**CHAPTER I**

***INTRODUCTION***

This chapter presents the context and background by which the study will be introduced. It also outlines the goals of the researchers were trying to achieve, the study's limitations, and its scope. Additionally, the intended audience are stated and the detailed explanation of the technical terms in which the key or important terms in this study are clearly defined.

***Background of the Study***

Body-focused repetitive behavior (BFRB) is a term that refers to a group of compulsive habits that unintentionally harm one's body and alter one's appearance (Abrahams & Trotzky, 2017) but the factors that predispose individuals to these behaviors are poorly understood. The main distinction between BFRBs and other compulsive behaviors that hurt the body is that BFRBs involve direct body-to-body contact. BFRBs are one of the most misunderstood, under diagnosed, and mistreated conditions around nowadays (Houghton et al., 2018). Pulling, picking, biting, or scraping one's hair, skin, or nails are examples of these behaviors. Trichotillomania such as hair pulling, dermatillomania such as skin plucking, also known as excoriation disorder, and onychophagia are among the disorders such as compulsive nail biting. As many as 1 in 20 people have a BFRB, affecting both children and adults (Smitha Bhandari, 2020).

In approach to BFRB monitoring, a study shows the data collected in different locations on the head can be calculated by measuring the distance between each pair of the target locations on the head using the data from the proximity and the Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) sensors (Jake J. Son et al., 2019). They disassembled and used N68 Fitness Tracker as their main component for their PCB along with the MCU and IMU. However besides of the appearance, the price is on the expensive side and is not affordable for the public use. The Keen created by HabitAware is a wearable-based tracking device to detect BFRB activity. It uses a gesture recognition for the initial use that makes the device recognize such habit. It then transmits a vibration signal to the patient wearing the device (HabitAware, 2020). Despite that, no published peer-reviewed study has shown the effectiveness of this device. There are testimonies that are presented in their website, but these are not great evidence to say that the device is well-suited for BFRB monitoring or treatment.

This study aims to develop a microcontroller based wearable technology that conveys a signal to the user and is integrated with mobile application for motion sensors in real time. This study will assist in the treatment of the Body-Focused Repetitive Behavior patient. The device will be able to send a signal to the patient by using the vibration motor; it has a trained model implemented to the microcontroller by using its IMU in addition of proximity and thermal sensor to improve the accuracy. By this, the user will control the repetitive behavior. It should be noted that this study is not a medication but will assist only BFRB patients in self-control.

***Research Objectives***

The study will conduct in the creation of microcontroller-based wearable device that will be used to help the patient control its repetitive behavior. To accomplish this, the following objectives will be met:

1. To develop a microcontroller based wearable technology that conveys a signal to the patient. The main components include Arduino Nano microcontroller board, a proximity sensor, a vibration motor, and various optional components such as batteries and a chassis.
2. To embed mobile application for motion sensors in real time. The software design will be implemented using Python programming language to build a user interface for the patient.
3. To assist in the treatment of the Body-Focused Repetitive Behavior (BFRB patient) with the study. Giving alert using haptic feedback to the patient to stop the urge of repetitive behavior.

***Scope and Delimitation***

This study covers the development of microcontroller based wearable device that can detect BFRB compulsive activities such as trichotillomania, excoriation, and onychophagia. It documents how the researchers construct the wearable device. The device has two components, the main system where the microcontroller is present, it will generate data from the user; and the mobile application that collects the data from the wearable device. This study will also test how the device will accurately predict the hotspot location for the compulsive behavior of the patient. The study does not document as an alternative treatment to the patient with BFRB disorder as it requires professional treatment of psychological disorders and problems. It can be described as effective or well-suited for patients with compulsive behavior through survey after they completed the allocated schedule.

***Significance of the Study***

Patient with BFRB ( simplify )

Society **?**

Medical Professionals

Future Researchers

***Definition of Terms***

To a have a full understanding of this paper, the following are the prominent terms used as presented in this study. This is intended to assist in understanding commonly used terms and concepts when reading, interpreting, and evaluating scholarly research in this study.

**Accelerometer.** It is a device that measure acceleration, which is the rate of change of the velocity of an object. They measure in meters per second squared (m/s2) or in G-forces (g).

**Bluetooth Low Energy.** It is a power-conserving variant of Bluetooth personal area network technology, designed for use by Internet-connected machines and appliances.

**Checksum.** It is a small-sized block of data derived from another block of digital data for the purpose of detecting errors that may have been introduced during its transmission or storage.

**Cloud Storage.** It allows to save data and files in an off-site location that user can access either through the public internet or a dedicated private network connection.

**Deep Learning.** It is a type of machine learning based on artificial neural networks in which multiple layers of processing are used to extract progressively higher-level features from data.

**Gyroscope.** It is a device that can measure and maintain the orientation and angular velocity. These can measure the tilt and lateral orientation of the object.

**Microcontroller.** It is a computer contained within a single integrated circuit that is dedicated to doing a single task and executing a single program.

**Motor.** It is a device that changes a form of energy into mechanical energy to produce motion.

**Oximeter.** It is a noninvasive medical device for measuring continuously or intermittently the degree of oxygen saturation of circulating blood or a localized region of tissue.

**Random-Access Memory.** It is a computer's short-term memory, where the data that the processor is currently using is stored.

**Sensor.** It is a device that measures physical input from its surroundings and turns it into data that either a human or a machine can comprehend.

**Wearable.** It is any technology that is designed to be used while worn. Common types of wearable technology include smartwatches and smart glasses.

**CHAPTER II**

***REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE***

This chapter of the study contains literatures and studies in both local and foreign to support the study. To ensure its relevance, the researchers used studies from the year 20xx–present. This weighs information and conclusions from existing literature on the topic. This section can also identify gaps or contradictions in current literature, which can then be discussed further after reviewing the study. Through the study, the researchers address these gaps and resolve these conflicts.

**Foreign Literatures**

**Local Literatures**

**Foreign Studies**

In a related study published in npj Digital Medicine, a team lead by Child Mind Institute researchers found that utilizing heat sensors in addition to inertial measurement and proximity sensors, a wearable tracking system they designed achieves greater accuracy in position tracking. Tingle, a wrist-worn gadget, could also tell the difference between actions aimed at six distinct parts of the head. The paper, titled "Thermal Sensors Improve Wrist-worn Position Tracking," provides preliminary evidence of the device's potential use in the diagnosis and treatment of excoriation disorder, nail-biting, trichotillomania, and other body-focused repetitive behaviors (Son et al., 2019).

**Local Studies**

**CHAPTER III**

***METHODOLOGY***

In this chapter, the researchers present the approach in making the wearable device. It includes the research design and pattern to achieve the objectives of this study. The materials and estimated cost are also shown in this chapter to give understanding on the features and emphasize its functions. The evaluation of performance is discussed at the end of this chapter whereas the crucial part of making the device effective.

***Research Design***

The study is focused in an early-stage design prototype where the literature is critically reviewed, important prototype goals are examined, key techniques are reviewed critically, and links between techniques are analyzed. These insights are then combined. Prototype design, development, and testing should all be carefully planned according to the breadth of the research questions and the available resources. Therefore, the researchers will facilitate prototyping by reducing cost and time and directly enhance prototype results.

The researchers use this design pattern because it translates an idea that is just on paper or in theory into a real object that, at the very least, approximates the desired functionality. On a small scale of each feature, it could appear that developing prototypes for the components is a waste of time and money that might be used to develop the wearable device straight immediately. The researchers will have development time that is significantly shortened by creating test samples. By doing this, the most important issues are exposed and helped to be resolved quickly.

***Materials***

**Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense** is a lot more powerful processor than the ordinary Arduino Nano. It uses the nRF52840 from Nordic Semiconductors with a 32-bit ARM Cortex-M4 CPU running at 64 MHz. The size of its program memory is 1MB and 256KB of SRAM for more variables. The main feature of this board is its capability of transmitting and receiving data using the BLE (Bluetooth Low Energy) communication chipset (Kurniawan, 2021).

**VL53L0X Time-of-Flight Sensor** works optically by emitting short infrared pulses and measuring the time it takes the light to be reflected. The sensor can measure distances up to 2 meters, though that figure depends significantly on several conditions like surface reflectance, field of view, temperature etc. In general, developers can expect surfaces up to 60cm to work, after that they need to make sure the surface is reflecting well enough (Komarizadehasl et al., 2022).

**MAX30100 Pulse Oximeter and Heart-Rate Sensor** is a modern, integrated pulse oximeter and heart rate sensor IC, from Analog Devices. It combines two LEDs, a photodetector, optimized optics, and low-noise analog signal processing to detect pulse oximetry (SpO2) and heart rate (HR) signals (Maxim Integrated, 2022).

**Micro Vibration Motor** acts as haptic feedback to any wearable devices, it provides power from a battery or microcontroller pin, and it will buzz away. The rated voltage is 2.5 to 3.8V, it vibrates from 2V up to 5V, higher voltages result in more current draw but also a stronger vibration (Jiang et al., 2020).

**601220 Lithium Polymer Battery** has a 3.7V 100mAh capacity and can be easily incorporated into a variety of electrical products. The battery has one prismatic cell in a one-series, one-parallel arrangement. Over-charge, over-discharge, over-current, and short-circuit protection are all provided by integrated battery PCBs or protection circuit boards (Crazell, 2022).

**TP4056 Charger Module** is a lithium battery charger for a single cell battery, protecting the cell from over and under charging. It has two status outputs indicating charging in progress and charging complete. It also has a programmable charge current of up to 1A. It can be used to charge batteries directly from a USB port since the working input voltage range is 4V ~ 6V (Addicore, 2019).

**SRAM 23LC1024** is a 1Mbit (125 KB) Serial Static Random-Access Memory chip enables limitless reads and writes to the memory array and is designed to connect directly with the Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) port of many of today's most popular microcontroller families. With a zero write time speed, this is a wonderful alternative for data recording and is perfect for adding extra SRAM memory to the microcontroller (Microchip, 2022).

**Single Pole, Double Throw (SPDT) switch** has a single input and two dissimilar outputs which is used to control two dissimilar circuits through a similar single input (Elprocus, 2022).

**Micro SD Card Module** enables to read or write to the memory card and connect with it. The SPI protocol is used for the module interfaces. High-capacity memory cards cannot be used with these modules. Typically, these modules have a maximum capacity of 2GB for SD cards and 16GB for micro-SD cards (Bradley & Wright, 2020).

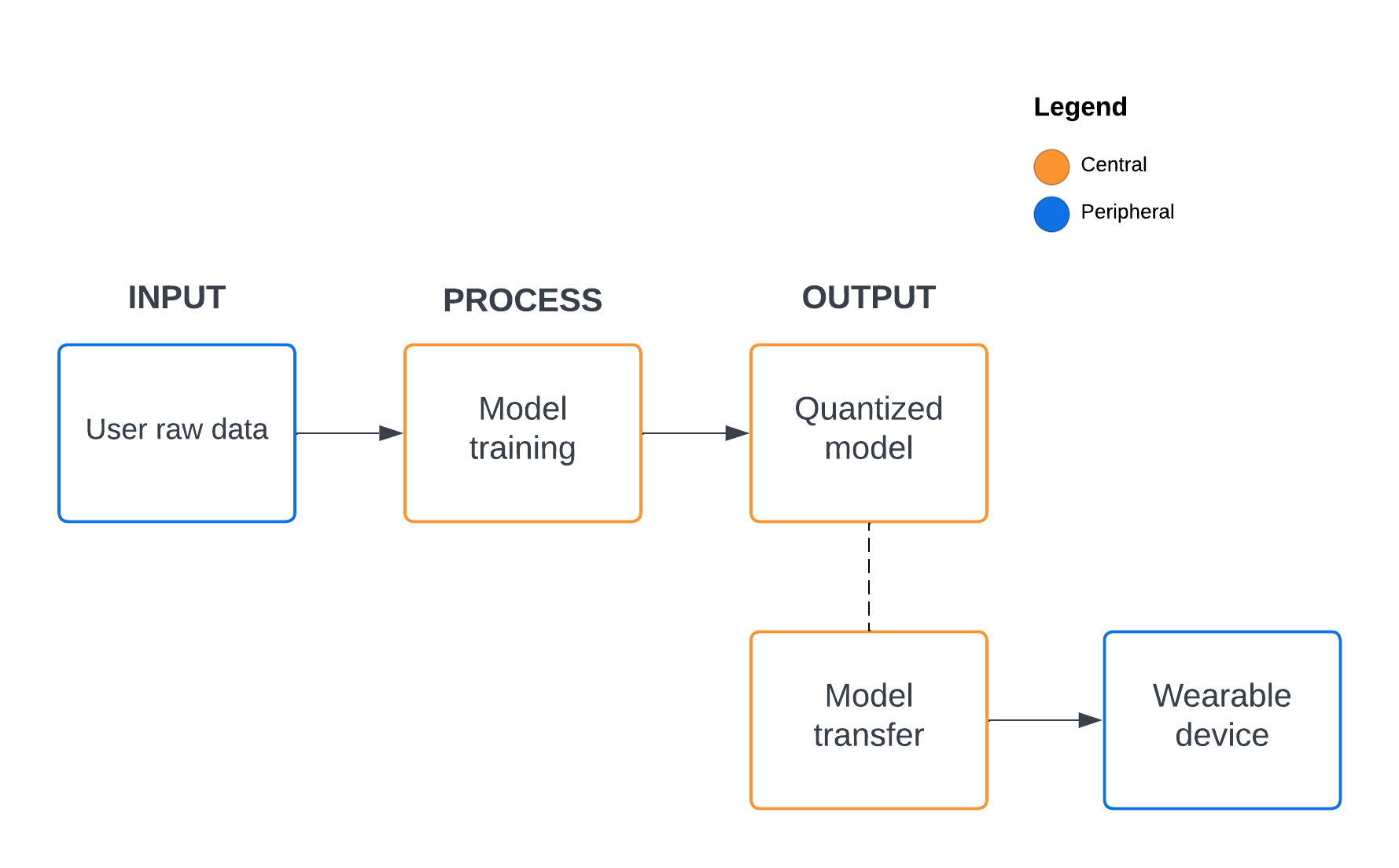
**LSM9DS1 Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)** is a system-in-package featuring a 3D digital linear acceleration sensor, a 3D digital angular rate sensor, and a 3D digital magnetic sensor. It measures and reports raw or filtered angular rate and specific force/acceleration experience by the object it is attached to. Data outputs for an IMU are typically body-frame accelerations, angular rates, and magnetic field measurements (STMicroelectronics, 2018).

**MLX90614 Temperature Sensor** is an infrared thermometer for non-contact temperature measurements. This component has a pulse width modulation digital output setting (PWM). The 10-bit PWM is typically set up with an output precision of 0.14°C and designed to send temperature readings constantly in the range of -20 to 120°C (Costanzo & Flores, 2020).

***Estimated Cost***

The materials will be used in the creation of the wearable device must be minimized yet functional. Components prices are based on existing product pages in online commerce platforms as of the time of this writing. The shipping fee will also be added to material cost, therefore estimating up to Php 4,700. This also does not include the paper for publishing for the finals and other miscellaneous items. Summing it up, the budgetary estimate of this study is Php 5,100. The web interface can also cost money by deploying and maintaining the website running. However, there are free web hosting available online that can handle a limited amount of storage and memory usage.

***System Overview***

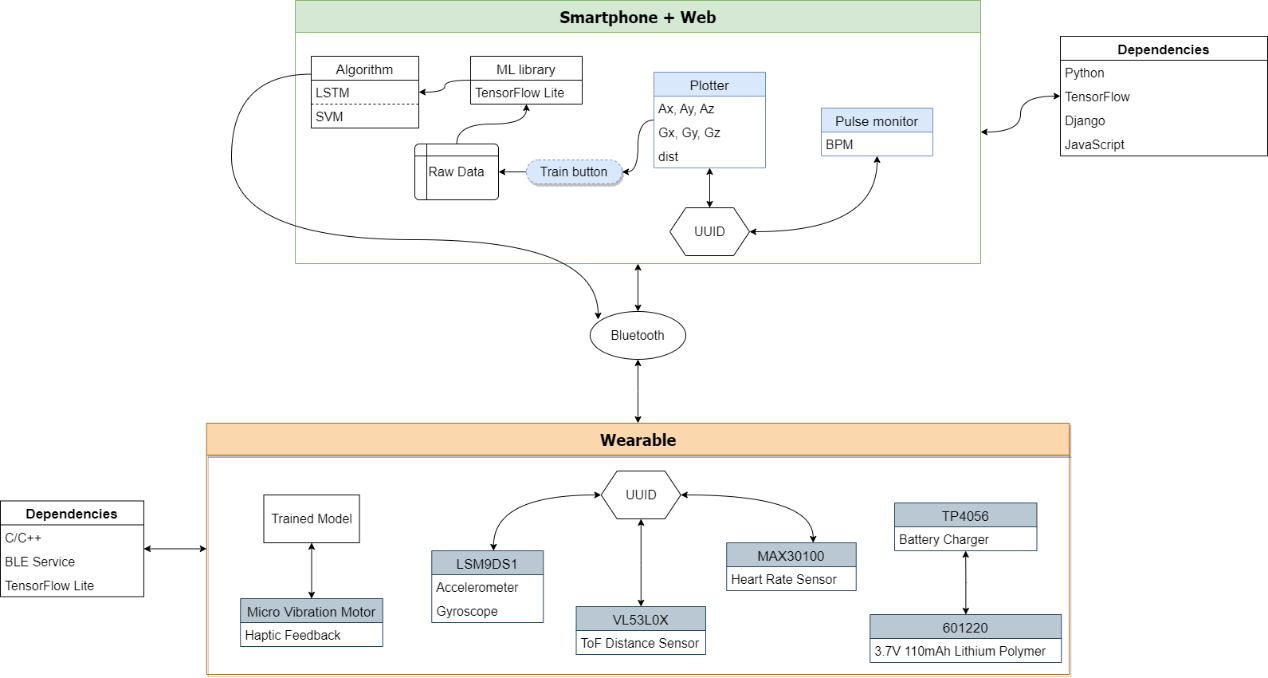
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**Figure …** Wearable device and monitoring system relationship.

The wearable device system diagram is shown in Figure … wherein the user will generate his/her raw data to classify two hotspots, the on-target, and the off-target. It will automatically record the position by using the IMU component as well as the temperature and distance sensor. The raw data that is generated by the device is recorded and saved directly on the web interface, this will save time and memory compared when saving from the device then sending via Bluetooth. After the recording, it will train the model using the Long short-term memory (LSTM) neural network. The data is shuffled and normalized accordingly then splits to 80% for training and 20% for validation. The training time is expected to be less than two (2) minutes while giving it small amount of data and using quantization to limit the model contents for transferring the file. The researchers also considered a lot of regularization to avoid overfitting since this is a big factor of this research outcome. Model is then ready for transfer using the Bluetooth characteristic of the device and the web interface. The device is given to receive the file contents of the model by using the Universal Unique Identifier (UUID) pair of connection. Finally, after the model contents are transferred, the device will initialize the model then starts calculating the prediction output of position tracking.

***BLE Characteristic***

Understanding the distinction between a central and a peripheral device is crucial for understanding BLE connection. In this section, the central and peripheral devices of the study is discussed. It is crucial to comprehend how a BLE connection operates, the functions of the various devices involved, and how data is exchanged from one device to another over the air to have a successful custom implementation.

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**Figure …** Design pattern of the study.

Figure … shows the simplified design pattern of this study. Basically, the smartphone works in conjunction with the web interface while the wearable is a standalone device that will take the responsibility for position tracking. The dependencies showed are the main tools and libraries that the researchers will be using.

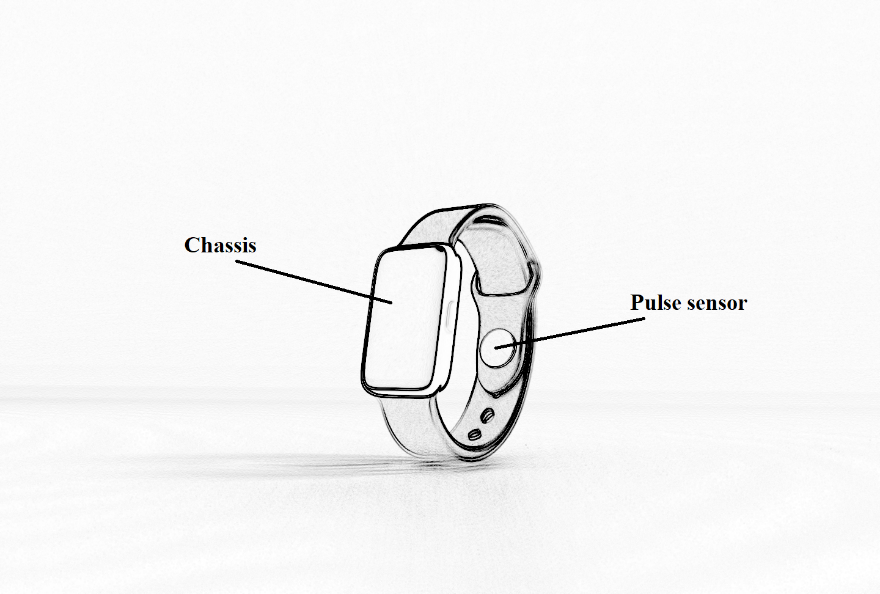
**Central**

The researchers consider having a website that acts as a central device for pairing the wearable device (peripheral) through Bluetooth connection. The main purpose of the web interface is to act like a server, this will handle the training for deep neural networks and monitor the system for live plotting. It includes the summary (training and validation) of the trained model that will be helpful for data analysis. The data collected sent by the peripheral device are stored in an array before the model is trained then the C-header file containing the hex array will send back to the device through Bluetooth file transfer by a block of 128 bytes of data iteratively.

**Peripheral**

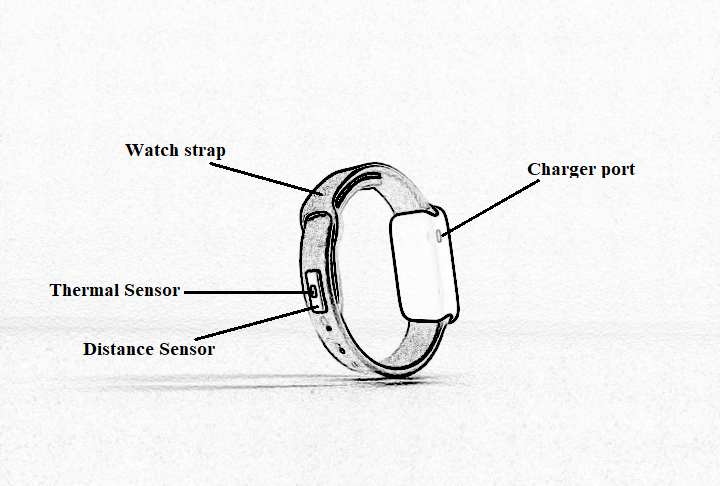
The Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense is the motherboard of the wearable device. The purpose of this peripheral device is to send data to the web interface and retrieve the hex array content of the C-header file that will be used in position tracking. The web interface and the wearable device has its compatibility when sending or receiving data using the cyclic redundancy check of 32 bit binary sequence or CRC32 file checksum. It will check if the two are similar after the file transfer is complete, if it is not, the model import will be cancelled. This happens because of the noise interference such as network errors and disk write errors.

***Design and Construction of the Wearable Device***



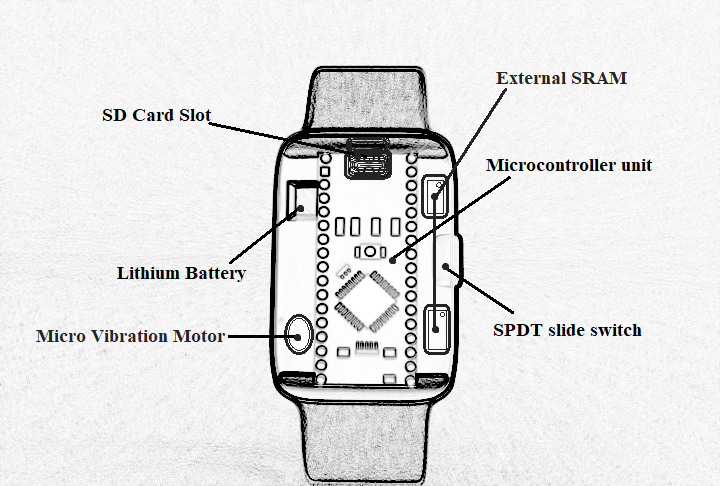
**Figure …** Expected output of the wearable device.

Figure … shows the expected output of the microcontroller based wearable device. The main components are protected with a chassis to prevent it from any dirt/debris and water particles that may cause from destroying the entire circuit. The chassis are also expected to be 3D printed made with a strong filament of plastic to add durability. It can also prevent some form of electric shock commonly known as Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) to the user. The pulse sensor is located at the wrist strap that is directly pointing to the pulse of the user. The researchers plan to create a compact device like any other smartwatches that will fit to any people using it. Due to its size limitation, the design of the device and its subsystem is still subject to change and can be added more features for the monitoring system.



**Figure …** Expected output of the wearable device.

Beside the pulse sensor, the external components are shown in Figure … The thermal sensor measures the body temperature without contact in conjunction with another sensor to measure the distance between the device and the target. The purpose of placing these components externally is to make it the same pointing side of the user’s palm. Thus, contributes to the measurements of data for position tracking. The charger port is exposed on the outside of the chassis. It can connect with a Micro Type B connector that is commonly used in the Android charger. The researchers plan to have a customized watch strap to place the external components and attach the chassis into it. It can adjust the size of the strap to fasten to the small or wide wrist of the user. As seen in this Figure, there is an available space at the back of the chassis. This is where the researchers plan to place the pulse sensor if the previous one is uncomfortable.



**Figure …** Chipset of the wearable device.

Figure … shows the components inside the chassis. The subcomponents (resistors, capacitors, wires, etc.) are also set to fit inside the device. The researchers plan to use a lithium polymer battery for 3.7 supply voltage for the MCU, this battery is safe as it has no leakage problem because the inside of the battery does not contain a liquid electrolyte. It is also a rechargeable battery to avoid the replacement each time the battery has run out. The SD card slot will serve as the storage for the trained model. In this way, if the user has already trained the model and planned to change the position tracking, they will not need to re-train the model again. Because the MCU has only 256KB of SRAM, the researchers plan to use an external SRAM. This external SRAM works in correlation with the SD card. This will also serve as the storage for the global variables for the incoming data from the Web interface.

Placement of the MCU in the chassis must be sturdy otherwise, the IMU recording will generate random and unstable numbers. Thus, position tracking will fail. The SPDT switch are placed on the side of the chassis with a placement of LED lights to indicate on and off status. Finally, the wearable device will be able to send a haptic feedback/warning to the patient by using the vibration motor. The researchers can tweak the frequency for user preferences so that they will sense the vibration.

***Design and Construction of the Web Interface***

Graphical user interface, application

Description automatically generated

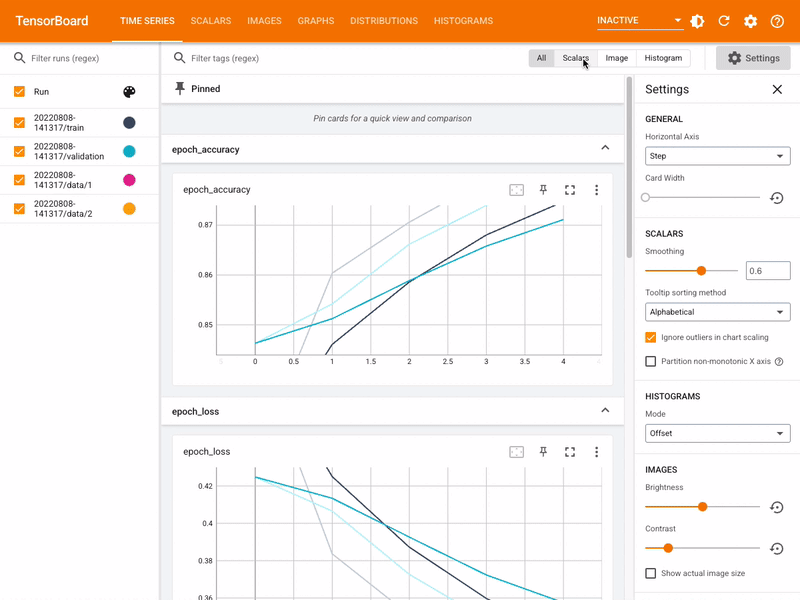
**Figure …** Web interface design.

The design of the website is shown in Figure … where the application is divided into three (3) section, the training application, the real-time monitoring system, and the status section where the success, progress, notification, and error are displayed. The device must be in the on-state and the user must turn-on his/her Bluetooth before the connection.

This implementation of the Bluetooth connection from the web can be made using the built-in Web Bluetooth API in JavaScript, specifically VanillaJS. It is the most basic version of JavaScript, utilizing only the built-in objects, functions, and methods. Developers don't need to download any other programs or libraries for website to function, and the term "vanilla" refers to something that is conventional or standard without any added features (Persson, 2020).

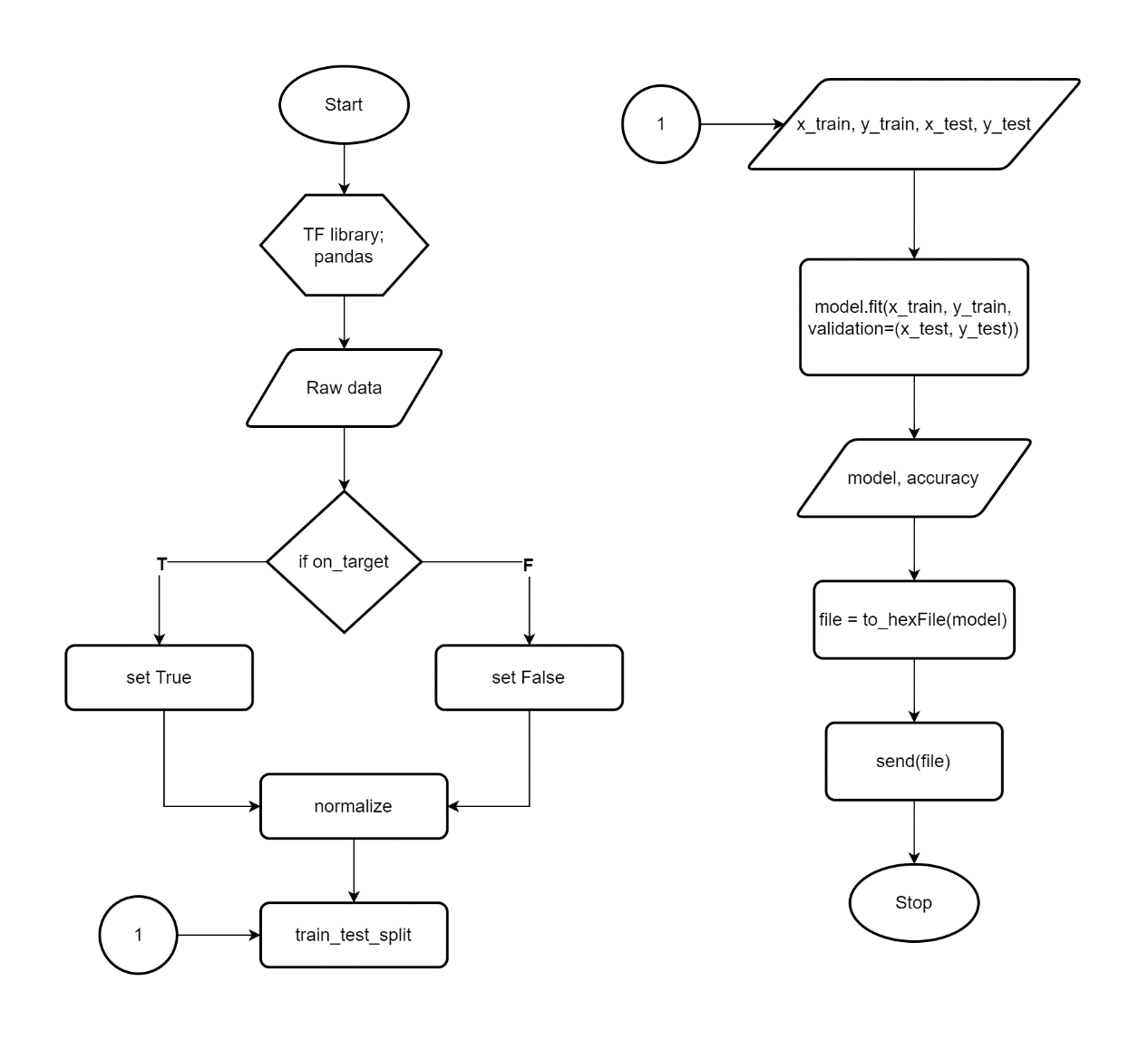
The researchers decide to use the Python programming language as the backend of the web interface. Django handles the backend of the web interface. This web framework built on Python uses the model-template-views (MTV) architectural design. The development of the backend encourages the researchers for rapid development, clean, and pragmatic design (Idris et al., 2020). The main purpose of this website is to receive input data then sends back the output model data. The neural network model is trained using the TensorFlow. It is a machine learning platform that helps to implement best practices for data automation, model tracking, performance monitoring, and model retraining (Fridriksdottir & Bonomi, 2020).

With being the JavaScript as the frontend, it will handle the user input for training to use specify the on-target and off-target data for classification while displaying its data in the real-time graph. It then allows the user to begin training after the required parameters are met. While training, the status is displayed on the bottom section of the website where it notifies the user for its training progress e.g., current number of epochs. User can also monitor the data being sent to the device in the form of displaying the total number of bytes left in progress.



**Figure …** Design of the model-result viewer.

Figure … shows the results of model after the training process. The user can view the validation accuracy and validation loss per epoch. The researchers will also make the website user friendly than user can have ease of using the interface. Total accuracy of the model is also highlighted in this page, in this way the user can have an option to retrain their model. Retraining the model does not add up to the previous data of the model because it can expand the result of the hexadecimal data representation of the model causing the wearable device out of memory.



**Figure …** Server-side flowchart training behavior.

The behavior of the server-side or the central device is shown in Figure … This explains the detail of process when the data is handled by this service. After the data is prepared, it the server will filter and classify each data by marking it as true for on-target and false for off-target this is done using data manipulation and analysis. Each data is then normalized and standardized to speed up the learning process and make each feature on a similar scale. For example, the Arduino LSM9DS1 library accelerometer range is set at ±4 g and ±2000 degrees per second for gyroscope (Arduino, 2022). This can be calculated as:

where ***x*** is the negative to positive readings and ***y*** is the min to max range value.

It is now safe and easy for the deep learning library to calculate the value of each feature. The sequential model will be used for building and training the model. In this way, the divided values can be easily maintained for manual changes. The cloud storage will handle the saved model and saving its path to the database. This allows the user to choose their desired model for sending the model to the device via Bluetooth.

***Evaluation of the Performance of the Wearable Device***

To ensure that the device and web interface are functional, this study will be evaluated through a unit and integration test. This is where the researchers will run a test on each feature completion. The interface between modules may be problematic even while the modules themselves functions properly in isolation.

Stability is also a key factor to make the study successful. The device's electronic components will be subject to inspection by the researchers since they will be compatible with the output specified by the software. Therefore, early error detection reduces the need for costly and time-consuming correction and a higher number of defects will be found when a software and hardware is tested more extensively.

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