



BLIPS Fall Review

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Introduction

What is BLIPS?

- BLIPS stands for Bluetooth Low energy indoor positioning system. Our goal is to track the movement of doctors and nurses and equipment in an operating room using Bluetooth Low Energy devices that are placed in the employee's ID cards.

How does BLIPS work?

- 3 - 6 Bluetooth beacons will be placed on the ceilings of the operating room to accurately triangulate the employee's position using RSSI values. An IMU is used to keep our processor in a low power state until it is needed (Eg. when the wearer is moving).



The Team

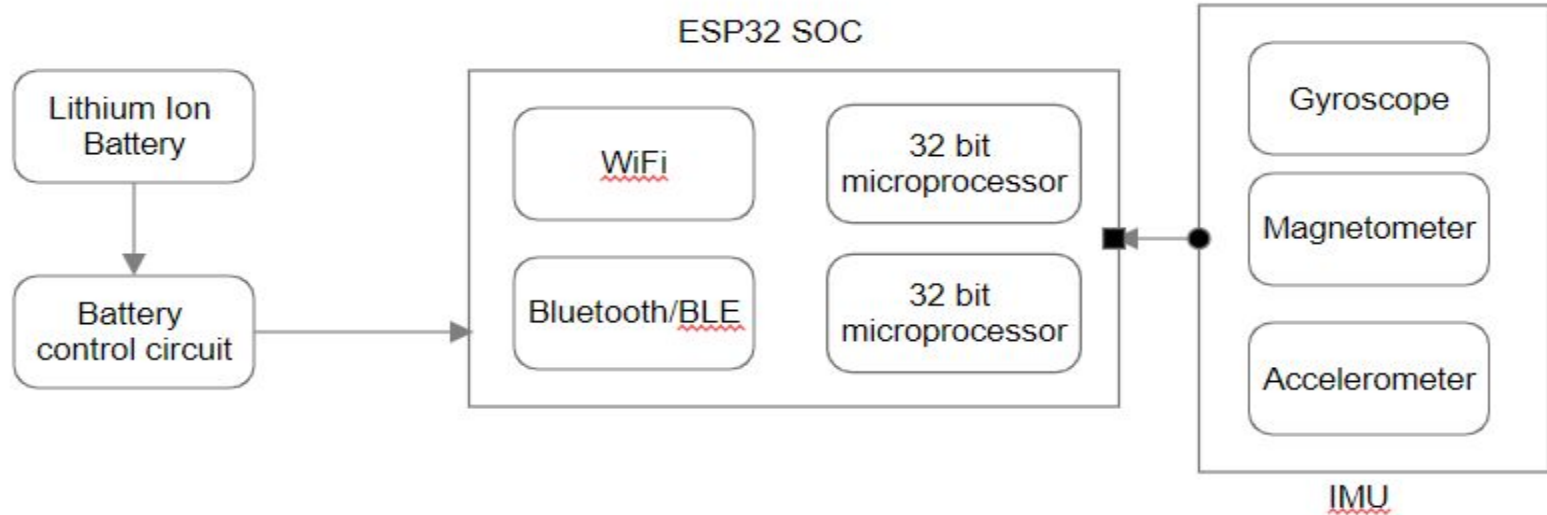
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High level Block Diagram



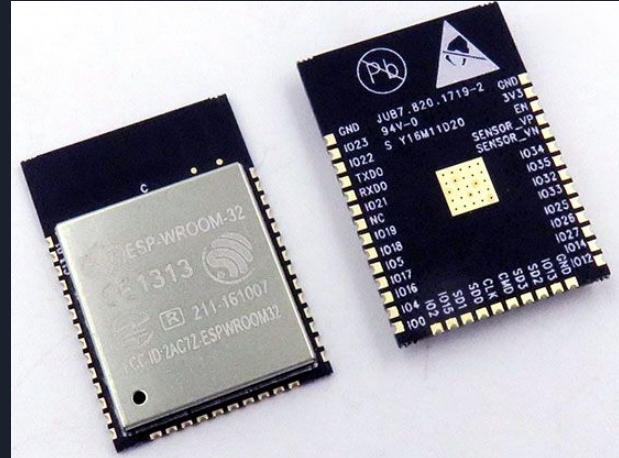
Bill of Materials

1	Ref Des	Manufacturer Part Number	Units per Board / System	Unit Price	Description
2					
3	Board Mounted Components				
4		esp32 WROOM32	1	\$8.95	ESP32 SOC Micro controller
5	U1	LSM9DS1TR	1	\$6.33	IMU ACCEL/GYRO/MAG I2C/SPI 24LGA
6	U2	AP2112K-3.3TRG1	1	\$0.49	Linear Voltage Regulator IC Positive Fixed 1 Output 3.3V
7	Q3	DMG3415U-7	1	\$0.55	MOSFET P-CH 20V 4A SOT-23
8	D4	NRVB120VLSFT1G	1	\$0.43	1A Schottky Diodes
9	R1,R3,R7,R12	SG73G1JTTD1003D	4	\$0.15	100K ohm smt resistor
10	R13G\$3,R13G\$2,R13G\$4	CN1J4TTD103J	1	\$0.10	10K resistor network
11	R2	CHP0603-FX-1001ELF	1	\$0.36	1K resistor
12	R4	RR0816P-472-D	1	\$0.10	4.7K resistor
13	R5,R6	RR0816P-103-D	2	\$0.10	10K resistor
14	C9	885012207074	1	\$0.11	.22uF capacitor
15	C1,C2,C3,C5,C6,c8	885012107010	6	\$0.19	10uF capacitor
16	C7,C4	885012106010	2	\$0.10	1uF capacitor
17	x1		1	\$0.75	battery connector
18	SW2	KMR221GLFS	1	\$0.52	Tactile reset switch
19	Q1,Q2	MMBT2222A-7-F	2	\$0.14	Bipolar Transistors - BJT 40V 300mW
20	CHG	LO R976	1	\$0.38	orange led
21	D	LS R976	1	\$0.35	red led
22	U3	MCP73831T-2ACI/OT	1	\$0.58	Lithium ion charger
23	X4	10103594-0001LF	1	\$0.82	micro usb
24	IC1G\$1	CP2104-F03-GMR	1	\$1.65	IC SGL USB-TO-UART BRIDGE 24QFN

Parts

Microprocessor: ESP32 BLE and WiFi module

- Dual core • Xtensa 32 bit microprocessor
- 160 MHz
- 448 Kb of ROM, 520 Kb SRAM
- 2x I2C & I2S
- 3 UART
- Ultra low power co-processor for sleep @ 8Mhz
- 150 mA max current draw



Parts

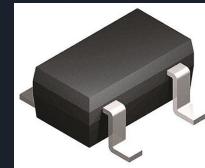
LSM9DS1

- IMU chip, contains gyroscope, accelerometer, magnetometer
- Connects through I2C
- 9 Degrees of freedom
- Used to wake Cpu from low power state
- 15 mA max current draw

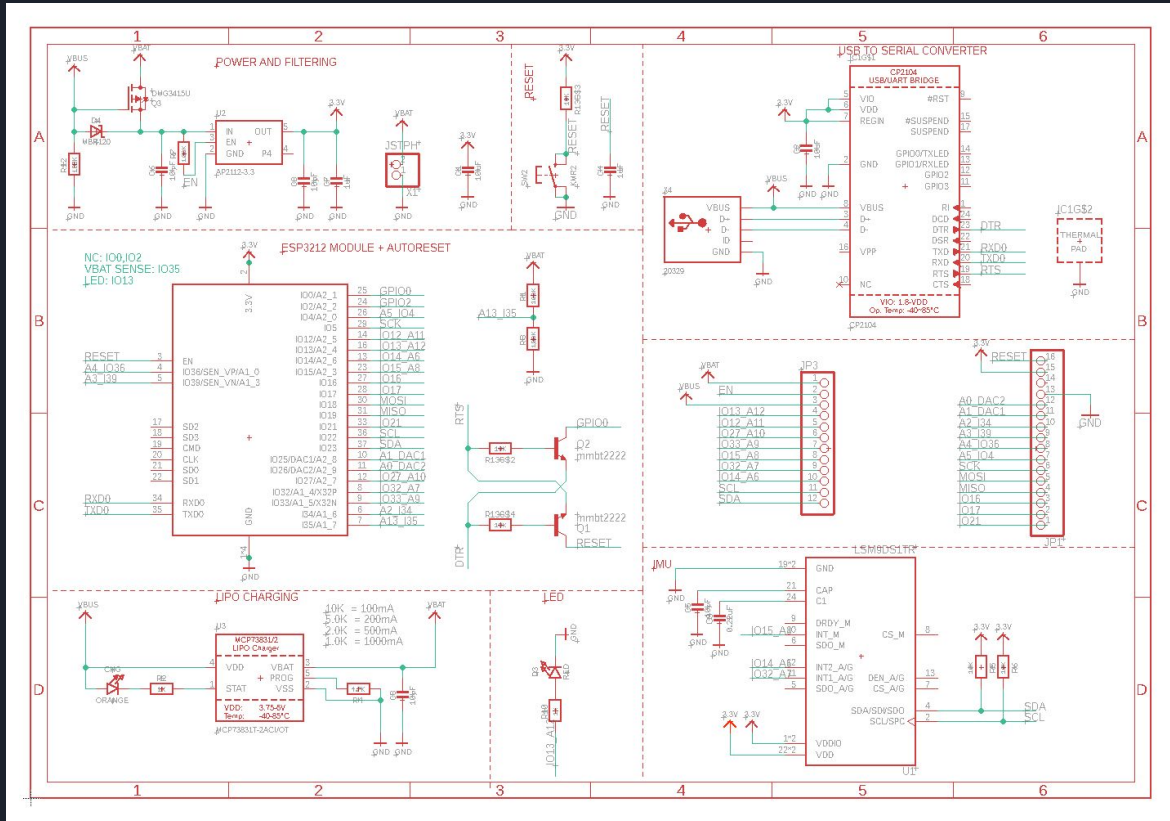


Other parts

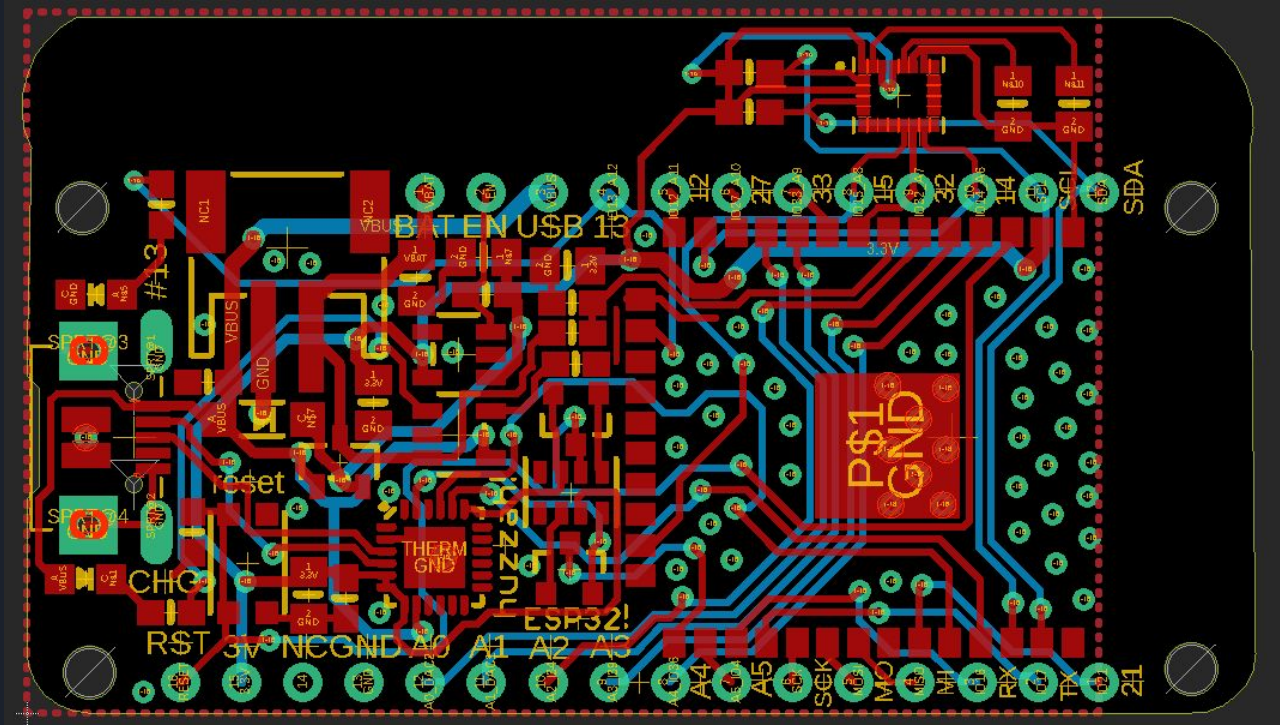
- Battery - Adafruit Lithium-Ion battery pack
 - either 2000 or 2500 mAh
- Battery Charger - MCP73831T
- Voltage Regulator- AP2112K



Schematic



PCB





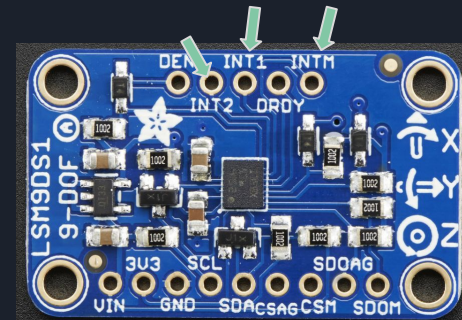
Power Distribution

- Battery Charging: MCP73831T
 - Lithium ion battery Charger
 - 5 volt input, drops to 3.3V to charge battery
 - Max charge rate: 550 mA

- Voltage distribution: AP2112K
 - Linear voltage regulator
 - 3.3V
 - 600 mA continuous load

Software Development (Badge side)

- Badges will operate on an interrupt driven software structure
 - High energy mode is costly, so we only transmit/collect on a change in position
- This is accomplished via the inertial measurement unit (IMU) on our board
 - Using accelerometer/gyroscope, we can tell when a badge has shifted its location drastically
- Interrupt handling is done through an RTOS interrupt design
 - Basically, this means we will avoid interrupt collisions via RTOS interrupt queue
- Once an interrupt is triggered on LSM9DS1, we set a pin high, which the ESP32 can tell means to collect beacon data
- Accelerometer/gyroscope/magnetometer data will also be transmitted in the case of the need for dead reckoning





Client - Server Communication

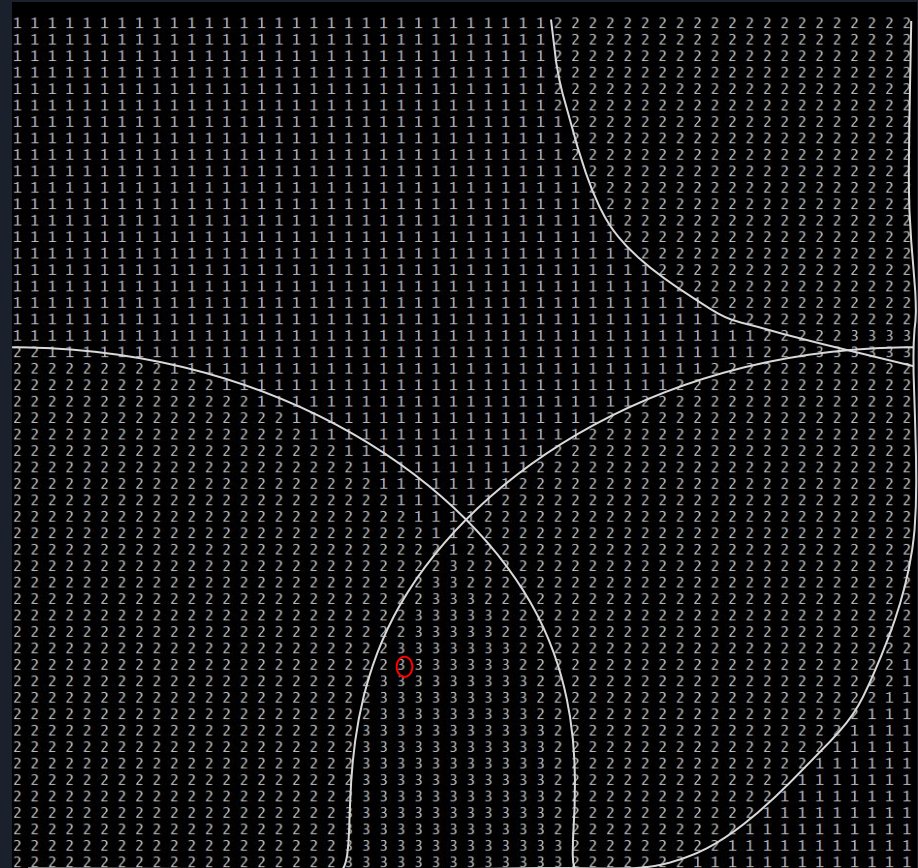
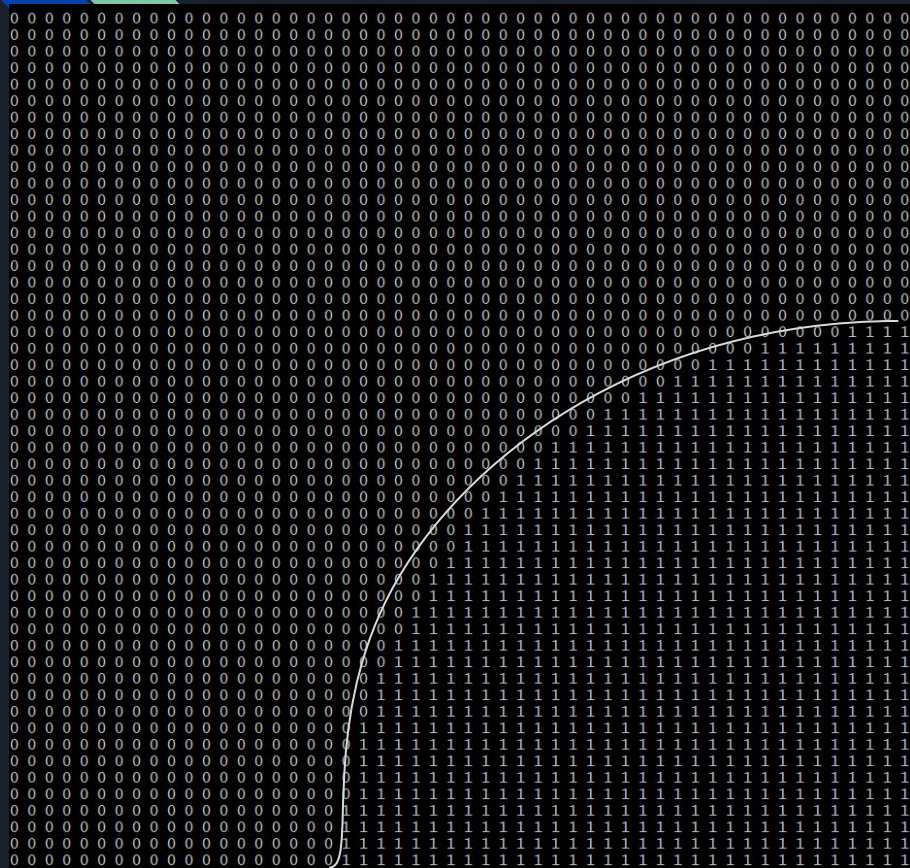
- ESP32 (badge) CPU has a built in WiFi module
 - Once data is calculated we send it off to be dealt with on the server side
 - Again, high energy state should be minimized
- Client - Side code will compartmentalize and clean up data as much as possible
 - Can handle readings from up to 10 beacons
- We will be using TCP to transmit data from client to server
 - Why TCP?
 - Reliability
 - Ensured data is retrieved in proper order
 - Maintained connection b/w client and host
- Each TCP packet should include data for every beacon it can see (less transmissions)



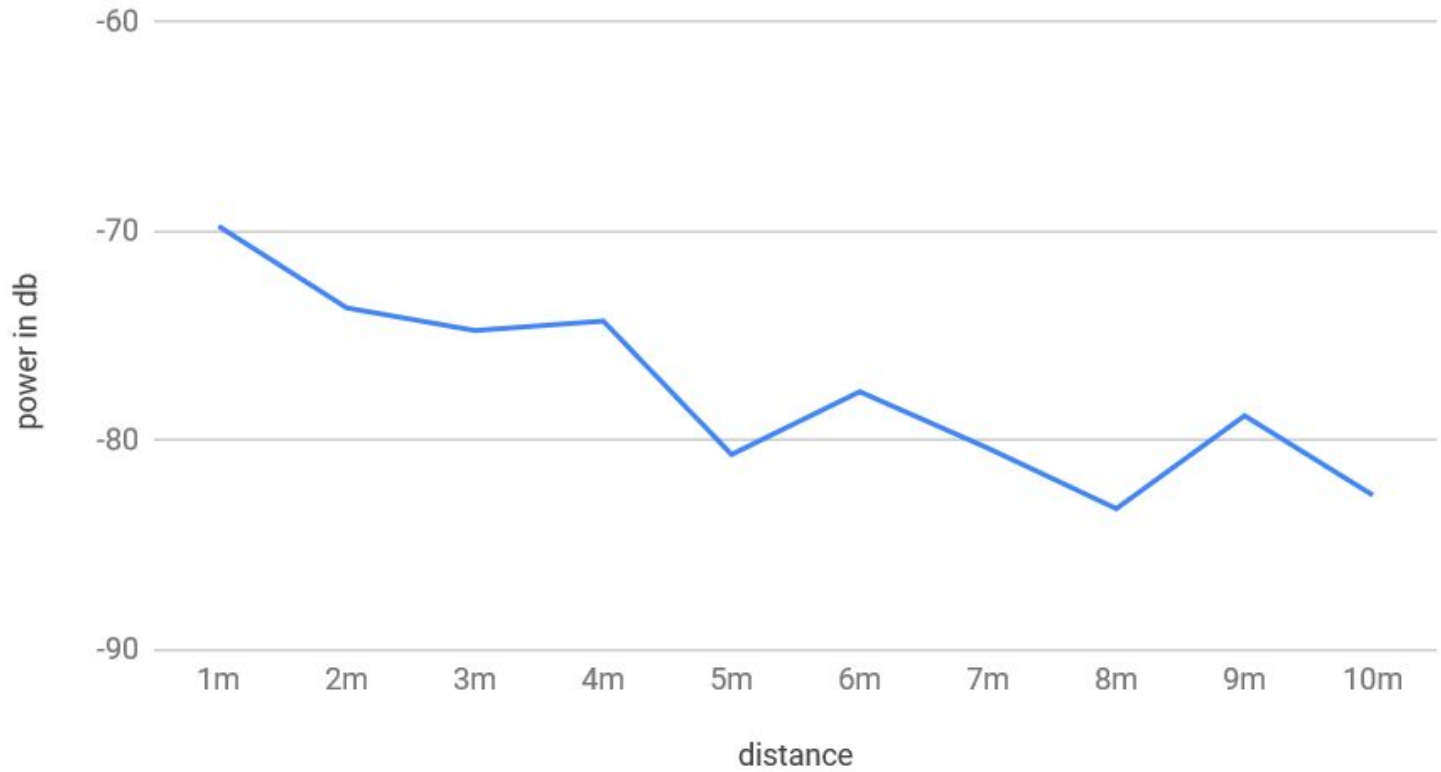
Software Development (Server Side)

- Where we are now
 - Beacons at a preset location
 - Each beacon has a value applied to it that matches its Minor value
 - By transmitting minor to map to a specific beacon, we can map values to locations
 - Uses square array to roughly transmit transmit distance
- Goal: Configurable Room Design
 - Meteor.js web application
 - Built in MongoDB database
 - Simplified Web Hosting Application
 - Beacons can be placed and located via reverse triangulation
 - Based on readings, we can draw circles with defined radius' that configure to the distance
 - Three intersecting circles will allow us to achieve triangulation

Current triangulation



Average RSSI values from iBeacon





Software Development (Beacons)

- Estimote beacons have their own API and programmable software
- If we do use these, there is the option to configure how we'd like
 - Proposed idea: Transmissions at different signal levels
 - At high, medium, and low energy levels, we can get mitigate some error
 - This would require slight changes on the ESP32 code (handling different power levels from the same beacon)



Things to Consider

- Precise distance measurements with BLE is difficult
 - Signal is easily blocked or reflected causing mismeasurement
 - Accelerometer/Gyroscope in IMU could help with this
- Battery Life must be as long as possible
 - Keep the processor in a low power state as often as possible through the IMU
 - Minimal processing and communication



Conclusion

- Plans for Winter and Spring
 - We will start working on the server side of this project
 - Look into Dead Reckoning and WiFi tracking as backups
- The prototype board design complete will be sent in for production, once completed we can start testing with the IMU.
- Will further improve the conversion from RSSI values to distance measurements
 - Using a data driven equation instead of the definition of RSSI conversion would provide a more accurate representation of distance measured
 - The farther away the fewer packets received. Beacons with more packets received in a time period



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