HCIN720

Prototyping Wearable and Internet of Things Devices

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Today

• Who are you?
• Overview of the course (what are we going to learn?)
• Course logistics
• Why are we going to learn these things?
About me
who I am

PhD  Computer Science  2009
MS   Computer Science  2005
BS   Computer Science  2001
Course overview
About this course

We can't any longer think only about designing for screen-based devices. There is a whole new world of linked hardware/software/data out there.

These are physical objects that also have digital representations or linkages; alternately, it's digital information that has a physical instantiation.
About this course

The focus of this class is on prototyping user experiences for physical artifacts that are connected to the Internet:

- devices that allow things sensed about the physical world to be acted on in the cloud,
- devices that allow things happening on the Internet to be reflected in the physical world,
- devices that we carry on our bodies every day.
Good evening.

4 new stories

Last updated yesterday
Questions for the course

• What’s out there?
• Where did it come from?
• How does information flow amongst the Internet and these devices?
• What are the different kinds of user experiences possible with these devices?
• How do we design these experiences?
Logistics
Communication

• I will not use MyCourses in this class
  • Because it is horrible

• Assignments and everything else will be on the course website: http://fetlab.rit.edu/720
  • (this link is on MyCourses)

• We will use Slack for communication, discussions, help, etc; you will sign up via instructions on the course website.
Jeremiah Parry-Hill 1:22 PM ⭐
IKEA hackers at it again: http://www.ikeahackers.net/2015/08/print-piy-ikea-lack-end-cap.html

Print It Yourself (PIY): IKEA Lack end-cap - IKEA Hackers
If you want to shorten the table leg of an IKEA Lack table, you might want to put an IKEA LACK end-cap on the leg after you have sawed it off. (97KB)
Skills

- 3D printing
- Laser cutting
- Sewing
- 2D modeling for laser cutting
- 3D modeling for 3D printing
- Generative design
- Soft circuits
- Foam core
- Arduino
- Arduinos and interaction
- Bluetooth/BLE
- Wifi
- Processing
- Machine learning
- Signal processing
- Audio generation
- node.js
- Event-driven programming
- Basic electronics theory
- Motors, servos
- Connecting sensors and actuators via IO pins, I2C, SPI
- Capacitive sensing
- Sketching
- Data visualization
- Web APIs (REST)
Examples
Demo
Hardware

Particle.io Photon

- Arduino-like WiFi-based cloud-magic microcontroller
- $19
- Supported path from prototype → product
Hardware

- $89 (+tax) fee for materials
- You get to keep them!
- Includes Photon and a bunch of stuff
Example: control an LED over the Internet

```c
int led1 = D0;
int led2 = D7;

void setup() {
pinMode(led1, OUTPUT);
    Spark.function("led", ledToggle);
}

void loop() {}

int ledToggle(String command) {
    if(command == "on") {
        digitalWrite(led1, HIGH);
        return 1;
    }
    else if(command == "off") {
        digitalWrite(led1, LOW);
        return 0;
    }
    else
        return -1
}

https://api.particle.io/v1/devices/0123456789abcdef/led?
access_token=123412341234&
args=on
```
Grading

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Individual assignments

- Relatively straightforward—reflect the skills you’ve learned in class
- Each worth 10% of final grade (30% total)
Group assignment

- Teams of 2 students
- More complex: requires independent learning and research
- 30% of the final grade
Final project

- Teams of 2 students (could be the same or different)
- Integrate everything you’ve learned
- 30% of final grade
Class participation

• Show up to every class
• Be prepared for class
• Be on time
• Help your classmates
• Participate in your team
• Engage in class discussion
• Various smaller tasks (e.g. fill out survey)
• Worth 10% of final grade!
Policies
Late assignment policy

• Late assignments are not accepted
• Unless you get my prior permission; then 50% penalty
Attribution

• Lots of coding and making in this course
• You will find help on the Internet. This is ok!
• **Give proper credit for what helped you**
  • Comments in code
  • Mentions in documentation or on slides
  • See syllabus
• Don’t plagiarize!
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In other words: if you use something someone else did, you must acknowledge that other person’s work.
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RIT gender-based discrimination policy

In other words:
be kind.
Failure

• Failure is how we learn!
• This is my second time teaching this course. My lectures, projects, etc might probably will fail.
• We’ll all fail & learn collaboratively!
• Key: try!
Questions?
What is the point of this course?
The Major Trends in Computing

- Mainframe (one computer, many people)
- PC (one person, one computer)
- Ubiquitous Computing (one person, many computers)
Why do we care?

• Old paradigms:
  • one user per computer
  • several users per computer
  • software ↔ software

• New paradigms:
  • many computers per user
  • many computer for many users
  • hardware ↔ software ↔ cloud
The Parts

- User experience
- input *(e.g. sensors)*
- actuators *(e.g. displays)*
- microcontrollers *(abbrev: μC)*
- Internet *(you know what this is)*
1. Wakē mounts to the wall behind your bed and works with your smartphone.

2. When it’s time to get up, Wakē uses a body heat sensor to find where you are.

3. Instead of using normal speakers that wake up everyone...

4. Wakē uses focused beams of light and sound sent exactly to your location.
Skill #1: git
What’s git?

• A Version Control System (VCS)—a way to manage changes in files
• Keeps track of changes
• Go back to a previous change
• Work on code in teams
Why do you care?

- With github, a great way to share and back up code
- Experimenting is easy without losing changes
- Current industry standard: employers will like that you know it
What’s github?

• Social coding website
• It *uses* git, but it git is separate from github
• Supports documentation, wikis, websites too
Very simple not-for-blogging static site generator in Python. — Edit

22 commits
1 branch
0 releases
1 contributor

Branch: master

Clone or download

anjiro add "root_subdir" option, comments, code clarity
example Rename examples to example, add simple example
statipy add "root_subdir" option, comments, code clarity
gitignore add .gitignore
Readme.md add "root_subdir" option, comments, code clarity
setup.py Initial commit

Readme.md

Statipy

Statipy is a very simple static site generator, written in Python, and heavily inspired by the more complex Pelican.

Most static site generators are aimed at blogging and make it difficult to make a truly static, modular site without a lot of messing around. Statipy aims to fix this problem.

Features

Like many other static site generators, Statipy uses Jinja2 templates. However, the main features that differentiate Statipy are:

- Mirrored site layout: set up your site in `content/` as you want it, and Statipy will copy the same structure into your site’s `output/` directory.
- Non-centralized templates: templates (with a `.jinja` extension) live in the same directories as your content, rather than in a central template directory.
git walkthrough
“commit”
Branch
git terminology 1

- **Repository**: a collection of related code—usually a single project
- **Stage**: a temporary list of all of the things that will be put into a single commit
- **Commit**: a group of related changes; often entire files, but can consist of parts of files as well
- **Branch**: a line of history in a repository
- **Merge**: an operation to bring all of the historical changes from one branch into another one
- **Conflict**: a problem when a merge would result in incompatible changes
Remote: a repository not on your computer; e.g. one on github

Clone: to make a copy of a (remote) repository, including all of its history and branches

Pull: get all of the new changes from another repository and put them into your current branch

Push: send all of your changes to a remote repository

Fork: on github, make a clone in your account of another repository so you can make changes
Using git

• git is for *managing changes*, not *making changes*

• Create your own directories, use your favorite editors, just as always; but use git to make sure your work is backed up and shared

• now: github desktop demo
Questions?
What’s next?

- **Due tomorrow:** course survey (on web page)
  - So I can get an idea of your skills and knowledge
- **Due Thursday:** class set up (on web page)
- Thursday: hands-on skills—reading public data sources, visualizing data, jquery, paper.js
- **Get set up for class Thursday—see web page!**