ECE445: The Design Document
Documentation Roadmap

Week 3
Request for Approval
A reasonable and novel idea

Week 4
Proposal
To “sell” your project to “investors”:
• Product Feature
• Design overview
• Schedule

Week 6
Design Document
To discuss your project with fellow engineers:
• Product feature
• Detailed design
• Schedule with more specific engineering goals

Week 11
Individual Progress Report
What you have contributed

Week 16
Final Paper & Presentation
To discuss the outcome

Check Calendar for Due Dates
What is the Design Document (DD)?

- A highly detailed deliverable presenting your completed design
  - Adhere to guidelines/rubric on the course webpage
- Submitted online by the deadline on the course calendar
- The DD constitutes the entirety of your presentation material for the Design Review—you need not bring any other materials to your Review.
What the Design Document is NOT

- The DD is not a PowerPoint
- It is not accompanied by physical hardware
- It does not contain datasheets of your parts
Structure/Sections of the Document

- Introduction
- Design
  - Block Diagram(s)
  - Physical Design Drawings (if applicable)
  - Block Design
    - Description, justification, interface definition
    - Requirements and Verification
    - Schematics, software flow charts, calculations, and simulation
  - Tolerance Analysis
- Cost analysis (parts and labor)
- Schedule
- Ethics and Safety
- Citations and References
Block Diagrams

- High level overview of components
- Clearly show hierarchy of blocks
- Clearly show signal and power flow
- Not a flowchart
Block Diagrams
Examples and Considerations

Figure 1: Top Level Power Layout

Figure 2: Top Level Signal Layout

Growing Degree Day Monitor, Spring 2014
Block Descriptions

- Expands on Proposal with greater design detail
  - Justify your design decisions and how they help meet the high-level requirements
  - Define all interfaces with other blocks
  - Reference your schematics
Flowcharts

- Clearly labeled
- All decision paths shown
- No unnecessary information
Calculations and Simulations

- Calculations for component values
- Simulations of circuit designs
- Experimental results for circuits that are hard to simulate
Calculations and Simulations

Common simulation & calculation:
- Analog filter
- Power supply
- MCU processing ability calculation
- ADC resolution calculation

Common experimental result:
- Ultrasonic sensor reading
- Laser-Diode Circuit (used as example later in this lecture)
Calculations and Simulations cont.

\[ D_{pkVin} = \frac{V_o - V_{in(pk)min}}{V_o} = \frac{216V - 155V}{216V} \times 100 = 28.24\% \]

\[ V = L \frac{di}{dt} \Rightarrow L = \frac{V_{in(pk)min} \times D_{pkVin}}{f_{switch} \times \Delta I_L} = \frac{155V \times 0.2824}{100000Hz \times 0.0857A} = 5.1mH \]

The high frequency input capacitor is used to reduce unwanted harmonics on the line side. It can be calculated assuming a desired 6% ripple is allowable. A film type capacitor will be used because of its low ESL and ESR.

\[ C_{in} = \Delta I_L \times \frac{I_{in(RMS)max}}{2(\pi)(f_{switch})(r)(V_{in(RMS)min})} = 0.2 \times \frac{0.3367A}{(2\pi)(100000Hz)(0.06)(110V)} = 16nF \]

The output capacitor is used to maintain the output voltage while the boost diode is not conducting. An electrolytic will be used because of its excellent storage capabilities. This capacitor will be chosen assuming a 20ms hold up time and allowable minimum voltage sag of 190V. A manufacturing tolerance of 20% is accounted for.

\[ C_{out min} = \frac{2 \times P_{max} \times \Delta t}{V_o^2 - V_{o min}^2} = \frac{2 \times 30W \times 0.020}{216^2 - 190^2} = 114\mu F \]

\[ C_{out} = \frac{C_{out min}}{1 - \Delta C_{tolerance}} = \frac{114\mu F}{1 - 0.20} = 143\mu F \]

Schematic 2 — Layout of Double Balanced Mixer

Figure 4 — Simulation of Mixer Circuitry
Requirements and Verification

Logic:

1. I need to implement this functional block
2. In order to make the whole project work, what are the required functions and specs for this block. (Requirements)
3. Select components and design circuits based on your requirements.
4. Verify correct operation with procedures that prove this block performs the functions and meets the specs. (Verification)
Requirements and Verification

Example: Laser-Diode Circuit for Laser Guitar

1. Laser-diode pair should generate digital High/Low voltage to microcontroller
2. Read microcontroller I/O requirements for voltage levels
3. Select parts and design circuits
4. Verify the laser-diode pairs can produce desired voltage levels
## Requirements and Verification

- **Requirements**
  - Quantitative operational requirements
  - Break down into sub-requirements if necessary

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1. Connect the circuit as shown in figure 5. Record voltage with laser off.
2. Turn on the laser. Record forward output voltage and current. If the output voltage is out of the desired range, adjust the value of pull down resistor.
Requirements and Verification cont.

- Verification
  - Method to confirm each requirement
  - Checklist of acceptable results, quantitative
  - Debugging plan
  - “Make sure it works” is not a verification (it works because it works...)
  - Not a verification of data sheets

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Tolerance Analysis

- An important part of any design
- Together with your TA you will identify one requirement for tolerance analysis

1. Given a requirement $y$ with desired tolerance
2. Provide a model $f$ relating circuit components $x_i$ to $y$
3. Calculate the required tolerance of components $x_i$, such that $y$ meets its required tolerance

\[ y \pm \Delta y = f(x_1 \pm \Delta x_1, x_2 \pm \Delta x_2) \]

Requirement for $y$ not met.
Requirement for $y$ met.

$x_1 \pm \Delta x_1$

$x_2 + \Delta x_2$
$x_2 - \Delta x_2$
Tolerance Analysis

- Laser-Diode Circuit Example:
  - Required tolerance: Laser should shine on active area of the diode such that the laser-diode circuit outputs a logical high between 4.5 and 5.5V and a logical low between 0 and .1V.
  - Tolerance analysis:
    a) Mechanical misalignment of mounting holes
    b) Laser beam divergence angle. Gaussian distribution of photonic energy
    c) Formula for design:

\[
\text{Laser Beam Divergence Radius} + \tan(\text{error for alignment angle}) + \text{Energy Gaussian Distribution Radius} \leq \text{Standard Deviation} \leq \text{Radius of the diode package}
\]

  d) Find the allowed error for alignment angle. Check produced voltages at such angles. Decide machining method
Cost Analysis

- Bill of Materials (BOM)
  - Specific part numbers & component values
  - Price and quantity

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- Labor costs
- Grand Total
**Schedule**

- **Week-by-Week**
- **Break down tasks**
- **Assign responsibility**
- **Stick to it**

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| 2/6  | • Research parts for user interface  
     | • Research power supply and transceiver  
     | • Complete proposal |
| 2/13 | • Sign-up for Design Review  
     | • Finalize and order parts  
     | • Preliminary simulation |
| 2/20 | • Setup microcontroller and Putty  
     | • Complete design review |
| 2/27 | • Interface with magnetic reader |
| 3/5  | • Interface with transceiver and RTC |
| 2/27 | • Interface with LCD monitor |
| 3/5  | • Interface with thermal printer |
| 3/5  | • Built and test user interface |
| 3/5  | • Program and test data logger |
| ETC  |       |        |
Ethics

- Discuss ethical concerns as they apply to your project
  - Reference the IEEE code of ethics
  - Address all possible use cases of your project
  - If no ethical concerns exist, justify yourself
Safety

- Discuss safety concerns
  - Electrical safety
  - Mechanical safety
  - Lab safety
  - Consider safety of both yourselves and end users
  - Include required safety documents, as applicable
  - If few safety concerns exist, justify yourself

- If you have hazardous or volatile elements of your project, you must create a “Lab Safety Manual”
Citations and References

- Use IEEE standards for in-text citations and references
  

- Should include things like...
  - Textbooks or datasheets where you got design equations
  - Informative articles or tutorials used (example codes...)
  - IEEE/ACM code of ethics

- You must tell us if you are carrying over projects from other places (classes, startups, student teams...)
Questions?

- The website is your primary resource
- Post on the message board
- Contact your TA
Administrative

- Note the Design Document (DD) due date is before Design Review week (see course calendar)
- Grading rubric on the website
- Follow the DD description and rubric closely
  - Additionally, you may find the example DD, R&V, and Tolerance Analysis webpages useful