

CO₂ Software Design Review

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Introduction

- Climate change
- Accurate data collection
- Importance of forest in carbon cycle
- Measuring respiration in organisms
- CO2 is a major greenhouse gas

Sponsors

- Dr. Andrew Richardson
- Dr. Mariah Carbone
- Ecologist
- Study balance of carbon uptake and release in trees and microorganisms



Problem Statement

- Ecology research at NAU
- Taking CO_2 readings from trees
- Current solution
 - Outdated Windows Software
 - Slow
 - Cumbersome
 - Data is difficult to read





Data Output

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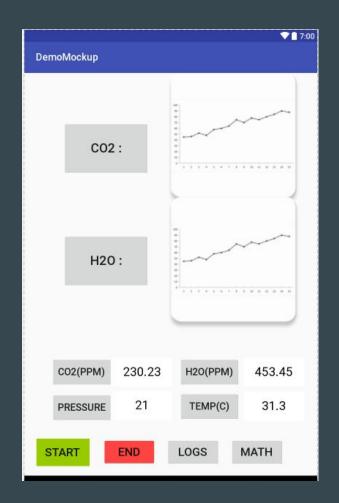
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Functional Requirements

Our Solution will be an Android Tablet Application :

- Logging Individual Subsets of Data
 - Gas Analyzer provides live data output
 - User begins and ends logging of data stream
- Metadata
- Adjustable Data Display
 - User can toggle which values are shown
- Statistical Computation



Non-Functional Requirements

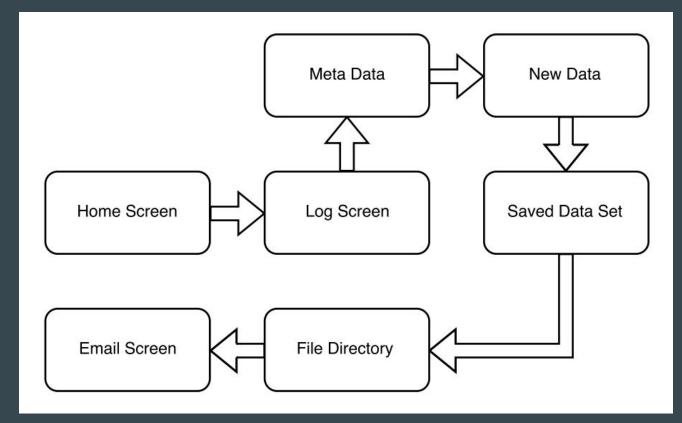
• Mobile

- Run on 7" Android Tablet
- LI-840A gas analyzer
 - \circ Serial port connection
- Real time data reporting
 - Android GraphView Library
- Transfer readings out of app
 - Basic Email Implementation

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Application Flow



LI-840A Gas Analyzer

- Sponsor's current hardware
- Numerical output
 - CO₂
 - H₂0
 - Pressure
- Serial to USB connection



Android Tablet

- 7" Android Tablet
- Screen real estate
- Low cost
- Simple development



Data Transferring With Email

- Ubiquitous
- Not dependent on other software
- Simple integration with Android
- Choice of email client



Distributable

• Free and open-source

GitHub

• Well documented

• Apache Open-Source 2.0 License



Potential Risks

- Unable to create real-time display of the data stream
- Poor user interface
- Issues with hardware working properly

Schedule



Conclusion

- Android tablet application
- Used for ecological research
- Replacing the old system
 - Windows laptop
 - Bulky
 - Slow
- New, more feature rich system
 - Live data reporting
 - Statistical computation
 - $\circ \quad \ \ {\rm Portable \ Android \ device}$





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