

# Anti-lost/theft Alarming System for Personal Belongings

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#### Introduction

 Inspiration: High loss rate of personal belongings from TechCrunch report

 Goal: Design an effective anti-lost alarming system for personal belongings by using advanced communication device

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#### **Features**

- Multiple item-tracking function
- LCD screen displaying losing item
- Traceable alarming system
- Manual switch for LCD display
- Flash LED indication



# **Technology Choice**

- Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
  - Multiple tags reading function
  - One-way signal transmitting
  - Small size tags
  - Large size readers
  - Large power consumption

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# **Technology Choice**

- Bluetooth 4.0
  - Programmable function
  - two-way signal transmitting
  - Small size and light weight
  - Low energy consumption

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# **BLE112**



#### **Hardware Overview**

#### Portable Base Block Diagram



#### Tag Block Diagram



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#### **System Flow**



## **Portable Base** (master-end)

- Microcontroller Module
  - Arduino UNO
  - Receive signal from bluetooth
  - Send signal to LCD screen and LED
- Communication Module
  - Bluegiga BLE112 chip
  - Communicate with tags



#### **Portable Base** (master-end)

- Power Supply Module
  - 9V Battery with Dc-Dc converter
  - CR2032 Coin Cell Battery
- Display Module
  - ACM1602A SERIES LCD screen
  - Display losing item name
- LED and Push button
  - Cancel alarm notification

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#### **Master-End Device**









## **Design Change**

# Keypad to Push Button Size issue



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#### **Portable Base Requirement**

- Portable Base is visible to each tag
- Be able to identify the signal transmitted by the tag
- Display the identity of the item is under the risk of losing



#### **Slave-End Device**







# Tag (slave-end)

- Communication Module - Bluegiga BLE112 chip
- Power Supply Module
  - CR2032 Coin cell battery
  - Buck power converter
- Alarm Module
  - FY14. 3-18Vdc mini-piezo buzzer
- Capacitors

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## **Design Change**

• Not using the MOSET to Control the buzzer -  $V_{\rm ds}$  > 2.5 V



#### **Tag Schematic**





## **Tag Requirement**

- Get the RSSI of the Portable Base
- Compare the RSSI to the setup reference value
- When RSSI < Reference
  - Trigger the alarm
  - Send ID information to the Portable Base

#### **RSSI** Test



Figure 1: Raw RSSI Value at 0.5m



Figure 2: Raw RSSI Value at 1.5m



#### **Filtered RSSI Plot**



Figure 3: Filtered RSSI Value at 0.5m

Figure 4: Filtered RSSI Value at 1.5m

#### **Real RSSI Data Plot**



Figure 5: Sample Raw and Filtered RSSI data

#### **Alarm Response Time**



Response Time  $\approx$  1 us

Figure 6: Alarm Response Time



# **Power Consumption**

#### Voltage constant at 2.8 V (Vary with coin cell battery)

#### **Current Profile:**



Figure 7: Current Profile when Advertising and Scan



Figure 8: Current Profile During Data Transfer



#### **Battery Lifetime**

- Scan Rate: 20/min (every 3 sec)
- Scan Interval: 125 ms
- Power Consumption: 36mA\*((20\*125ms)\*60/3600)=1.5 mAh/hr
- CR2032 Coin Cell Battery Capacity: 230 mAh
- System Battery Lifetime: 230/1.5=153 hr









#### Difficulties

#### • Solder the Power Converter





#### **Future Work**

• Change the user interface to touch screen

• Integrate the whole system

• Improve power efficiency

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