Key Master RFID Based Key Choosing System *"These keys are lit."*

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1 Introduction

1.1 Objective

There are many doors that need to be opened, but trying to match keys to the correct doors and locks can be difficult. For the everyday use, an individual will learn which key is for what purpose through a combination of repetition and memorization, but there is still a limit to how many key/lock combinations one person can commit to memory. For individuals that carry a dozen plus keys, the task of finding the right key can be frustrating and time consuming. Professions that tend to carry key rings include landlords, maintenance workers, and groundskeepers, which may work on a number of properties that do not have upgraded features like electronic locks or even the ability to create master keys to serve many purposes. Individuals in this situation could benefit from a cost effective and time-saving product that identifies the correct key for them.

The Key Master will eliminate the need for guessing by identifying the corresponding key for a door. Instead of upgrading door locks, this system will work with any basic key and lock combination. RFID tags, each with distinct frequencies, can be discretely added near a lock, and each will match with one of the key holders on a key ring. The Key Master key ring will the let the user know the correct key by illuminating an embedded LED on the key holder.

1.2 Background

With large numbers of keys, efficiently identifying which key belongs to a lock can be difficult and defaults to trial and error. The more keys involved, the longer this process will take especially if multiple locks need to be accessed in short succession. Another problem that could delay entry is if the area has little lighting. Tags or markings matching doors with keys or the keys themselves might not be fully visible, so some error is possible in identifying the correct key by distinct features. Another option is replacing all the locks with matching ones that could use a master key to open. This involves a lot of additional cost that may not be feasible, as that upgrade will cost at least \$15 per door and can add up for larger buildings.

Electronic locks is another option for making access easier because one keycard can be programmed to open all the locks, but this again would incur upgrade costs. Additionally, older buildings with physical locks would require additional installations to provide power for the new locks, not to mention the expense of electronic locks (over \$1000 per lock for those in the ECEB [1]). These locks are most useful for high traffic locations with multiple restricted areas because keycards with individual access to areas is logistically simpler and safer than having keys given to and retrieved from many individuals.

1.3 High-level requirements list

- The system has to be able to reliably read an RFID tag within a distance of approximately 5 cm.
- Once a RFID tag has been read, the system has to be able to light up the correct LED of the key associated with the tag/lock.
- A good battery life is needed so that the system can be used multiple times, approximately 100 times, within a standard 8 hour work day.

2 Design

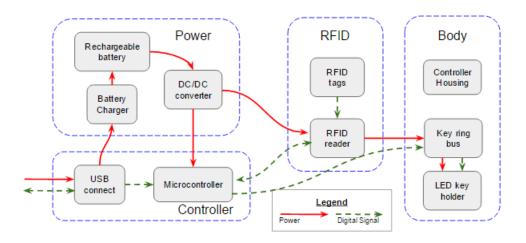


Figure 1: Block diagram of Key Master components.

The Key Master consists of four main modules that will allow for proper operation: Controller, Transmitter/Receiver, Power, and Body. The most important module is the Transmitter/Receiver will read the RFID tags near the locks and will transmit a pulse to the keys given the correct frequency. The controller module stores the frequency information about a key/lock pair and relays the information to the other modules. The power module will provide consistent low power to all the modules but be able to handle the short bursts of power needs when the transmitter and receiver. Finally, the body module encompasses the design which connects the keys to the controls via a key ring bus.

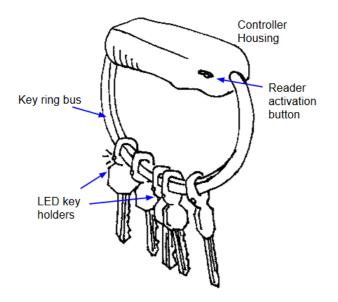


Figure 2: Sketch of the intended physical design of the system.

Fig. 2 illustrates the design of the Key Master. At the top is the controller housing, which will actually hold the power, controller, and transmitter/receiver and doubles as a hand grip. A button for activating

the RFID reader will help allow the unit to last all day but meet the immediate demands of the user. The keyring will be attached to and loop around that housing. Ideally, the keyring will have an easy disconnect so keys can easily be added and removed if needed. Key holders fit snuggly on the key ring bus, and the bus will be protected by an outer insulated layer to protect the user. Each key holders will fit around the head of a key and house an LED for signaling the user.

2.1 Controller

The controller module is responsible for storing the frequency values associated with each RFID tag. It receives an input from the reader, and then it will automatically lookup the value in memory and output the frequency value to the transmitter.

2.1.1 Microcontroller Unit

The microcontroller unit will serve essentially as a lookup table for the RFID reader. The reader will send the data from the tag to the microcontroller where it will access memory to find the associated key. Each DS2413 chip associated with each key has an unique 64-bit address to access.

Requirement	Verification
Be able to receive and output at least 16 bits.	
	1. Read design documentation to verify 16 bit functionality.
	2. Insert simple program into microcontroller that will receive a 16 bit input and output 16
	bits.
	3. Tie various input pins to 5V (or rated value)
	to simulate a 16 bit input.
	4. Verify with a multimeter or LEDs (if output
	pins supply enough current) that the correct 16 bits are output.
Must be able to run at least 1 MIPS (million of instructions per second)	
	1. Create a simple program with a loop that ends after 1 million instructions.
	2. Start timer at the same time the loop starts.
	3. Record time needed to execute all instructions.
	4. Repeat five times to verify speed meets or exceeds requirements.

100 chips \rightarrow 100 chips $\times 64 \frac{\text{bits}}{\text{chip}} = 6,400 \text{ bits} = 800 \text{ bytes}$ (1)

2.1.2 USB Interface

The USB interface is the main way of accessing the controller as well as charging the system. This allows a universal charging solution in line with most phone chargers or through a computer. The intended low power consumption of the system means the USB interface is adequate for our purposes since a standard USB port outputs up to 0.5 A at 5 V for USB 2.0 [2].

2.2 Radio Frequency Identification

This module is responsible for identifying RFID tags at 125kHz. After identifying the tag, it processes the data from the tag in the microcontroller unit.

2.2.1 RFID Tags

The RFID tags should ideally be as small as possible while still being adhesive enough to stick onto a door or near a lock. The tags will be used to identify which door, and each one should be uniquely identifiable so that different doors can identified.

Requirement	Verification
The tag must be able to be read by the reader	
from at most 3 inches away.	
	1. Connecting the reader to the Arduino and
	displaying the output of the reader on a computer
	screen.
	2. Bring the reader 3 inches above the tag. Check
	the output of the reader, if the output reads the
	default output of xFEEDFACE then the tag is
	being read.
	3. If the tag has already been written with an
	output, then if that output is read this tag has
	been properly identified

2.2.2 RFID Reader

The RFID reader is an antenna that is responsible for identifying the RFID tag and assess which key is necessary to open it. This component will most likely consume the bulk of the power but nonetheless is the most integral part in identifying the proper key for the identified lock.

Requirement	Verification
Can the reader be turned on and read a tag after	
5 seconds of being switched on.	
	1. Connect reader through Arduino to computer
	while RFID reader is unpowered.
	2. Have RFID tag next to reader.
	3. Simultaneously connect power to reader and
	run program while timing how long until RFID
	contents are read.
	4. Repeat five times to verify read time of 5 or
	less seconds.
Able to read through plastic housing 3mm thick.	
	1. Separate RFID reader from tag with 3mm
	thick plastic made of same material as housing.
	2. Enable reading of tag.
	3. Verify tag can be read.
	4. Repeat five times.

2.3 Power

Power is required to keep the individual modules ready to operate multiple times a day. Each element will require about 5V, and will require a higher current draw when reading RFID tags.

2.3.1 Rechargeable Battery

To last all day with multiple key identifications, a rechargeable battery will need to provide sufficient power to the unit. All of the components require a 5V input. Given multiple units that will draw up to 600 mA of current during each operation, the battery will need to provide sufficient mAh to last after 100 operations over an eight hour period. It is also important that the power source be compact enough to fit in a handgrip-sized housing attached to the key ring.

Expected timeframe of max operations over an hour: Expected current draw by elements:

 $\begin{array}{l} 30 \text{ seconds} \times 25 \times \frac{1 \text{minute}}{60 \text{seconds}} = 12.5 \text{ minutes} \\ 200 \text{mA} \text{ (RFID reader)} + 200 \text{mA} \text{ (controller)} = 400 \text{mA} \\ \frac{400 \text{mA} \times 12.5 + 100 \text{mA} \text{(nominal)} \times 47.5}{60} = 162.5 \text{ mAh} \end{array}$

Requirement	Verification
Must provide at least 500mAh at 9V for a minute	
and stay below 35° C.	
	1. Measure starting battery voltage as reference.
	2. Given that about 100 operations are expected
	in an 8 hour day, run multiple non-consecutive
	tests of 25 operations in an hour (as a maximum).
	3. For each run, vary the time spacing be-
	tween each key identification cycle, recording the
	time between each cycle. During each cycle, also
	record the peak temperature. Measure voltage
	and current from the battery to ensure with min-
	imum voltage of 7V and maximum current draw
	of 400mA.
	4. After the total time is spent, measure the bat-
	tery voltage at the end and extrapolate for an
	eight hour time frame.

2.3.2 DC/DC Converter

A converter will be required to step down the power given from the 9V battery. The MCU and RFID reader will require around 5V, and will need consistent voltage in addition to a maximum of 600 mA current draw.

Requirement	Verification
Must maintain 5V +/- 10% over a current draw	
range of 20 mA to 200 mA.	
	1. Ensure battery has full charge prior to running
	a key identification cycle of 9V.
	2. For each port from the converter, measure
	voltage and current when connected to the RFID
	reader.
	3. Before the cycle begins, record the voltage
	and current values, as well as during the cycle
	and after the cycle to observe the peaks.
	4. Repeat this cycle 10 times.

2.4 Body

2.4.1 Key Ring Bus

This module will provide a bus that carry the controller's signals and power to the key holders. The ring will have an embedded conductor that will only be in direct contact with the key holders. A protective outer layer will insulate the user against the conductor.

Requirement	Verification
Must maintain its shape with the weight of 10	
keys and holders during normal usage.	
	1. Jostle the ring with the keys on it, wiggle it
	to ensure the keys have freedom of motion along
	the axis of the key ring.
	2. Remove the keys and measure the dimensions
	again, noting any specific changes.
Bus contact points must maintain a minimum of	
95% voltage from input to the bus after 10,000 connections made.	
	1. Attach a key to the bus six inches down from
	the input. Simulate spring loaded contact engag-
	ing to the bus 100 times with slight scratching
	after each contact.
	2. Run 5V into the bus input, approximately
	6 inches down the bus line with approximately
	same resistance as 10 keys in parallel. Measure
	the voltage at input and key locations, as well as
	bus current.
	3. Repeat, measuring voltage down to 4 volts
	at 0.1 V increments and compare input versus
	output.
	4. Extrapolate a trendline to determine resis-
	tance increase and determine degradation after
	10,000 connections.

2.4.2 LED Key Holder

This will attach to the head of each key. A hole in the holder's head will facilitate proper contact on the key ring bus while still giving freedom of movement along the ring. Within the holder will be an LED that responds to the signal and utilizes the power to light up the key holder. For design reference, look at Figures 4 and 6.

Requirement	Verification
Individually identified addressing via maximum 2 buses not including ground.	
2 Subes not morading ground.	1. Hook up the memory elements in parallel to
	each other. Making sure that the IO pins are all
	connected to the same bus. Using the microcon- troller and the 1-Wire protocol, send a MATCH
	function down the bus to locate the address. The
	LED should light up.
	2.In a room under standard fluorescent lights, proceed with the below:
LED must illuminate at 2.2V or lower voltage.	
	1. Starting at a maximum of 5V, slowly decrease
	the voltage applied to the LED and note the turn off voltage.
Must be visible/identifiable in direct sunlight and at minimum 45 degree angle.	
	 Given the turn off voltage, take the LED and power supply so that it is in direct sunlight Starting at the turnoff voltage-0.5V, increase the applied voltage until the LED can be easily distinguished as on and ensure the value is below
	5V.
	3. Repeat while angling the LED at 30 and 60 degrees and note the point when light is no longer visible.
Contact with bus must allow for 95% of voltage	VISIDIE.
to pass to the key holder.	
	1. With voltmeters, measure the voltages of the
	key ring bus and voltage to the key holder com- ponents
	2. Vary the voltage from 0 to 5V in 0.5 V in-
	crements, recording the voltages from each volt- meter.

2.4.3 Controller Housing

This module will contain all transmission and control elements while doubling as a hand grip. It will connect both ends of the key ring bus, and will also allow for opening and closing of the key ring in order to remove or add keys. The user interface on the housing will have a button to activate the device out of low power operation and read an RFID tag.

Requirement	Verification
Must insulate the user against any heat from the	
battery and other modules.	
	1. With the parts in housing, run key cycles tests
	in quick succession of 30 seconds on and 30 sec-
	onds off.
	2. Repeat this cycle 25 times, measuring the tem-
	perature of the housing each time.

2.4.4 User Interface

Consisting of a button and two LEDs, this will allow the user to control when the identification cycle starts and see when it is complete. The button will activate the entire unit such that power is provided to the RFID reader in order to read a chip and begin the process of identifying the correct key. Depression of the button will be required the entire time to run the entire identification cycle. LEDs will turn on, one to show that the RFID is operating and the second to show that a signal has been sent down the key ring bus.

Requirement	Verification
RFID reader only receives power if button is de-	
pressed	
	1. Setup voltmeter at RFID reader input pin.
	2. Depress button for time from 1 second to 20
	seconds.
	3. Check the voltage after button has been re-
	leased to ensure voltage drops.
LED 1 will turn on while RFID is processing and	
shut off when RFID is finished with its portion	
of ID cycle.	1 Connect voltmaton ammeter at input nin of
	1. Connect voltmeter, ammeter at input pin of RFID reader and read voltage in oscilloscope.
	2. Hook up LED input to oscilloscope and set
	trigger for rising edge of RFID input.
	3. Start the ID cycle, noting the voltage upon
	trigger as the LED should turn on shortly after
	RFID and turn off when RFID voltage drops.
LED 2 will turn on when ID has been made in	
memory and signal is being sent down key ring	
bus.	
	Same as above but connect to input of key ring
	bus rather than RFID
	1. LED should turn on only briefly after voltage
	applied.

2.5 Schematics

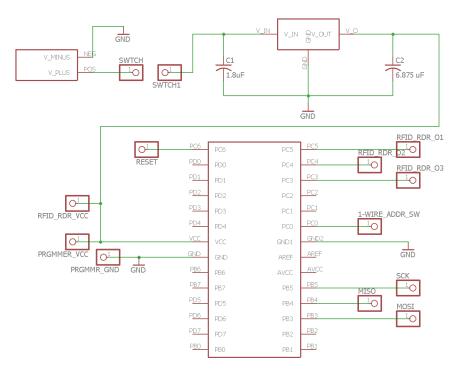


Figure 3: Circuit schematic for the PCB acting as the main hub for parts to connect to.

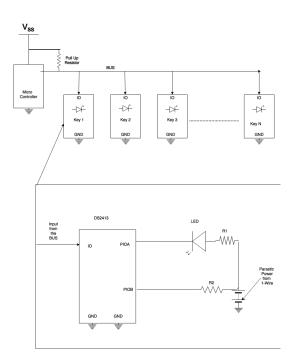


Figure 4: Schematic of the key holder system and for individual keys.

2.6 PCB Design

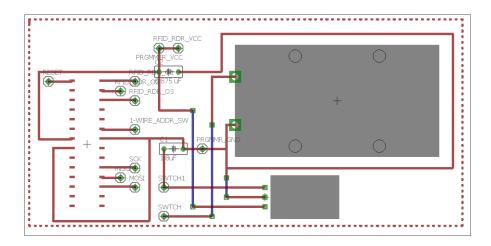


Figure 5: Circuit PCB layout acting as the main hub for component interface.

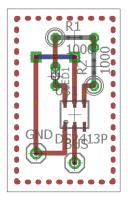


Figure 6: Circuit PCB layout for the key heads.

2.7 State Diagram

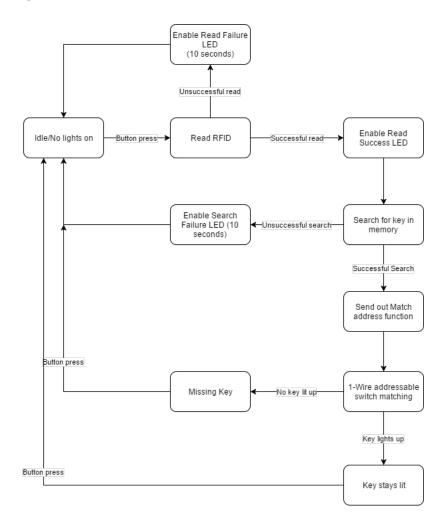


Figure 7: State diagram of Key Master system functions.

3 Tolerance Analysis

The primary failure point in our design is the key ring bus, which will provide a common node points for signal, voltage, and ground lines to all the key holders. The bus will carry all the information needed to identify and light the correct key holder based on the reader. The key holder circuits will have specific voltage requirements in order to convey the signal for identification as well as supply enough voltage to the LED. The current concept for creating contact involve a spring action system of each key's contact points to the buses inside the key ring. For the bus to function correctly, it is required to maintain its shape and keep 95% contact with the engaged key holder nodes for signal and ground buses.

When considering the contact, the main concern becomes the amount of surface area that will be engaged are based on the key holder's external contact points and the bus's ability to maintain over regular application of pressure. Over numerous applications of the spring system, applied force to the bus's conductor material will create indentations that reduce the surface area shared by the key holder contact and the bus. This can be described by the equation (2) given that HBW is Brinell Hardness Number (in kgf/mm2), F is the applied load (kgf), D is the diameter of the keyholder contact (in mm), and d is the diameter of the indentation in the bus (in mm).

$$HBW = 0.102 \frac{2F}{\pi D (D - \sqrt{D^2 - d^2})}$$
(2)

d =
$$\sqrt{D^2 - (D - \frac{2F}{\pi D \text{ HBW}}^2)}$$

d = $\sqrt{0.9398^2 - (0.9398 - \frac{2*0.03}{\pi*0.9398*35}^2)} = 0.03303 \text{ mm}$

Working with copper contact wires from the keyholder of 20 AWG gives a indenter diameter of 0.9389 mm. The approximate applied load is about 30 g for the key and key holder, resulting in at most a force of 0.03 kgf. The hardness for copper is 35 kgf/mm², resulting in a calculated indention of 0.03303 mm. Indentation size in the bus can be used for a number of effects that our bus must overcome to ensure reliable operation. The indentation can be used as an initial estimate of the increase in resistance due to a loss of surface area contact, though over a number of . Either form of added resistance, increasing over time, will degrade the signal and voltage sent across the systems. Given 100 reads expected daily, and up to 26,000 a year, the number of cycles could shortly render the bus ineffective with higher levels of wear on the contacts.

Translating the initial loss in conductivity comes down to determining resistance per meter. Given copper's resistivity is $1.72*10^{-8} \Omega \cdot m$, the starting resistance for the key ring bus will be around $0.0.332 \Omega \cdot m$. After one contact cycle and indentation, the increase in resistance due to loss in surface area is found below:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R} &= \frac{\rho}{\Delta A} \\ \mathbf{R} &= \frac{1.72*10^{-8}}{\pi \frac{((0.9398-0.0303)*10^{-3})^2}{\pi (10^{-3})^2}} = 0.0266\Omega \cdot \mathbf{m} \end{aligned}$$

Cycling through the repeat process of 26,000 cycles will increase the size of the indentation, along with some wear and tear loss to the key holder contact will continual decrease the surface area of the contact. This sort of repetition has shown a fairly linear relationship until it saturates, with approximately a 6 fold increase in area over 30,000 cycles though tested cases were dealing with vibrations at 10 Hz than our system. [7] The contact frequency for the Key Master is much less than this, but the number of occurrences will add up. Using the 6 fold increase in area as a maximum in this case, the resistance would only increase to 0.0398 $\Omega \cdot m$. This also does not account for potential loss in contact effectiveness due to air gaps or corrosion of the partially exposed bus. [6] There is the potential for signal erosion due to to these factors as well, however testing will be required to ensure the bus. Assuming the initial contact variance in resistance is as low as calculated, then voltage should be almost entirely maintained.

A statement identifying the most critical overall feature(s) of your project. 2. The components (which may span several blocks of your design) involved in the overall requirement and their accuracy, either specified by the manufacturer or empirically measured (or estimated if you don't have them). 3. A discussion of the insights you developed by performing the analysis.

This bus will have to be made correctly in order to transport our signal without causing harm to the user or failure of identifying the right key. If the keys are not touching the bus, then they can not be identified correctly. The bus should be built in a way that all the keys make contact with the bus and are capable of reading the incoming signal from the hand grip. A larger portion of the risk associated with this design is the safety of the user of the device. If the bus is exposed, it could potentially make contact with the user can cause major harm. The bus needs to be properly shield so that accidental contact to the live wire is impossible.

4 Cost and Schedule

Labor will account for the largest chunk of expenses in completing this project. Given an above average salary for UIUC graduates of approximately \$72,000 plus benefits of \$6,000, we can estimate an hourly rate of

Work on this project is expected to be about 10 hours a week per person for 16 weeks to complete the prototype with additional expenses for equipment and workspace cost at 2.5 of the total.

$$\frac{78,000}{40 \text{ hours per week}} \times 52 \text{ weeks} = \$37.50$$
$$3 \times \$ \ 37.50 \times 10 \frac{\text{hr}}{\text{week}} \times 16 \text{weeks} \times 2.5 = \$45,000$$

Additional costs for housing is estimated at \$50 with machining labor of 20 hours of labor at \$25/hour and 5 hours of machining at \$50/hour. Machine shop costs total at \$800. Including all parts, labor, and etc. costs is a grand total of \$45953.94.

Week	Petar	Table 1: Schedule Amanda	Leslie	
2/6/2017	Design key holder identifi-	Calculate power needs	Research MCU options and	
2/0/2017	cation circuit per individ-	based on initial part	confirm memory size for	
	ual addressing.	requirements.	max key of 100 count.	
2/12/2017		Research part options and	RLC circuit testing and	
2/13/2017 Research signal processing			test RFID reader from the	
	options for identifying indi-			
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2/20/2017	Design Review: circuit	Design Review: power	Design Review: PCB de-	
	schematics and parts re-	calculations and tolerance	sign and document organi-	
	search.	analysis.	zation.	
2/27/2017	Simulate key holder circuit	Order power parts, finalize	Order MCU, programmer	
	and order parts.	dimensions with machine	and research code.	
		shop for housing.		
3/6/2017	Test the RFID reader and	Model and test bus contact	Begin coding the protocols	
	determine the read ranges	erosion to determine resis-	into the microcontroller for	
	when the reader has plastic	tance increase and voltage	the key ring holders.	
	between it and tag.	drop from repeat use.		
3/13/2017	Test a key holder circuit on	Simulate longer term ero-	Finish protocol for identi-	
, ,	breadboard.	sion of bus contacts, bread-	fying keys and match to	
		board battery charging cir-	specific RFIDs. Bread-	
		cuit.	board unit testing.	
3/20/2017	Test key holders in paral-	Debug battery charg-	Test the code onto the	
0/20/2011	lel, sending out data bits to	ing circuit. Order the	breadboard key holders.	
	confirm address verification	keyholder and controller	broadboard hoy hordors.	
	using Arduino.	PCBs.		
3/27/2017	Place the PCB's on the	Submit key holder circuits	Debugging the code for the	
5/21/2011	holder and attach test keys.	to machine shop for inclu-	transmitter. Test the out-	
	Attach to Bus.	sion in fabrication.	put of the microcontroller.	
4/3/2017	Verify that the tags can	Test key holders to ensure	Test adding new keys to the	
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	read by the reader and out-	they respond in holder.	system.	
4/10/0015	put the keys.			
4/10/2017	Test how many times the	Attach key holder to key	Test modular function.	
	device fails in identifying	ring bus. Test contact and		
	the right keys.	debug.		
4/17/2017	Continue testing the reader	Continue testing bus with	Continue testing with keys	
	and key holders.	more keys added on.	not in system to see if will	
			not be identified.	
4/24/2017	Place PCB in housing and	Debug remaining prob-	Debug remaining prob-	
	test.	lems.	lems.	
5/5/2017	Demo.	Demo.	Demo.	

Part	Table 2: Part Quantity	Cost (per unit)	Cost (bulk)	Cost (total)
Sparkfun Pocket AVR Programmer	1	\$14.95	\$14.95	\$14.95
9V Rechargeable Li-Ion Battery (Batterymart R-LI9600)	1	\$11.95	\$10.95	\$11.95
ATMEGA8-16PU Microcontroller	1	\$2.48	\$2.06	\$2.48
Parallax RFID Read/Write Module (Jameco, 2123514)	1	\$49.95	\$49.95	\$49.95
Yellow LED 1000mcd (DigiKey, 754-1889-ND)	10	\$0.546	\$0.21	\$5.46
DC/DC converter (DigiKey, 102-2178-ND)	1	\$7.23	\$5.75	\$7.23
RFID tags (Nextwarehouse, 32399)	10	\$ 3.14	\$3.14	\$31.40
Button (Mouser, 510PB-ND)	1	\$0.89	\$0.89	\$0.89
Battery Hlder (Mouser, 534-1294)	1	\$1.94	\$1.15	\$1.94
1-Wire Dual Channel Addressable Switch (DS2413, Maxim Integrated)	10	\$2.67	\$1.71	\$26.78
Capacitor 1.8 uF (KEMET, C1210C185K3RACTU)	1	\$0.81	\$0.81	\$0.81
Capacitor 6.875 uF (Murata Electronics North America, GRM155R71H103KA88D)	1	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
				\$153.94

5 Safety and Ethics

After reviewing the IEEE and ACM code of ethics, it is safe to say that our project will follow the entirety of the code of ethics with special attention required for the code says to not purposefully create something that will do harm [3] [4]. The project will need to specifically pay attention to any power sources and any exposed conductors to ensure it will not cause any damage to the user or others without purposefully bypassing safety designs.

The key system involves a semi exposed conductor that will need an adequate design to ensure user and bystander safety. Warning labels will be needed on the physical device to notify the user of the conductor, and instructions should be included to state the intended usage and environment for the system. These instructions should also clearly state what to avoid with the system to ensure user safety.

The conductor needs to be enclosed as much as possible for the safety of the user and others so that the conductor can only be touched with a tool. The enclosure would be a thick, non-conductive material with a thin slit for the key housing to reach the conductor but not thick enough for a fingertip to reach through.

The user should hold the grip/controller if not attached to their person. The key ring should be touched only when necessary, such as retrieving a key from the ring. The user must avoid gripping the key ring along the slit to minimize potential of a shock. If the user's hand is wet, do not use the system until dry.

The intended environment is for a dry, clean location with little sources of exposed liquids or fine particles that can deposit in the slit. Care is necessary when handling the system in a moist and/or dirty environment. If the slit needs to be cleared, the system should not be in use and have its power source disconnected before attempting. A fuse will be included along the exposed conductor's connection in order to prevent too much current drawn.

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