Cycle Bright Solutions

Always be Seen





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Cycle Bright Solution.

Outline

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Safety
Portability

✓ Usability



Background

Cyclists were involved in 1400 incidents over the last 5 years with 100% injury rate [1]

 Miscommunication between cyclists and road users is the main reason for these incidents [2]





Motivations

- Adopt a solution to decrease the number of accidents between cyclists and other road users
- Ensure a higher visibility of the cyclists in all weather conditions
- Follow the conventional patterns and colors of signalling used by cars and motorcycles





Needs extra wiring and can be easily confused with the reflecting lights



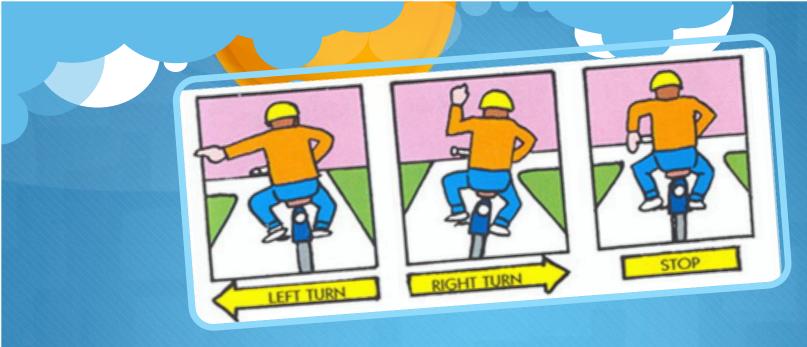
 Not highly visible and requires wearing gloves



A Jacket needs to be worn all 4 seasons

Existing Solutions



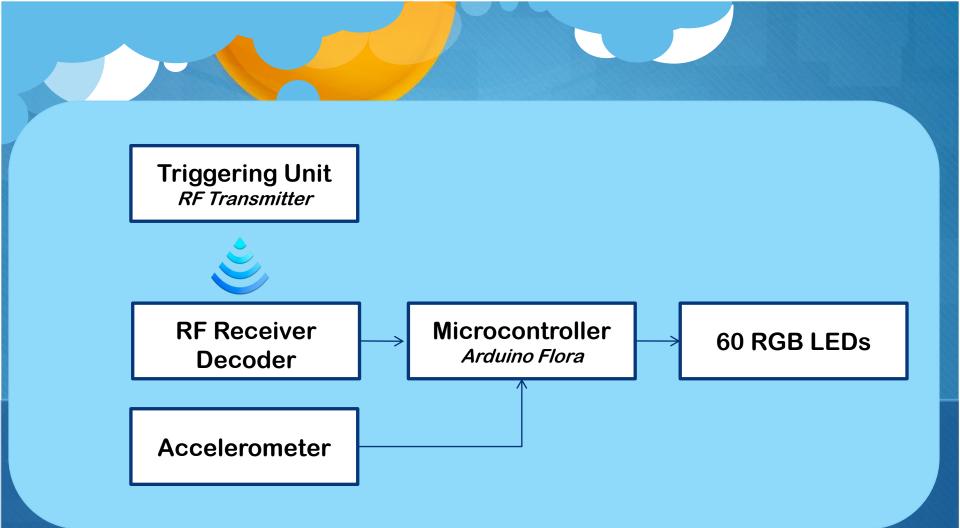


Motivations (cont'd)

- ✓ In British Columbia, wearing a helmet is required by law
- It is safer to keep both hands on the handle to keep a straight line







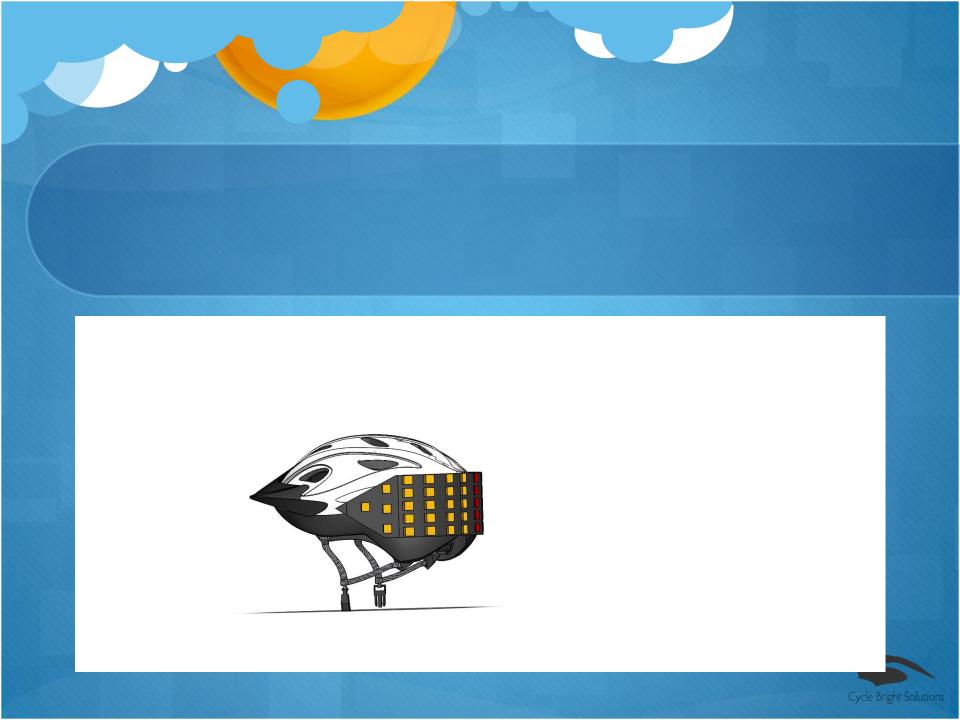
System Overview



Main Features

- ✓ Speaks the language of cars for turn signals
- O Bright LEDs for visibility in all weather conditions
- ⊘ Extra Safety features:
 - O Notify other road users of sudden brakes
 - O Alert falling movements through hazardous signals
- ✓ Rechargeable via USB connection
- Two brightness levels: standard and energy saving modes



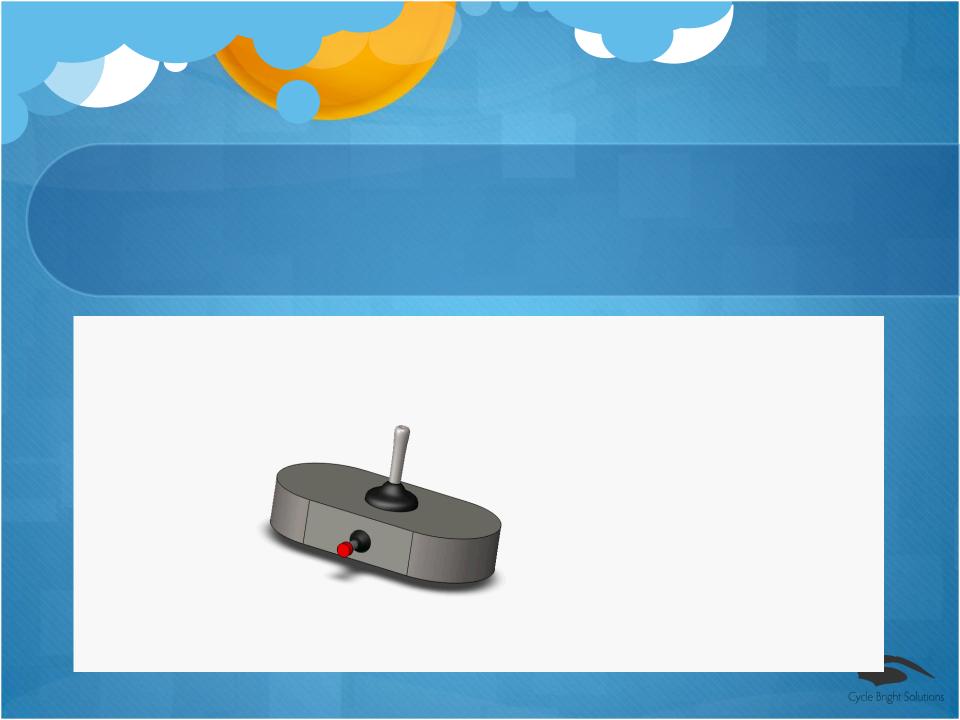


Triggering Unit

✓ User Interface with the system

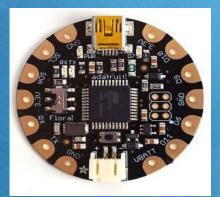
- ✓ Provides a separate button to turn signals off
- O Prevents confusion
- Portable, small, and lightweight





Control Unit

O Accelerometer -----> Protection mechanism







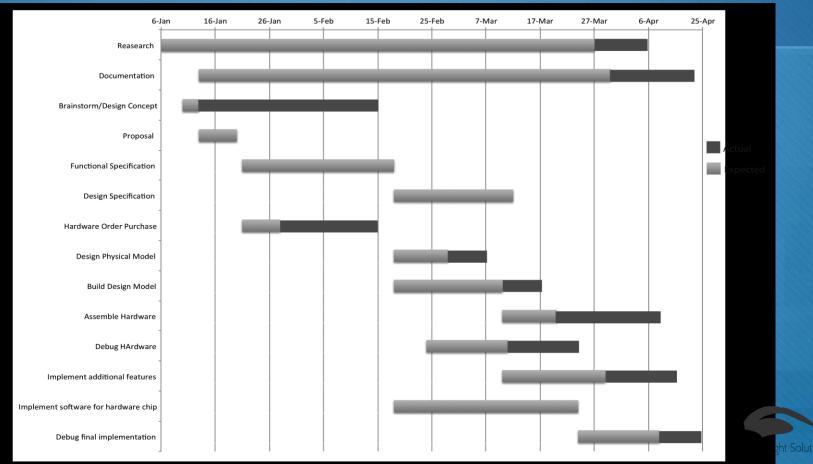


LED Unit

 60 bright RGB LEDs That offers an extended visibility and a wider angle



Schedule



Budget

 The ISSEF fund run by ESSS was our only source and we got \$350. The details are summarized in following table:

| Component | Projected cost (Canadian \$) | Actual cost (Canadian \$) |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Helmet | 100 | 35 |
| Microcontroller | 120 (for 2) | 30 (for 1) |
| Bluetooth | 60 (for 2) | N/A |
| RF transmitter receiver | N/A | 20 |
| LED Strips | 85 | 40 |
| Microphone/Speaker | N/A | 30 |
| Miscellaneous | 200 | 170 |
| Tax + shipping | 124 | 100 |
| Total | 689 | 425 |

Business case

⊘ Market:

- O Casual cyclists in North America
- O The helmet can be also used for other users such as: Skate board, Scooter, and Rollerblades

O Competition:

O There is no similar product to the Smart Helmet available on the market ⁽²⁾



Business case

Estimated cost for mass production is shown in the table below:Note: mass production prices are estimated from Alibaba.com

| Subsystems | Estimated |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Helmet with LEDs & Bluetooth | \$20 / unit |
| PCB printing and assembly | \$10 /unit |
| →Total | \$30 / unit |
| Mass production outsourced to China | 10.000 unit/year |
| Production cost | \$300.000 /year |
| Admissive cost | \$10000 / year |
| Final cost | → \$310.000 |



Business case

Financing options could be Shark Tank & Dragons' Den TV shows

| Cost | \$310.000 |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Projected price | \$1.000.000 |
| Projected revenue | \$690.000 |

Major changes to original design

- O Added energy saving mode
- O Support of USB charging
- Didn't integrated Bluetooth headset for weight purposes



Future addition & limitations:

✓ Improve the braking algorithm

 Acquiring a smaller and lighter Bluetooth headset

Improved packing

O Print the PCB design





PCB design





Learning outcome

- O Project Management
- O Arduino coding and development
- ⊘ Eagle PCB design
- Interfacing with different modules (ie. Accelerometer, RF Trigger)
- O Scheduling and timelines
- O Remediate from problems
- O Importance of team work & collaboration



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