
AUTOMATED BARTENDER

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Abstract

Hearing the issue of sexual assault discussed so much lately, we sought to face the issue head on and designed a device which would receive an order for a drink, prepare it quickly and efficiently, and securely provide it to the user. Although similar devices exist allowing the automated preparation of a beverage, our emphasis on security and authentication will prevent any unwanted tampering with beverages in a crowded, noisy, and public setting such as a campus bar.

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INTRODUCTION

Objective

The first image that comes to mind when imagining a crowded bar is a scene of blood, sweat, and tears. Fighting to attract the attention of the overwhelmed bartender, surrounded by sweating bodies and overwhelmed with a pounding bass. We began our project with a goal to optimize that process, to make ordering a drink akin to purchasing an item on Amazon with two-day shipping, with similar guarantees of quality and safety upon delivery.

After conducting some research, we saw that the problem of automating the bartender has been solved before. It was already an item on the market that users were purchasing and loving. However, there was only one thing missing, which turned out to be the most important part: security.

What began as a concept to improve the ordering process at a bar has transformed into an idea which aims to protect campuses and bars across the world. We focus heavily on security to prevent anyone who is not permitted to interact with the drink as it is being prepared. From our observations and experiences on this campus, alcohol is an enormous part of life for a significant percentage of the student population. With the current standards in place at bars on campus, the threat of a predator slipping an unwanted addition into someone's drink is too large to be ignored, and the inconvenience of ordering drinks is significant enough to take away from the enjoyment of bargoers.

High Level Requirements

1. **Security:** Drink should not be accessible to any customer until the drink is fully prepared, and the customer who placed the order has authenticated him or herself.
2. **Efficiency:** Drink should be prepared and awaiting the user's authentication in 30 seconds or less from the moment it is ordered.
3. **User-friendliness:** User interface on mobile application delivers a straightforward and pleasant experience to the user, allowing him or her to order a beverage to their desired proportion.

Our implementation focuses directly on designing a machine which fulfills these three requirements. For the security, the beverage is only accessible to the outside world from when

the user has authenticated, until the moment the door shuts. If a user authenticates but does not claim their drink within a few seconds, the drink is dumped. This may be an inconvenience to users if they are ready to pick up their order. However, we are confident that there exists a timing solution which will preserve the safety and security of the drink without making the experience frustrating for the user.

As far as efficiency, our second requirement, our program loops endlessly and never halts. Although in the first version it will only be able to service one request at a time and will not have any sort of request queue, we feel that in a later version, this aspect would be straightforward to implement with threading and multiprocessing. More machines could also be added which could divide up the labor. There would be some sort of routing protocol to forward the requests to the individual machines from some central server. Currently, however, this machine is designed to serve one request at a time, which should be approximately as fast as an average human bartender.

Finally, our third requirement requires a flawless design of our mobile application. We deliver a user-friendly and intuitive experience by offering the user several options. They have a few choices between suggested beverage proportions, or have the option to customize their beverage, and choose any proportion they'd like. In a later version of the project there would be more options of beverages, and the mobile application would provide more combinations and mixes, as well as more customization if a user wanted to create their own mixture.

Block Diagram

Figure 1 shows our high level block diagram, split into four main modules: the mobile app, the control mechanisms, the electromechanical components, and the power system.

Electromechanical components run on 12V, while control components operate at 5V, both of which are regulated by the power system, which plugs into any 110V wall outlet. Customizable drink orders are made from the mobile application which sends data to the microcontroller, which is listening on the network on a constant IP address through the WiFi module.

The microcontroller then operates the electromechanical and control components, using the motor to move the cup on a conveyor belt, the sensor to detect its position, the air pumps to

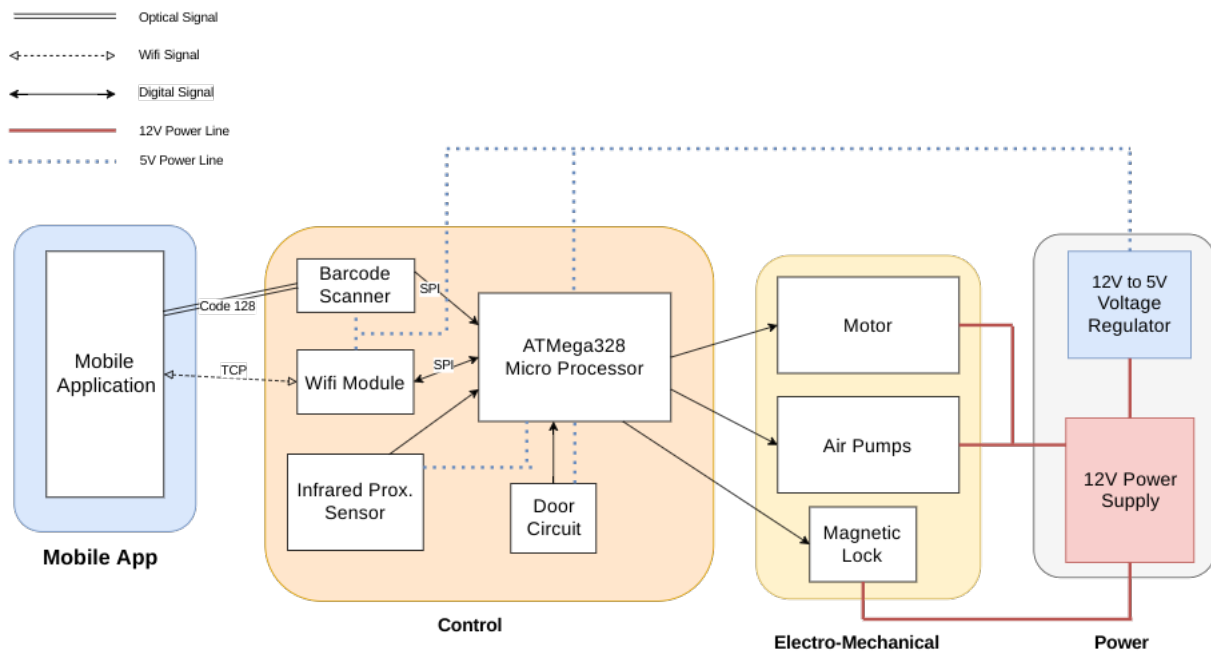


Figure 1: Block Diagram

pour the drinks, the barcode scanner to authenticate the user, the door circuit to detect if the door has been opened or closed, and the lock to ensure the drink's accessibility is limited. Our main block-level change since the design review was a modification in our pouring system. Rather than using a high-powered valve and gravity to control our liquid flow, we decided to implement an air pump system which relied on pressure to pour the drinks.

DESIGN

Design Procedure

Looking at one block at a time, it is important to dissect the decisions that were made in the design of our device. On a high level, we chose to undertake this project for the sake of providing a feeling of safety and security when ordering a beverage. In order to accomplish that, we wanted a simple interface with minimal interaction. Hence, we decided the only exposed feature to the user should be a door, and the entire mechanism would be built into the side of a wall. We also knew that there had to be some micro-controller which would operate the various devices required for the preparation of the drink.

In order to make the process as hassle-free as possible for the user, we decided to program an Android application, which would connect to the micro-controller and generate requests. Having the mobile interface with the user would also simplify any future plans for payment, authentication, and user-friendliness.

The next step was to begin choosing parts which would satisfy our requirements. Since everything stemmed from the micro-controller, we chose that first. One member on our team had previous experience with Arduino, and specifically, working with the microprocessor on it independently of the Arduino platform, so we investigated the options that Atmel provided. We established some baseline requirements and decided to use the ATmega328p micro-processor, with the Arduino bootloader flashed. Another option would have been the ATmega168 micro-processor, but the higher end 328p micro-processor was not expensive, and we were not certain of our processing power or flash memory needs, so we decided to be safe and invest in the more powerful chip. Having the Arduino bootloader flashed saved us the step of manually flashing it, and allowed us to utilize the Arduino platform and the existing libraries and tools that have been developed for it.

Next, we began considering how we would actually make the beverage. There had to be some movement involved so that new cups could be placed and after discuss with our TA, we agreed we could define cup-placement outside the scope of our project as long as we could recover from it by detecting its position. Hence, we needed a mechanism to move cups into a desired position for pouring and retrieval. Being by no means mechanical experts, we decided that a conveyor belt would suit our needs with the least complexity. For this, we had to reach out to the Machine Shop.

The Machine Shop was extremely helpful for our purposes. After several discussions, and once we provided the initial physical design as shown in Figures 2 and 3, they had a good idea of what would work best for our conveyor belt and frame, and suggested we invest in a stepper motor, although they did not specify what size would be sufficient. We purchased a stepper motor and a driver and configured it, guessing at the required current and stepping increment. Unfortunately, the hardwired configuration we had for the driver was not sufficient to move the belt. We increased the current delivered to the motor and decreased the step size to improve the motor's torque, and had it working briefly. However, the driver ultimately gave out under the new load and we did not have an opportunity to replace it before the demo.

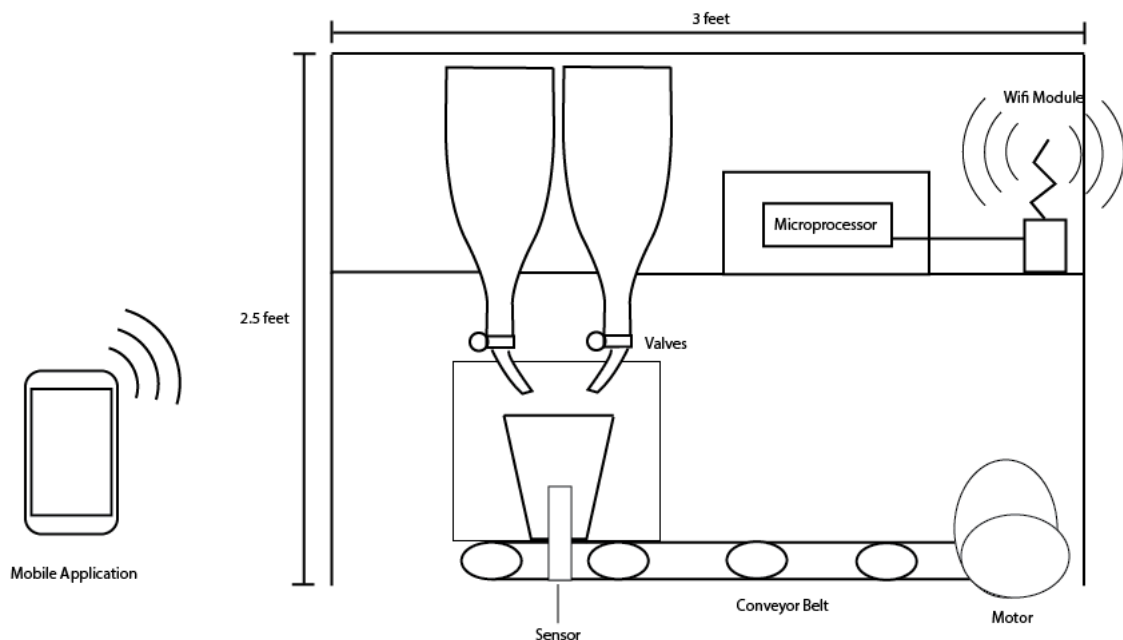


Figure 2: Back View

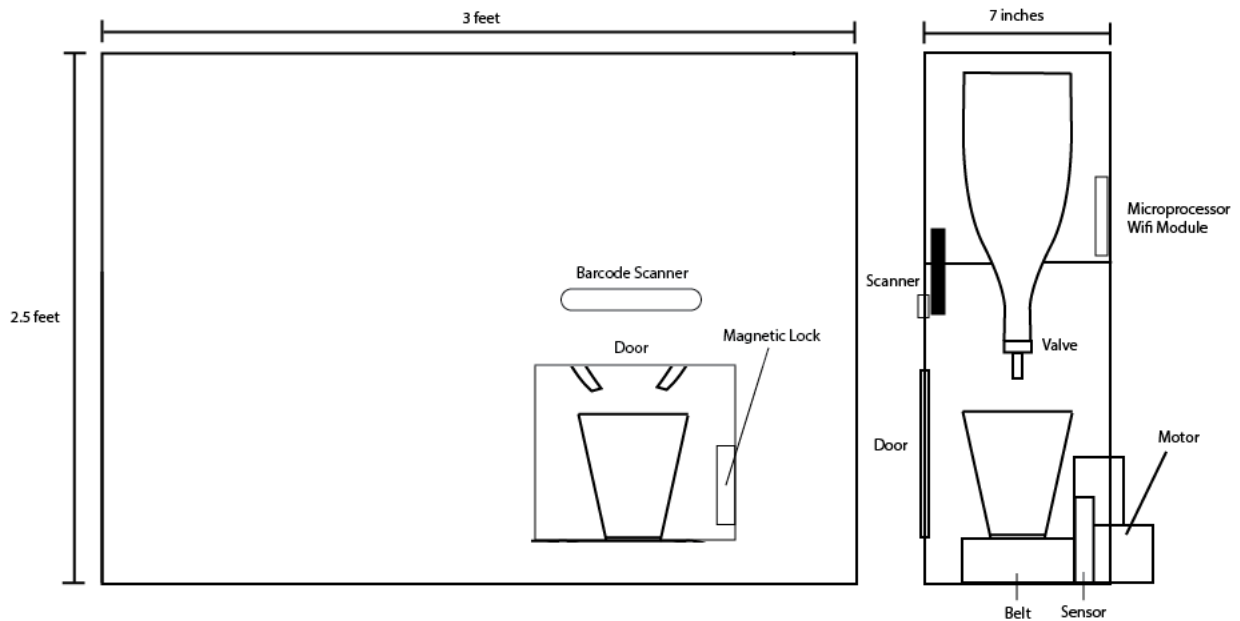


Figure 3: Front and Side View

The drink pouring system started as a pair of electronic valves, as shown in Figures 3 and 2, which opened when 12V was applied across the leads, and consumed almost 1.5A each. We did not want to have to worry about pressurizing the pouring system, so we planned to pour using gravity and opening and closing these valves. However, once one of the valves arrived, we realized it was extremely bulky and inefficient, so we considered other ways to pour the beverage. After exploring what other similar systems used, we found that we could use lightweight mini air pumps, provided that all the seals were airtight. These air pumps would inject air into a bottle until the pressure was high enough for liquid to exit through a separate tube. This system proved to be power-efficient, provided a constant rate of flow without bubbling, and was easy to set up, so we added it to our final design.

The other electromechanical component was the electromagnetic lock. We chose this device because it provided electronic control with minimal mechanical complexity. We operated this device and the other 12V on/off devices With a signal from our micro-controller, which toggled the base voltage of an array of power transistors which would either provide 12V or 0V to the device, thus turning it on and off.

Finally, the barcode scanner and door circuit were both deemed necessary for ensuring the security of the drink. Initially we were exploring the idea of generating QR codes, but after looking at the market, we found the only scanners available for a reasonable price were

one-dimensional barcode scanners, with either USB or PS/2 interfaces. We were then able to locate a PS/2 keyboard Arduino library so we decided to proceed with the PS/2 barcode scanner. The door circuit was essential when considering that the machine would serve customers one after another. There had to be a way to ensure the door was closed before proceeding with preparation of a beverage. As a result, we knew there had to be one lead on the door, and one lead on the frame, which when connected, the micro-processor would detect.

Design Details

Our program flow maps our program's execution from listening for a request from the mobile application, through each step of the pouring process, to the moment of delivery.

Before an order is made, there is a listener program running on the ATmega, which interfaces with the WiFi module using the SPI protocol and listens for a request being made from a mobile device on the same network. Once a connection is established, we are able to communicate with the client directly and securely. The Adafruit ATWINC1500 WiFi module was the natural choice for connecting to the WiFi network from the ATmega as it is an Arduino-native device which has several example programs written and full Arduino support.

The program flow leads through the procedure of pouring a beverage and generating a barcode. It sends this barcode to the user via TCP, and begins scanning for barcodes in the near vicinity. The security requirement is satisfied through our authentication procedure.

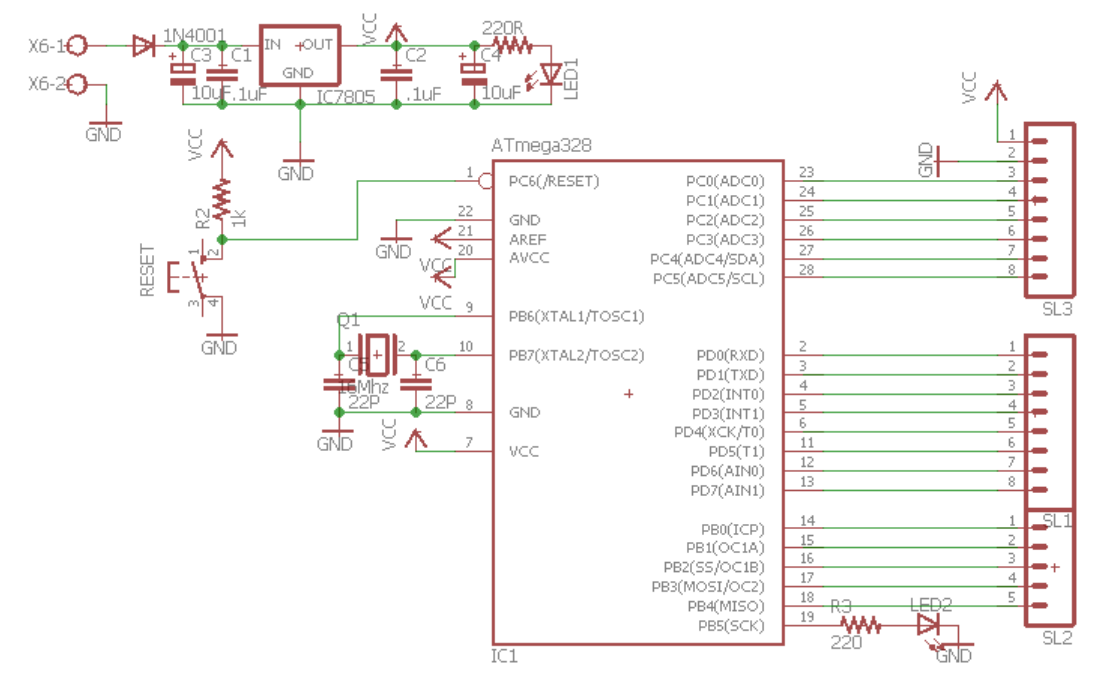


Figure 4: ATmega328 basic schematic [1]

While the majority of the security and protection comes from the physical barrier that separates the user from the drink as it is being prepared, the core functionality stems from the protocol interfaces between the micro-controller (ATmega328), and the various modules, which can be visualized in the circuit diagram in Figure 4. This microprocessor is extremely

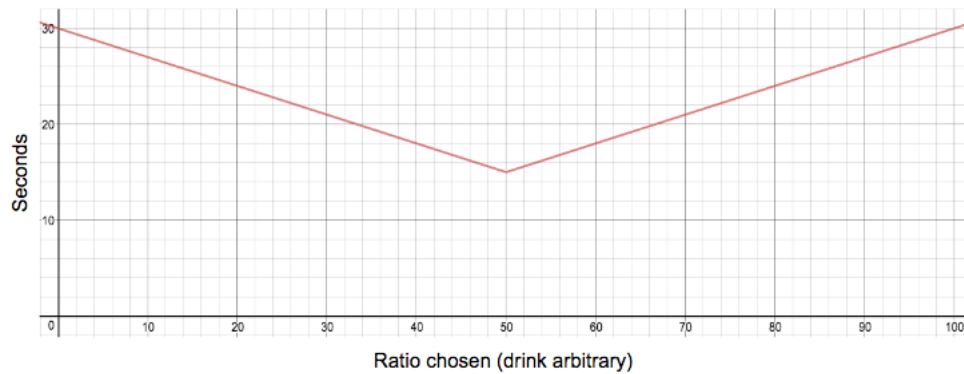


Figure 5: Pouring Rate

versatile in that it natively offers SPI, I^2C , USART, as well as several analog and digital GPIO pins from which we can read, and to which we can write values. The ATmega328 is the processor used in many Arduino applications, which allows programming and developing with it to be straightforward and well-documented. The basic breakout functionality is shown in Figure 4, with each available pin serving as GPIO.

With such a flexible layout, we were able to add and remove our modules very easily, allowing for extremely modular and streamlined testing and development. All modular components can be represented as black boxes with their corresponding inputs and outputs attached to the correct protocols of the ATmega. A PCB was made to contain all of the micro-controller and electromechanical components. Beyond the layout, the microprocessor utilizes its GPIO pins to control the air pumps, as well as the electronic devices including the lock and open-door sensor as shown in Figure 6. These signals are easy to manipulate and read. The door circuit will have a pull-down resistor so that when the circuit is open, the GPIO pin reading will see 0V, and when the door closes, the circuit is complete and it will read 5V. The air pumps are enabled according to the proportion that the user requests on a timer, according to the graph in Figure 5.

For communication with the scanner and WiFi module, we chose to design for the PS/2 protocol when transferring serial data to and from the microprocessor. There exists an Arduino library which implements a PS/2 keyboard reader, and the scanner we found serves the same purpose.

With all of these libraries incorporated, we began having troubles running our code. When it

began running nondeterministically and halting in the middle of execution with no errors, we examined the memory situation closely and discovered that we were approaching capacity both in program memory and in stack memory. We began eliminating unnecessary static variables in our imported libraries, as well as print statements that were not needed. After some time, the program began running normally again, and we were extremely cautious afterwards in adding new variables.

The power system involved some complexity as well. We had two power different power lines, with some devices operating at 12V and others at 5V. We needed a method of allowing our 5V micro-controller to control these high-voltage parts, when the GPIO pins are limited to 40 mA. We decided to implement a circuit involving power transistors as shown in Figure 6 for each 12V component. The diode exists in order to prevent current kickback into the micro-controller (represented as the blue chip on the left).

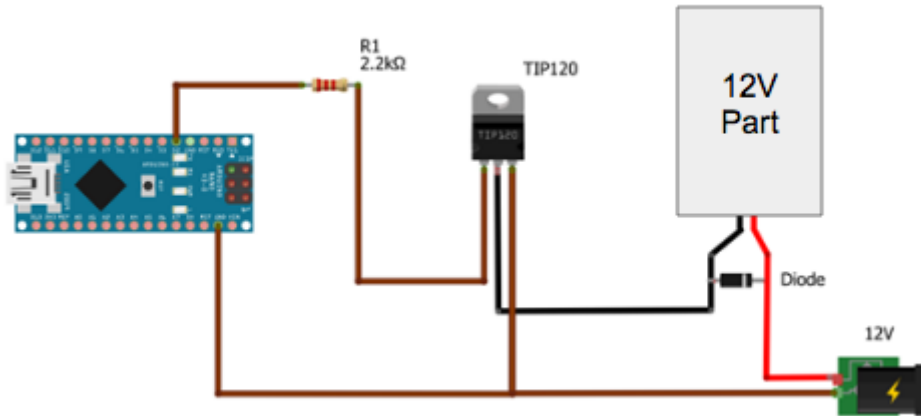


Figure 6: Circuit design for TIP120 Power transistor [3]

We utilized a bipolar 12V stepper motor to move our conveyor belt. We then purchased an appropriate driver chip for this motor which allowed us to use the PWM signals from the ATmega and a 12V power supply to turn our belt. The driver determines the current allowed to the motor using a reference voltage (V_{ref}) and sense resistor (R_s). In our PCB, we set V_{ref} to 2V and R_s to 0.75 ohms. The current is determined by the equation $I = \frac{V_{ref}}{8R_s}$. This sets the current to 0.3333A, which is its rated current on the website we purchased it from [6]. Unfortunately, with this setting, we weren't able to get enough power for the motor to move in one direction (it would simply move back and forth), so we began playing around with the current settings. We were able to get the motor to move a full water bottle of water well within our requirement time, but the next day our circuit wasn't working. Due to time constraints,

we weren't able to debug this issue.

Below are our calculations in determining the power supply to purchase. We knew that it had to plug into a wall socket for simplicity and finality of setup, and that it had to convert the socket's 110V AC into 12V DC.

Power Requirements

Part	Voltage	Rated Current
Air pump	12V	80mA
Air pump	12V	80mA
Stepper Motor	12V	0.33A
Lock	12V	0.10A
Voltage Regulator	5V	1A Max

$$P = IV$$

Worst Case Power = $I_1 V_1 + I_2 V_2$, we assume maximum current across regulator.

$$= 12V \cdot (.08 + .08 + 0.33 + 0.1)A + 5V \cdot 1A = 12.08W$$

Power supply is 12V, so we need it to handle $\frac{12.08W}{12V} = 1.007A$. We found an inexpensive wall-to-car cigarette lighter AC/DC converter and cut off the output to have 12V leads from the converter, which was rated up to 5A, so it met all of our needs. As mentioned previously, we found it actually output closer to 14V DC but all of the necessary high-voltage devices worked at that voltage, so we used it in our final design.

VERIFICATION

The complete table of low-level requirements and verifications can be found in the Appendix. In it, we break down each main physical component and describe the required inputs and outputs it must consume and produce, as well as any internal components that must exhibit specific behavior.

The main requirements for the high level modules can be categorized by their inputs and outputs in the block diagram in Figure 1. We can break down these requirements on a high level below:

1. The mobile app must be able to maintain a TCP connection to the server, allow a user to order a drink according to a customized template, and be able to render a 10-byte string into a Code128 barcode.
2. The control module must be able to provide control logic to the electromechanical components and interface over the WiFi network, while controlling the program flow, and authenticating the user when a drink is ready.
3. The electromechanical module is fully responsible for physical creation of the beverage and protecting it until it is ready.
4. The power system must provide at least 2A to the 12V devices, as well as at least 1A to the 5V devices through a voltage regulator.

We can verify the success of each module not only by seeing the system as a whole perform its task, but also by evaluating them individually. Isolating each module from the others and simulating the inputs and outputs, we can see how it behaves in an ideal environment, assuming the others are working.

For the mobile application, we can verify the connection by running a basic TCP server on a laptop, connecting to it from the Android application, sending over the desired order packet, and printing the output. To verify the barcode rendering, we can use a separate Android application from the app store to scan the generated barcode and make sure that it is encoded properly.

Verifying the requirements is more difficult for the micro-processor and control module since there are many internal components that must function in order for the system to work

as a whole. Ultimately, we can be sure the control module is working by first verifying that a barcode is being generated and sent to the mobile application. We can simulate this from a simple TCP client running on the computer which displays the returned barcode. Next, we can ensure that the microprocessor is able to control the electromechanical devices by writing to the GPIO pins and reading the output. It has to be 5V in order to activate the power transistors and turn on an electromechanical component.

The electromechanical module consists of several devices running on 12V, each of which must be tested individually to ensure they are functioning properly. The air pumps and lock simply require a 12V differential to begin working. However, the motor and motor driver must be specifically configured and tested while connected to the conveyor belt rig, with varying PWM inputs. Unfortunately, we were not able to complete thorough testing of the conveyor belt setup. We were only able to retrieve it from the machine shop one week before our demonstrate date, and by the time we got it working, there were only a few days remaining. When the driver burned out, we could not continue using it and were therefore forced to abandon the requirement.

Lastly, the power system requirements were straightforward to verify. Although the AC/DC converter we purchased provided approximately 14V differential instead of the rated 12V, our voltage regulator was rated to handle a range of input voltages so the output was still a steady 5V, which was sufficient to power the 5V system. We also tested the electromechanical components at the 14V rating and found them all to function equally well.

COST

Labor				
Name	Hourly Rate	Hours Invested	Multiplier	Total (\$)
Austin	\$30.00	150	x2.5	11,250
Greg	\$30.00	150	x2.5	11,250
Max	\$30.00	150	x2.5	11,250
Total		450	x2.5	33,750

Parts					
Description	Source	Part Number	Quantity	Cost (\$)	Total (\$)
ATmega328	Sparkfun	ATmega328	1	6.00	6.00
WiFi Module	Adafruit	Adafruit ATWINC1500	1	25.00	25.00
Barcode Scanner	Amazon	Unitech AS10-P	1	30.00	30.00
Lock	Amazon	UHPPOTE UT0511-130NO	1	23.00	23.00
12V Air Pump	American Science & Surplus	40666P1	2	2.50	5.00
Infrared Proximity Sensor	Digikey	GP2A200LCS0F	1	7.11	7.11
Motor	Sparkfun	ROB-09238	1	14.95	14.95
12V 5A Power Supply	Walmart	550877401	1	14.67	14.67
100ft Plastic Tubing	Amazon	N/A	1	8.13	8.13
Atmega Holders	Cutedigi	N/A	1	3.45	3.45
Transistors	Amazon	TIP120	10	8.00	8.00
Circuit miscellany	ECEB	N/A	N/A	~30.00	~30.00
Physical Frame and Belt	Machine Shop	N/A	1	~100.00	~100.00

Table	Total
Labor	\$33,750
Parts	\$275.31
Total	~\$34,025.31

CONCLUSIONS

The ethical aspect of this project is what makes it stand out among the others. Our product is designed to make the world a safer place by removing the opportunity for malicious bartenders or patrons to inject someone's drink with a potentially harmful substance. By automating the drink preparation process and ensuring that only the person who ordered the drink is coming in contact with it, we successfully eliminate any uninvited interactions between the drink and a stranger.

The first rule stated on the IEEE Code of Ethics [4] describes an individual's responsibility to the welfare of the public in all circumstances. In our scenario, we have observed a dangerous process that occurs frequently, and thus it is our responsibility to do everything in our power to rectify it. We can thus improve the safety of bars, which are so often known to be dangerous places.

In our design, we are extremely diligent so that there is no harm. We accomplish this by including all the necessary security precautions to ensure that tampering with our device is difficult, if not impossible. These precautions include our mobile application establishing a secure connection with the client, and preventing our messages from being tampered with or falsified. As for the machine itself, all circuitry is shielded from the user by a strong wooden frame, and our design will not use enough power to start a fire. Although fluids may be splashed by user error in grabbing the drink, all of our hardware is protected and insulated by foam.

Finally, we need to take into consideration the legislation surrounding consumption of alcohol in the United States. Currently there are laws in place to limit the consumption to only be allowed for those aged twenty-one years or older. Especially considering the legal age of bar entry for campus town is nineteen, this factor needs to be taken into consideration. One solution use is a registration system using Facebook which requires users to authorize their age to be twenty-one or older before allowing them to make a purchase. In the future we would put a more secure feature that better authenticates. It will also be up to the bar's discretion to ID people entering the bar. It will be unlawful to lie about one's age during the registration process, and offenders will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The process will be very similar to how bars and the Champaign Police coexist on campus, with occasional raids to ensure everyone is complying. Additionally, we recognize that there are

FDA requirements for using plastic tubing to serve beverages, and we will be sure to adhere to these. The policies presented are to protect the safety of our customers and ensure a business' compliance with the law.

Ultimately, our main objective was to design a machine which will allow party-goers to have a good time and ensure their safety, while saving the bar itself money in the long run. We realize that this will not stop all sexual assaults from occurring, as tragically there are countless more situations in which these incidents occur, but we hope to make a dent in what seems, at first glance, to be a daunting problem.

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APPENDIX

Requirements and Verification Table

Micro-processor: ATmega328	
Requirement	Verification
Must be able to run at 5V \pm 10%	Using voltage generator, we will run simple programs at 5V and evaluate the performance.
Must be able to provide modifiable PWM signals with varying duty cycle and frequency	Running the PWM signal at 0, 25, 50, and 100 percent duty cycles, as well as changing frequency from 0 to 31,250 Hz.
Must be able to provide a timer interface to the programmer, and time events up to 30 seconds.	Write a function which will light up an LED at a certain sequence of time steps and compare it against a stopwatch.
Must be able to generate 10 random bytes and send them to the mobile device in less than .5 seconds	Generate 10 bytes and send to mobile device to see if correctly displayed.
Must be able to compare two 10-byte strings to determine if they are equal in less than .5 seconds	Hardcode several strings for the ATmega to compare, and display the results on an LED (1 if same, 0 if different), and compare timing against a stopwatch.
Must be able to interface with WiFi module and scanner, both of which require clock synchronization and logic more complicated than "5V on, 0V off"	Compare barcode scanned with barcode generated and sent over WiFi to mobile device to see if there are discrepancies
Must provide control logic to standard 5V components (door circuit, power transistors controlling 12V devices)	All standard 5V components behaving as specified in flowchart

WiFi Module: Adafruit ATWINC1500 WiFi	
Requirement	Verification
Must be able to maintain a connection to the wireless network and maintain a constant IP address	Display IP address on startup, and connect to it from a mobile client
Must be able to receive a formatted string (6 bytes, desired drink ratio) as a request, and respond with a 10 byte string (generated barcode)	Successful server/client exchange. Server will print the ratio it recieved, and client will display the barcode the server sent

Barcode Scanner: Unitech AS10-P AS10	
Requirement	Verification
Must be able to scan a 10 byte Code128 barcode with 95% accuracy.	Scan a 10 byte barcode and check if read correctly on ATmega.
Must be able to interface with ATmega through PS/2 interface.	Barcode scanner uses PS/2 interface so if successful scan the requirement is verified.

UHPPOTE UT0511-130NO Magnetic Lock	
Requirement	Verification
Must be able to handle 100lbs of force pulling against the lock.	Fasten both lock components and lock by applying 12V differential. Clamp the mobile component, pull with a spring scale. Our design will not allow enough grip for humans to provide that kind of pulling force.
Must only have 2lbs or less of resistance when unlocked.	Fasten both lock components. Unlock by applying 0V. Pull with spring scale.

Mini Air Pumps	
Requirement	Verification
Pumps 12oz within 30 seconds	Apply 12V differential across terminals for 30 sec to pump. Measure if liquid dispensed is \geq 12oz.
Draws < 1A current at 12V	Use multimeter to measure current while pump is in operation.

Infrared Proximity Sensor: Sharp GP2A200LCS0F	
Requirement	Verification
Must emit digital signal when an opaque cup is at a distance of 2cm or less.	Wire up sensor. Hold opaque cup at distance 2cm or closer and measure output.
Must emit digital signal when a glass cup at a distance of 2cm or less.	Wire up sensor. Hold glass cup at distance 2cm or closer and measure output.

Android Application	
Requirement	Verification
Allow users to select or create drinks with a custom proportion between two mixtures (any ratio from 100%:0% to 0%:100% with increments of 10%).	Create user interface that allows such options. Test functionality works as intended.
Must be able to receive 10 bytes of barcode data in under 1 second.	Create socket connection on ATmega to send packets of data. Test sending data from ATmega to Phone.
Must be able to send 6 bytes of user/drink data in under 1 second.	Create socket connection on app to send packets of data. Test sending data from Phone to ATmega.
Must be able to execute on Android Phone running Lollipop.	Test app launch on Phone or emulator with Lollipop.
Must be able to display barcode data on screen to be read by barcode scanner.	Test receiving and display of barcode data.
Must be able to display barcode data on the screen and must be able to be scanned by the barcode scanner.	Test receiving and displaying barcode.
Must sign on to Facebook to verify account before being able to order.	Try ordering when logged on and not logged on.

Door Circuit	
Requirement	Verification
Must be able to detect when door is opened	Output pin will show 0V when door is opened
Must be able to detect when door is closed	Output pin will show 5V when door is closed

Power System	
Requirement	Verification
Regulator - Provide up to 0.5A current at 5V	With regulator set up, put 10 Ohm resistor between high and ground. Measure current - success condition is ~5V
Transistors - Operate using ATmega328 control signal and 12V power component that draws < 1A	Wire up transistor circuit using 5V input and most power-hungry 12V part in project. Assure that part turns on from control signal and then use multimeter to measure voltage across part (should be 12V).
Power Supply - Provide up to 5A current at 12V	Put 2.4 Ohms of resistance between terminals. Measure current.
Must provide wall socket interface for one-time setup	Plugging in the power cord must begin the operation and setup of the device.

Physical Design	
Requirement	Verification
Insulates circuits from contact with liquids	Test barrier between conveyor belt and PCBs by gratuitously splashing water (potentially with food coloring) next to it. Measure how far the liquid goes. Ideally doesn't make it half way, but we only require it to not make it entirely across.

Figure 7: Requirements and Verification Table

Stepper Motor Driver Schematic

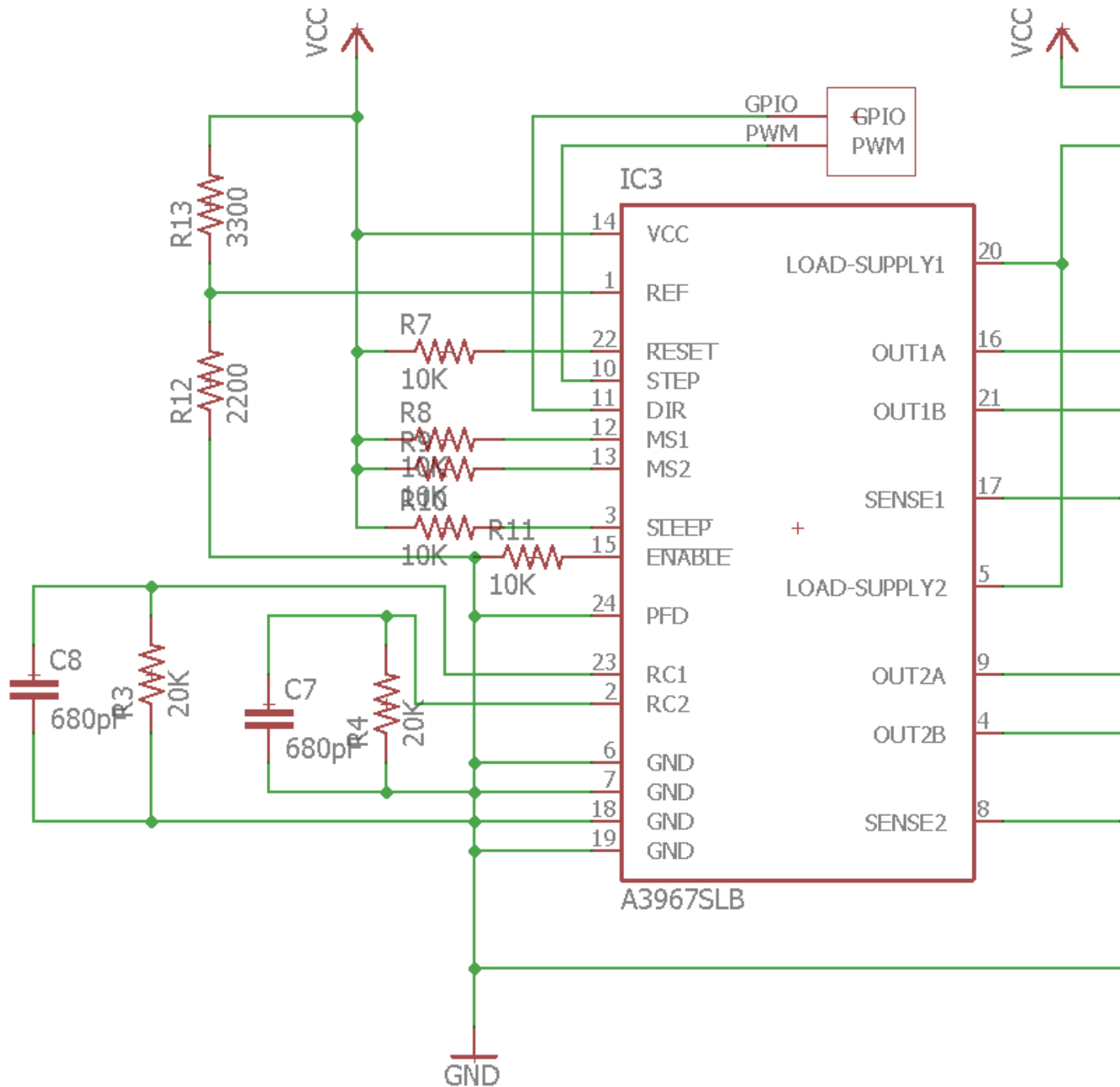


Figure 8: EasyDriver - Stepper Motor Driver schematic from Sparkfun