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### There's got to be a better way...



### The Problem

Automation controls and sensors are **inaccessible** and **expensive**.

How can we make them available for **residential** use and provide an **easy-to-use interface**?

### Motivation

### For Everyone:

- Portability and Mobile Device Integration
- Save money and time with staying informed

#### For Us:

- Opportunity to utilize new technologies
- Develop new engineering and management skills

# Objective

- Achieve a modicum of success (working prototype)
- Test the limits of our abilities (SMT)
- Develop telekinesis



### The Current Market

- Many networkable sensors available
- Automation systems are too costly for simple tasks
- Modern data acquisition systems tend to lack extensibility and user focus

# Design Requirements

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- Easy to use
- Easily interfaced
- Battery Powered

- Motion detection
- Monitor temperature, humidity, pressure, and light
- Fast Wireless Response

### Brief Project Schedule

- Project Proposal (10/11/16)
- Research and Design (10/20/16)
- Requirement/Specification (10/25/16)
- Design Schematic (11/5/16)
- Design PCB layout (11/17/16)
- Firmware\* (11/24/16)
- Software Application\* (11/23/16)
- Assemble Parts (11/29/16)
- Create Final Presentation (12/5/16)

<sup>\*</sup> Software/firmware started Concurrently with layout design.

# Our Design

# Our Approach



#### Inputs:

- Power
- Bluetooth (Serial / UART)
- Push Button
- Sensor Array (I2C)
  - Temperature
  - Humidity
  - Pressure
- Photodiode
- PIR Motion Sensor

#### Outputs:

- Bluetooth Serial
- SPST Relay

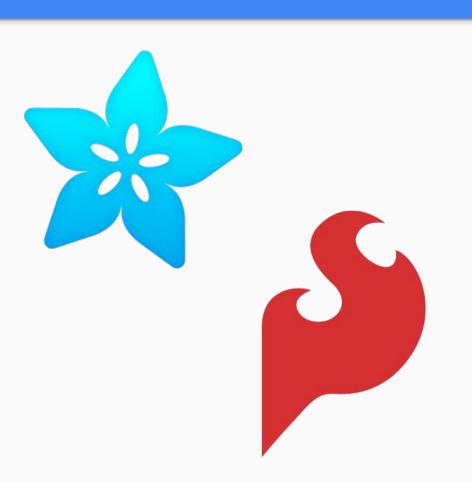
### **Product Features**

- Bluetooth connectivity
- IOS app
- Rechargeable built-in battery
- (2x) User-accessible SPST relays
- Programmable automation tasks
- Sensors:
  - Motion Sensor
  - Temperature Sensor
  - Humidity Sensor
  - Pressure Sensor
  - Light Sensor



### IP and Prior Work

- Adafruit
  - Relays
- Sparkfun
  - Power management
  - LiPo charger
  - Boost converter



### Contributions

**Concept Generation** 

Design

Schematic

Layout, Bill of materials, Parts

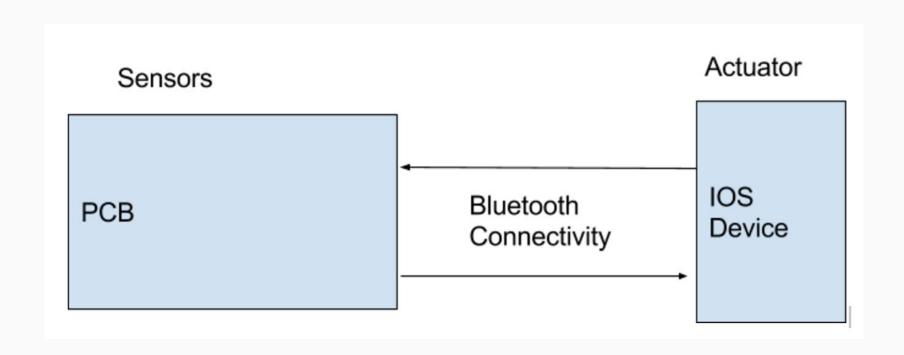
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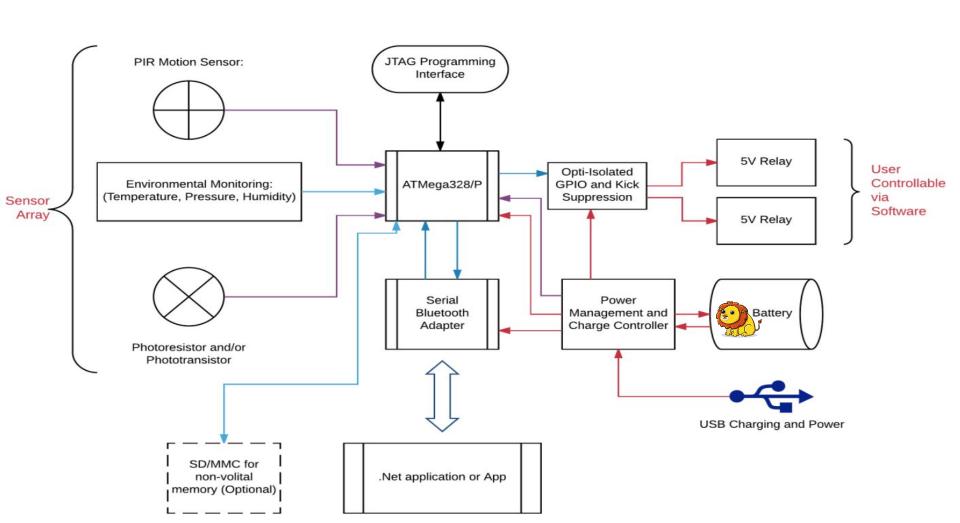
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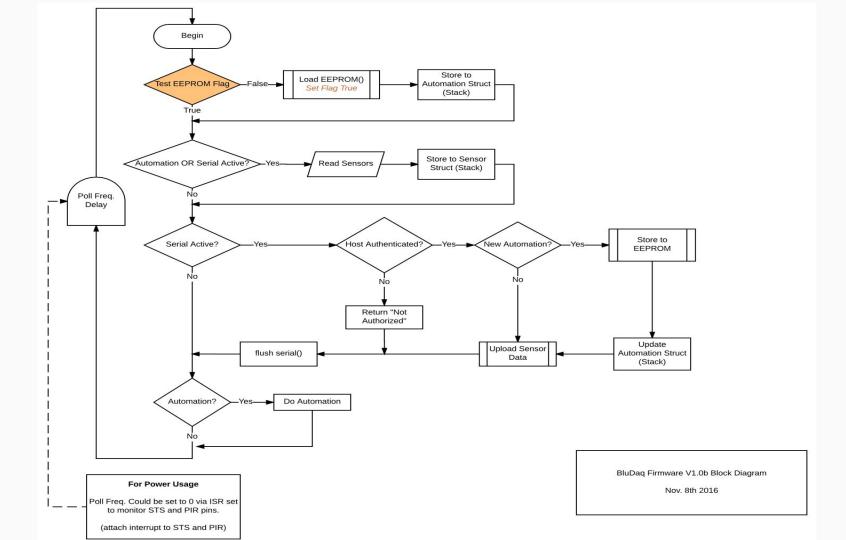
# Hardware Design

# Level 0 Block Design

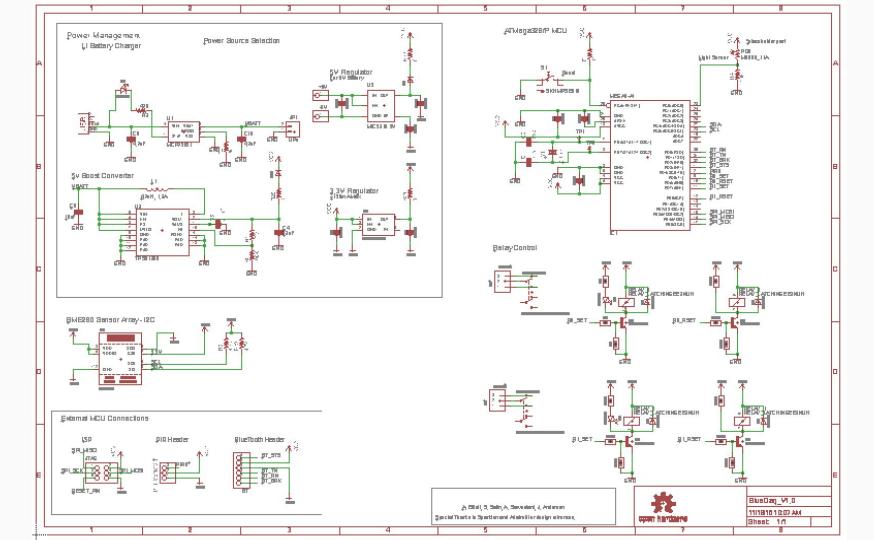




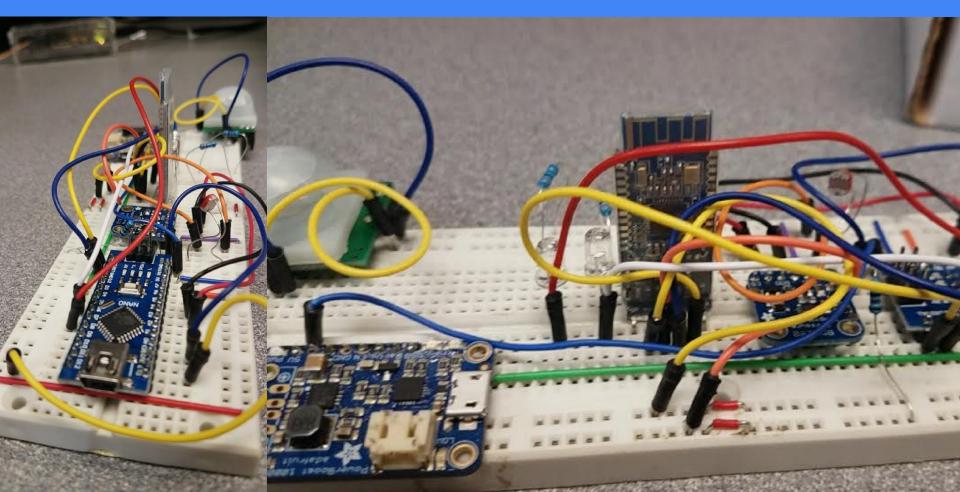
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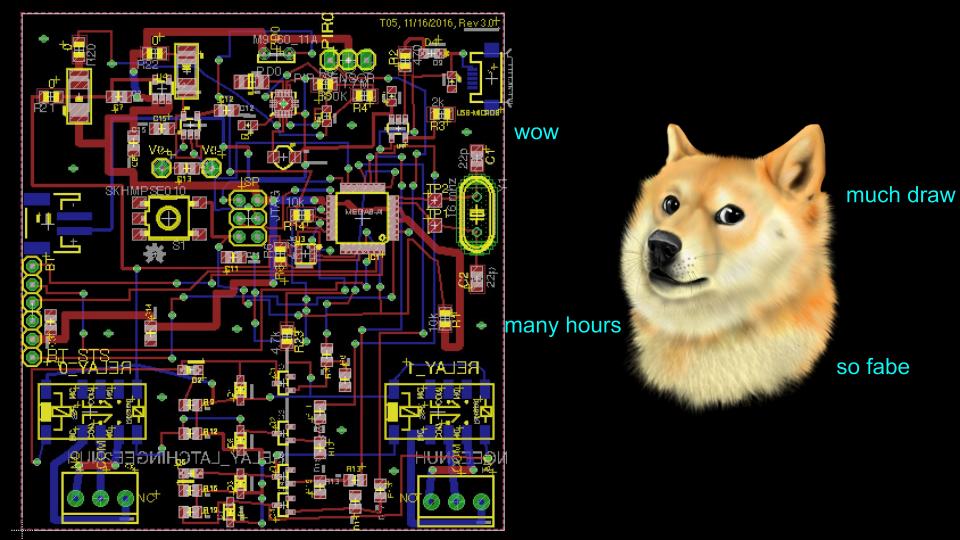


# Implementation



### Prototyping





## Layout

- Many components, very tedious
- Many schematic modifications
  - Lots of rerouting



### Bill of Materials

- Total Project Cost: \$403.13
- Money Lost: \$100
- Expensive Parts: LiPo Battery, PCB Board, BME280, BLE
- Low Volume Cost: \$80.90
- Production Run Cost: \$64.72
- Time

# Testing

### Hardware

- Built disconnected from power supplies
- Checked power supplies before connecting to rest of board
- Test with voltage meter

### Hardware Test Results

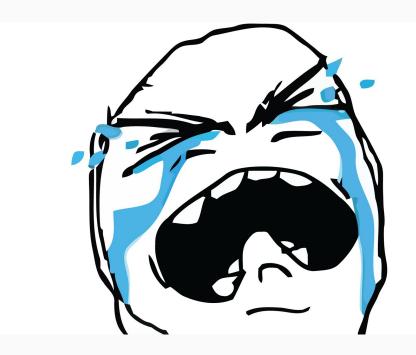
- Bad Power Supplies
- Strange grounding behavior

### **Firmware**

- Bluetooth Connection
- Host Authentication
- Serial Communication with IOS application
- Reading sensor values
- Automation

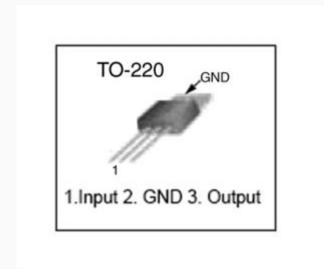
#### **Problems**

- Relays not switching on PCB. (Current problem?)
- Automation



### More Problems

- Fun with datasheets!
- Strange ground behavior



#### **Lessons Learned**

- Select bigger chips (BME280, Boost Converter)
- Check parts availability before using in design
- Triple check before ordering. Twice.
- Use cheaper components (BME280)

### **Lessons Learned**

- More test pads & in better places
- Laser Cutting
- Enhanced Soldering skills
- Github
- More vias for flooded ground