Alternatives



Touch Technology: Considered Infrared, Resistive and Capacitive Touch



Game Piece Detection: RFID Antennae, Hall Effect Sensors, Ultra-Wideband RFID



Power: Mains Electricity, Lipo Battery

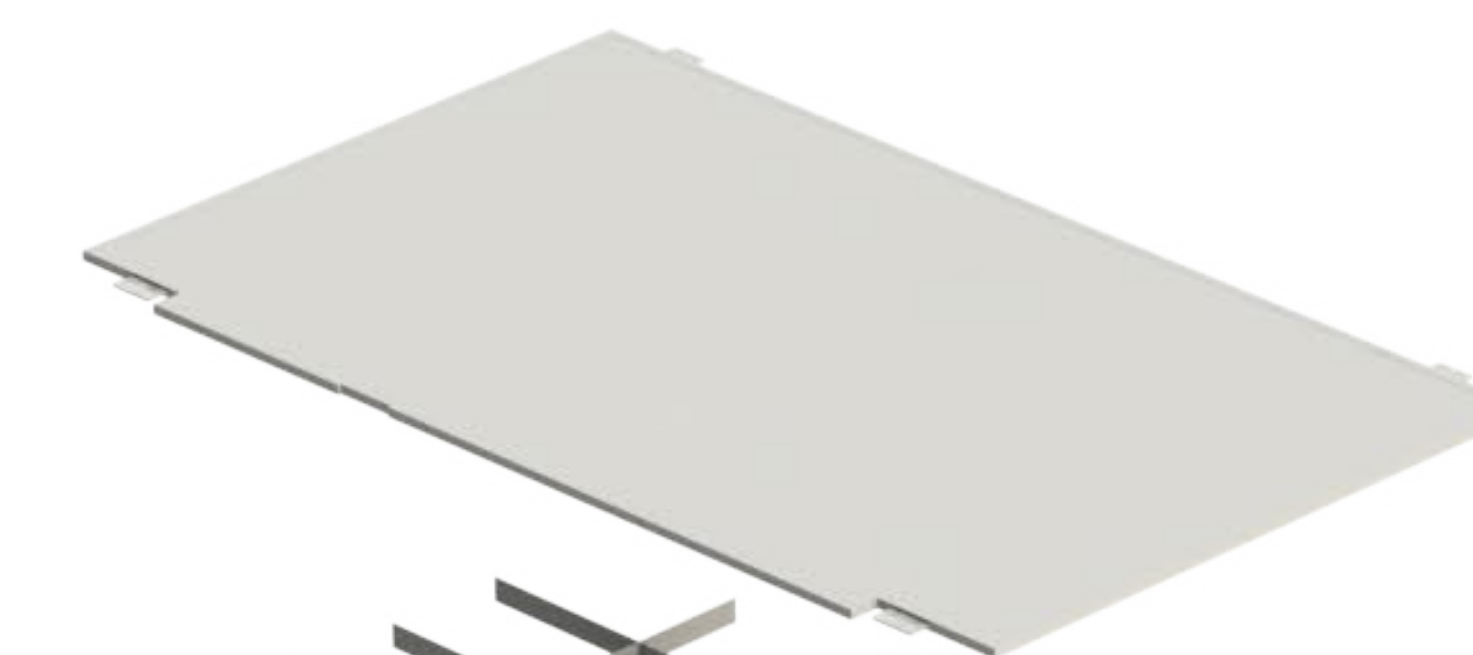
Implementation

Capacitive: Higher fidelity and more touch inputs

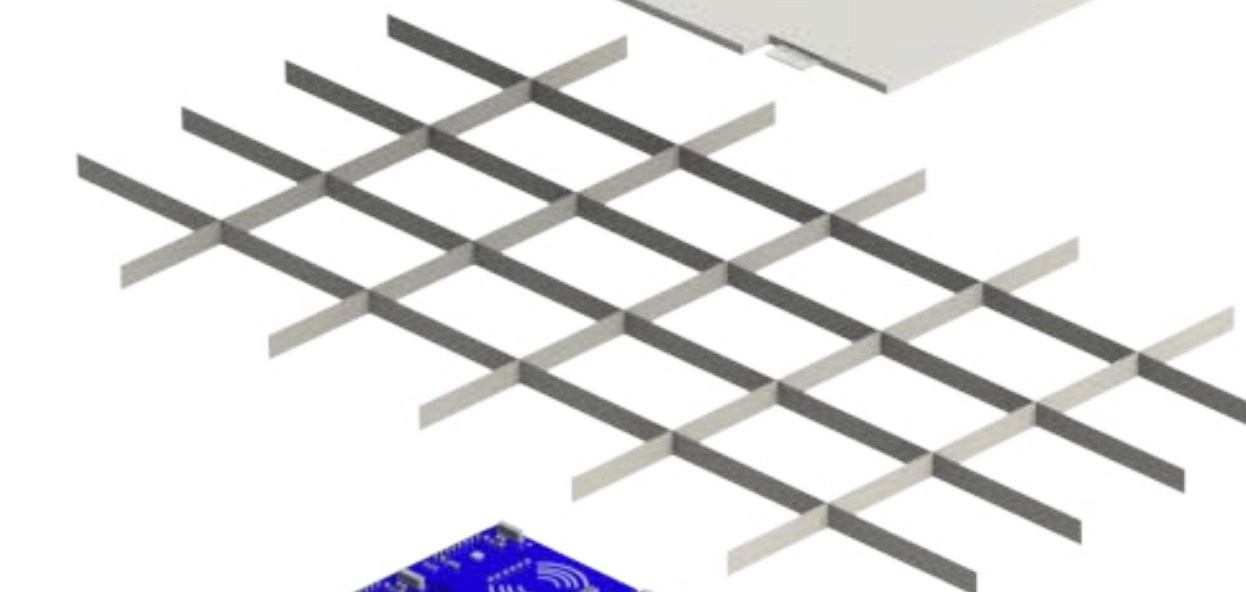
RFID antennas: Allows for both identification and localization

Mains electricity: Simplistic integration

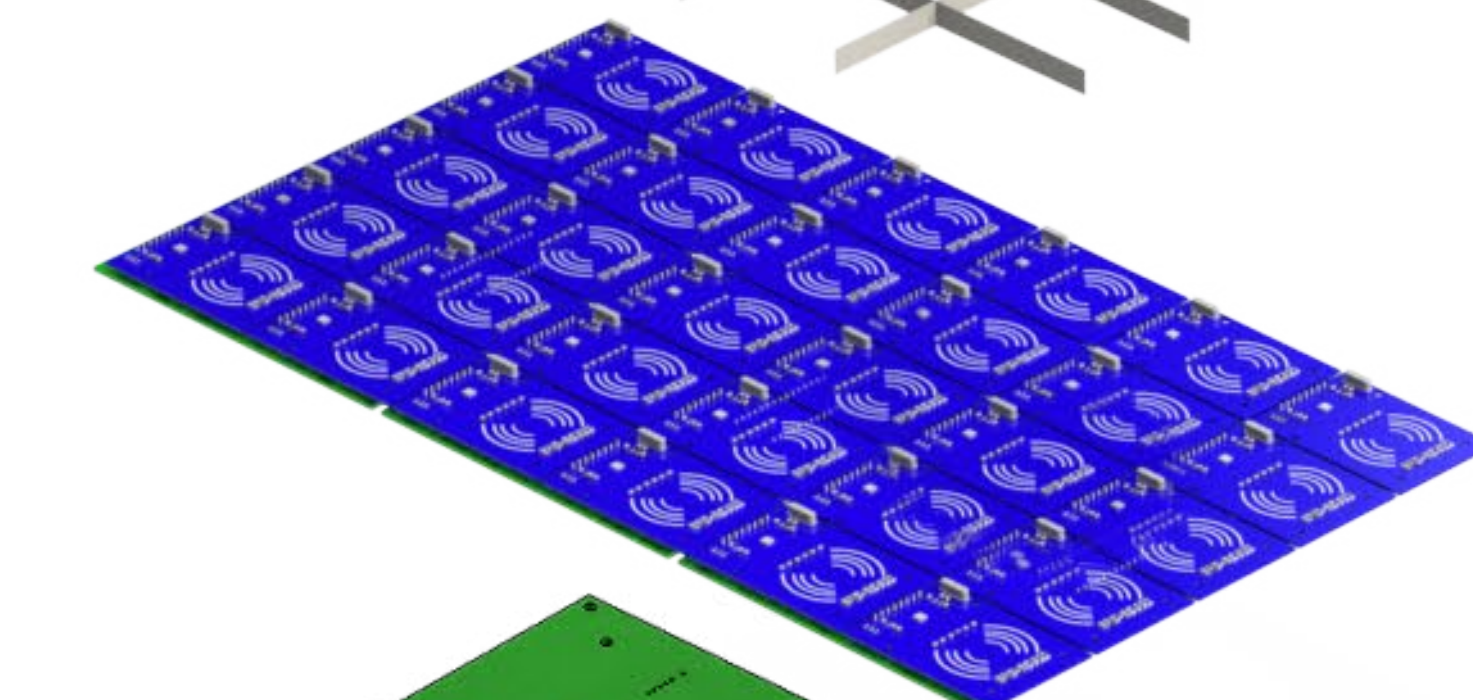
Hardware Details



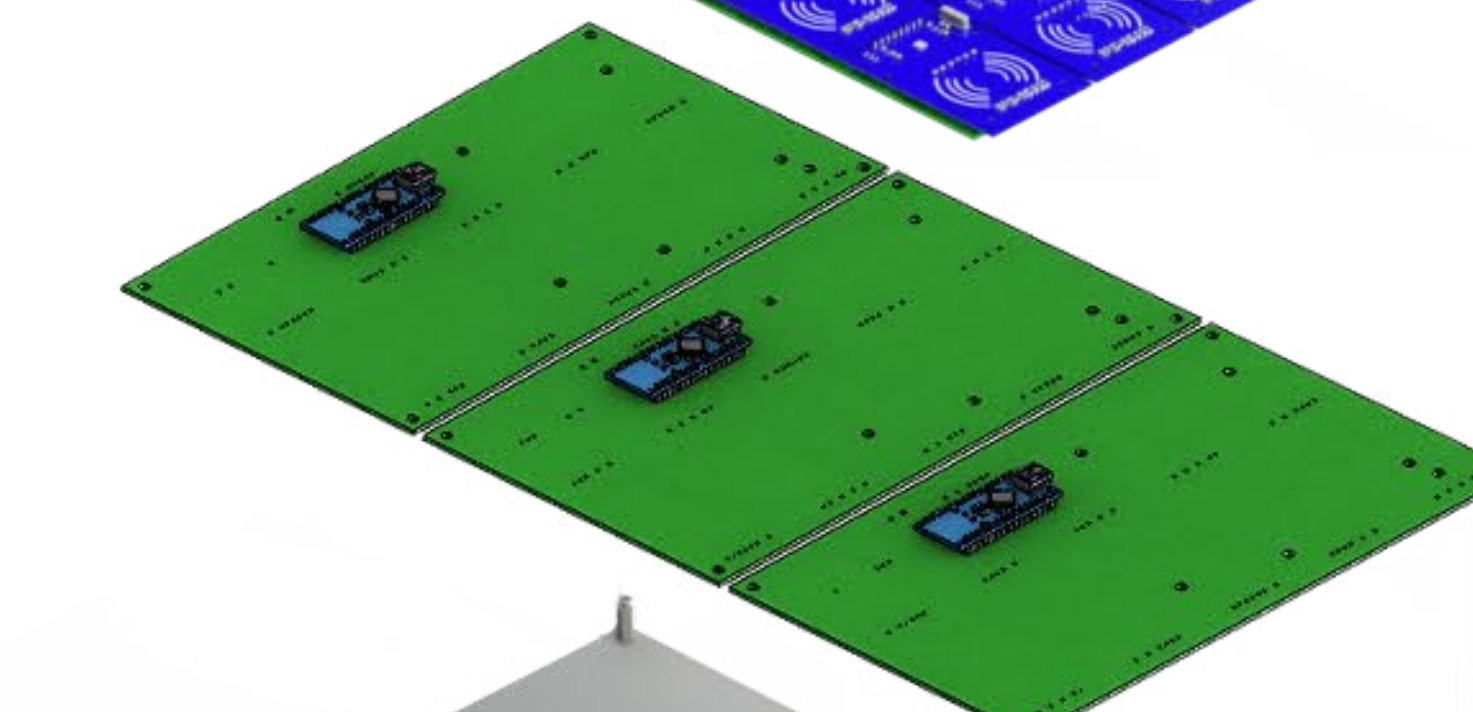
15" capacitive touch-screen display



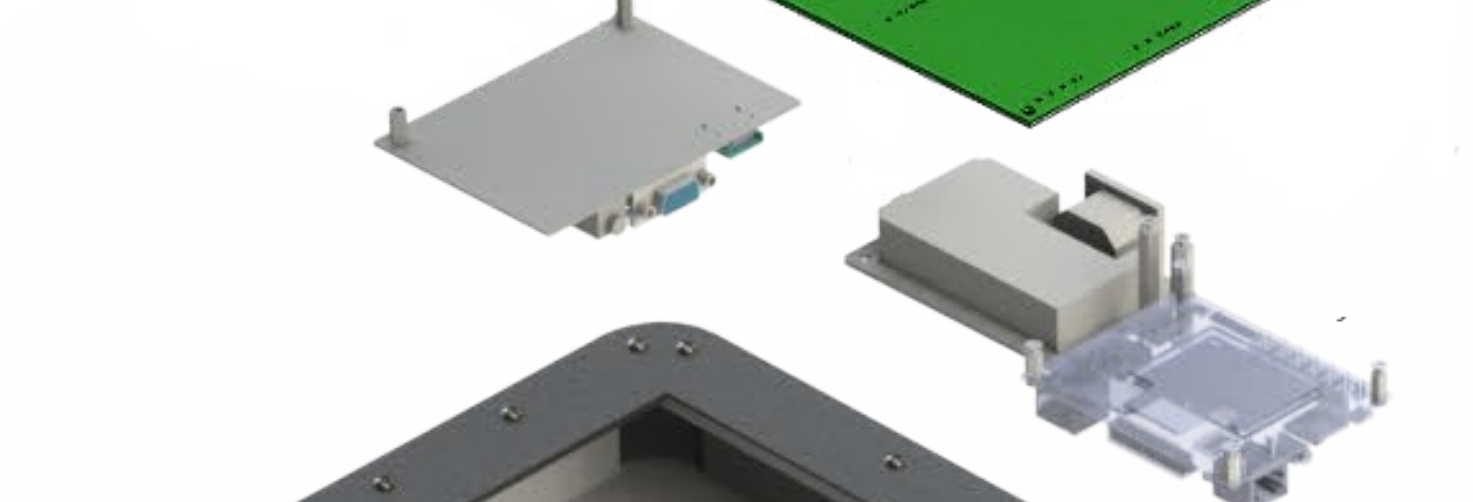
Steel lattice to prevent RFID interference



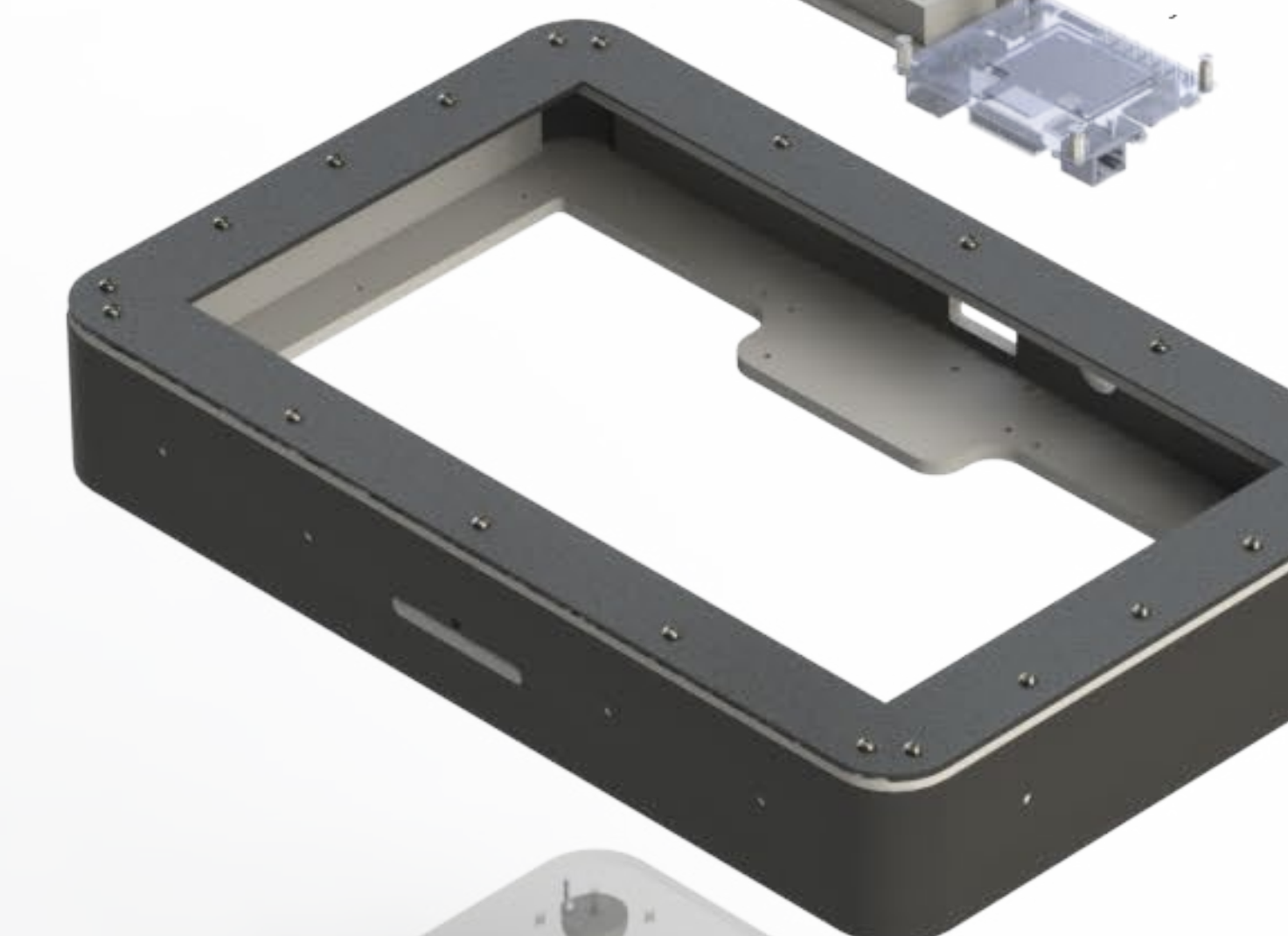
RFID Array with 30 antenna



Custom PCBs for sensor interface



Power board and Windows 10 enabled



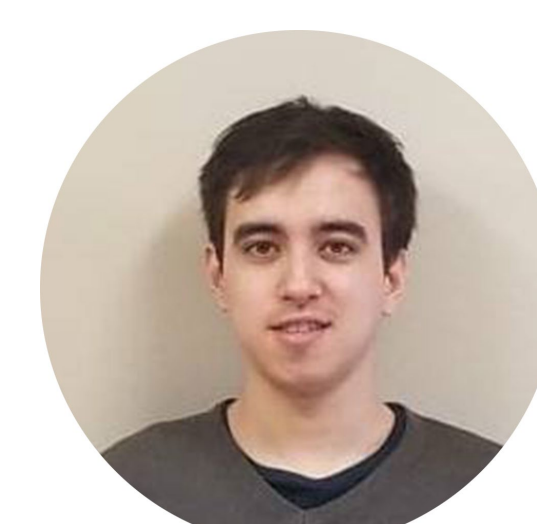
Enclosure built from laser-cut acrylic and polycarbonate



Cooling fan mounted to the bottom cover

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RFID Technology

Identifies and Localizes RFID tags on variety of smart game pieces

Applications of this technology:

Smart dice
Smart cards
Phone data transmission
3D printed game objects

