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# Home Appliance Energy Monitor

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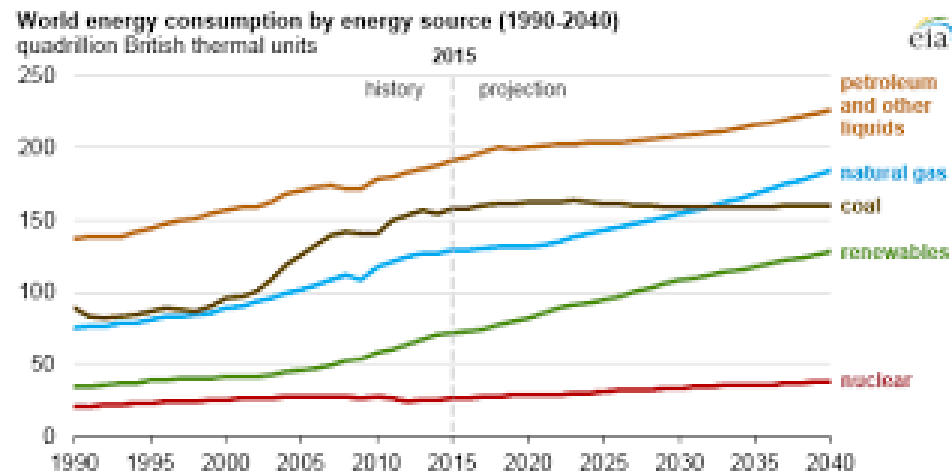
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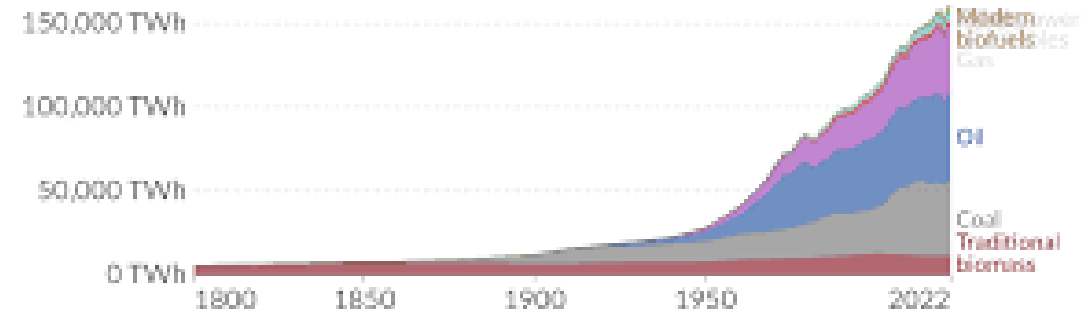
## What compelled us to pick this project?

- Energy Consumptions increasing as the world becomes more technologically dependent
- Use technology in our home everyday



## Global direct primary energy consumption

Direct primary energy consumption does not take account of inefficiencies in fossil fuel production.



Data source: Energy Institute Statistical Review of World Energy (2023); Václav Smil (2017)  
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## What problems need to be solved?

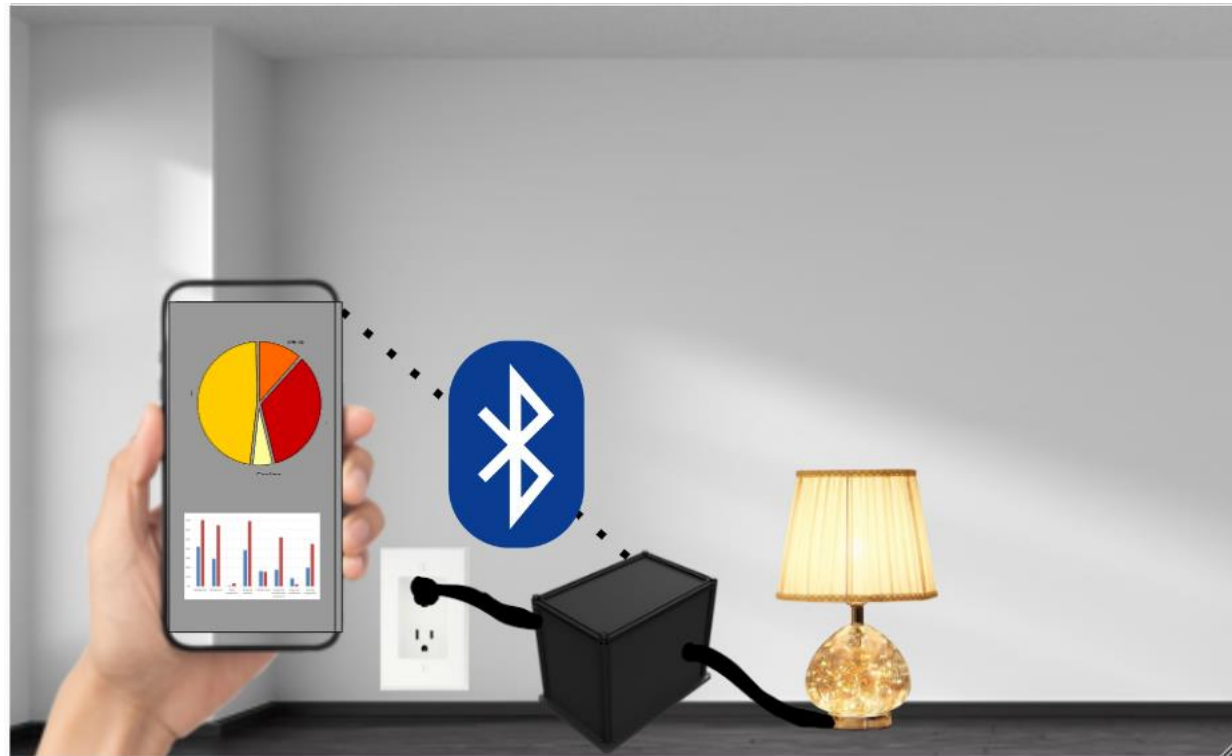
- The modern lifestyle does not allow us to be mindful of electricity consumption
- Users are unaware of which appliances disproportionately contribute to the total electricity consumption
- Therefore, an average of 34% of electricity in a household is wasted



## What is the solution to the problem?

- An energy metering system that relays power consumption data to a user-friendly application

### Visual Aid of Solution



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## • 4 Subsystem Model

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- Low Power

- Sensor

  - Temperature

  - Current

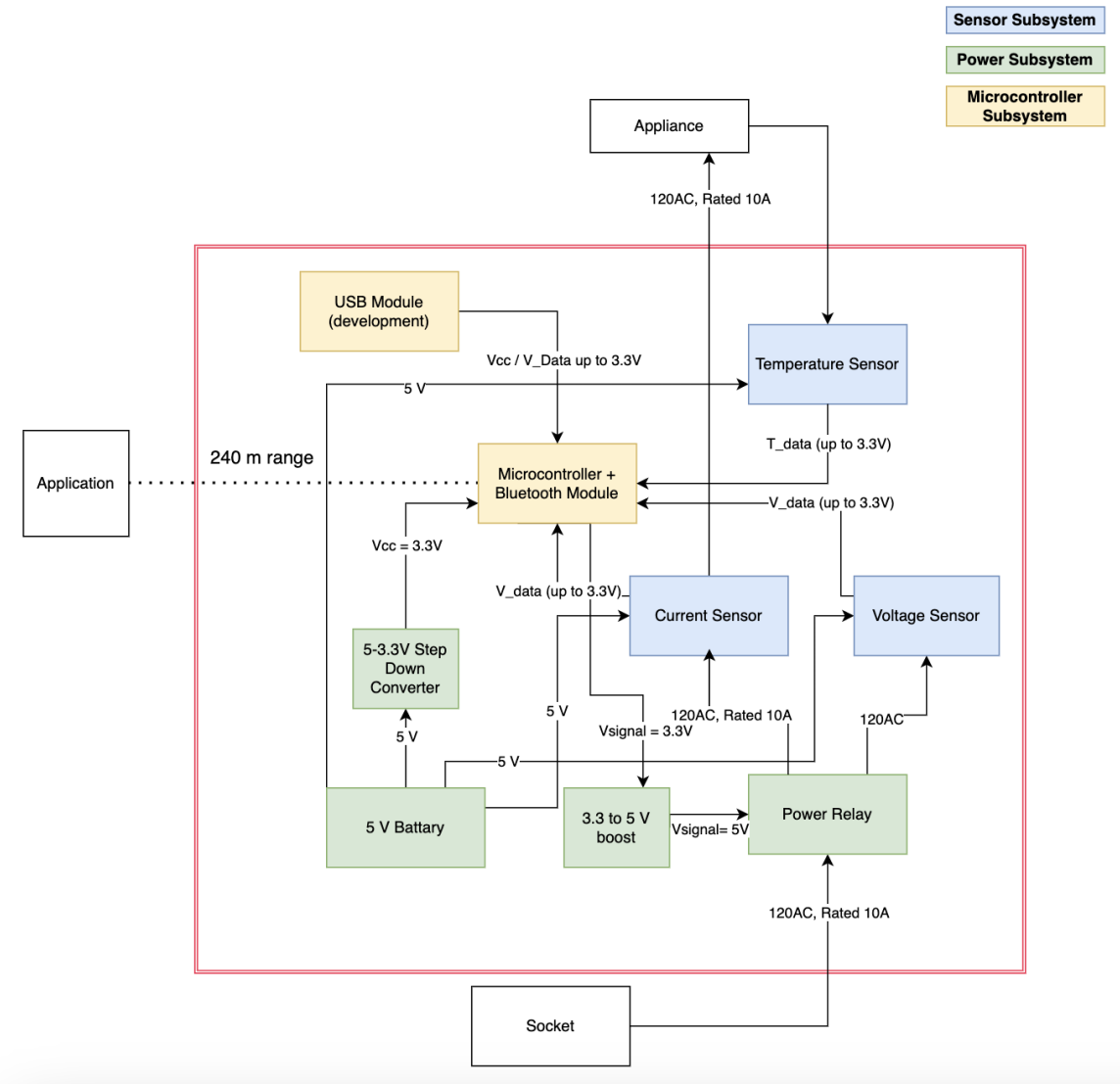
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- Microcontroller

  - MCU Control Firmware

  - Graphical Application

  - BLE Server/Service Setup Firmware



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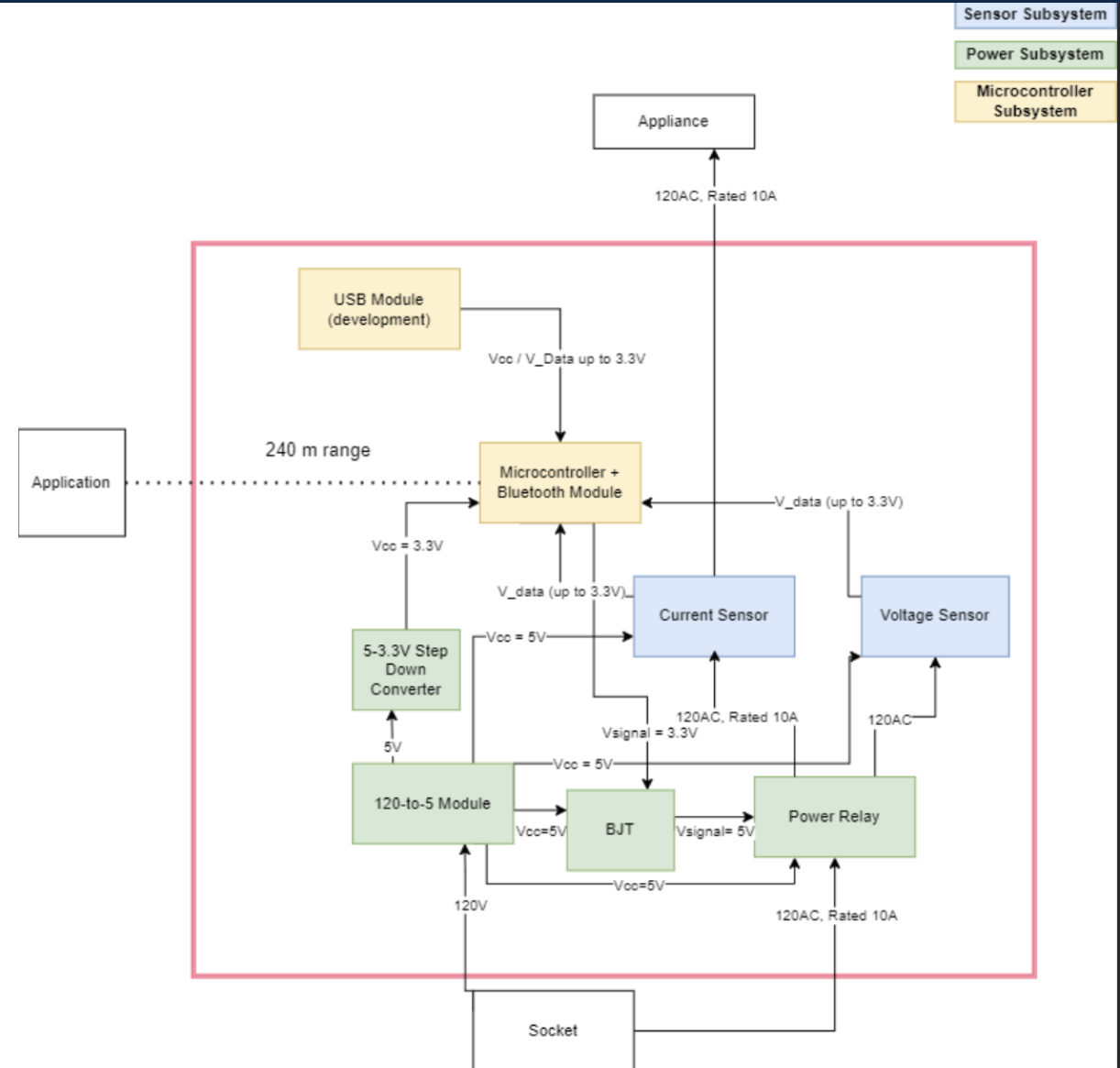
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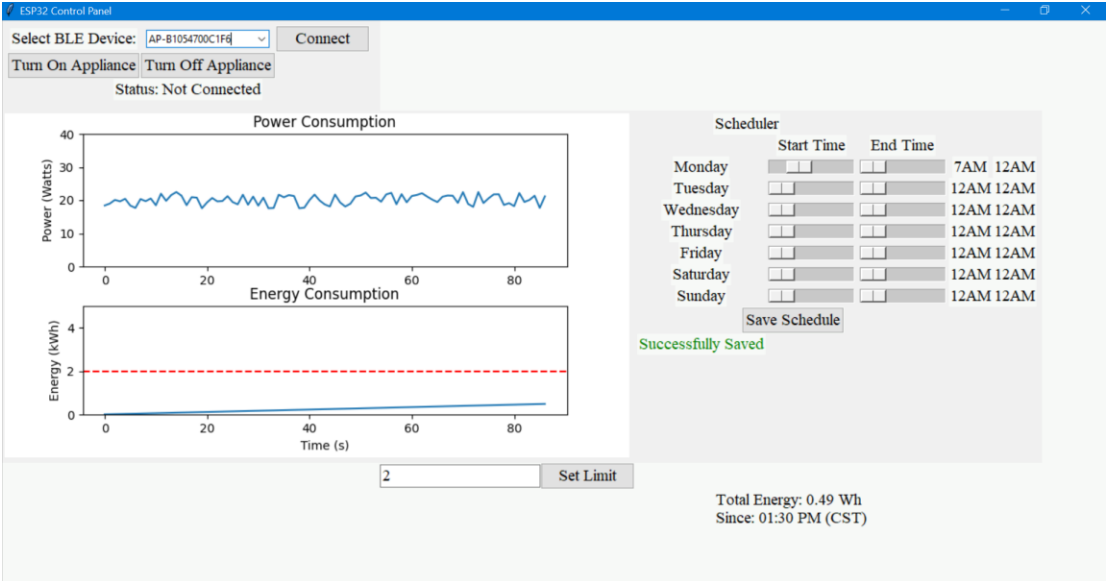
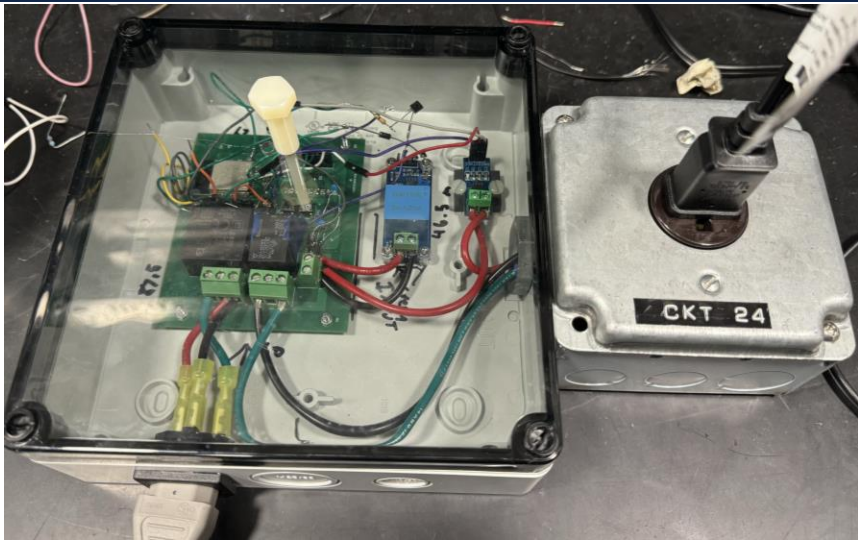
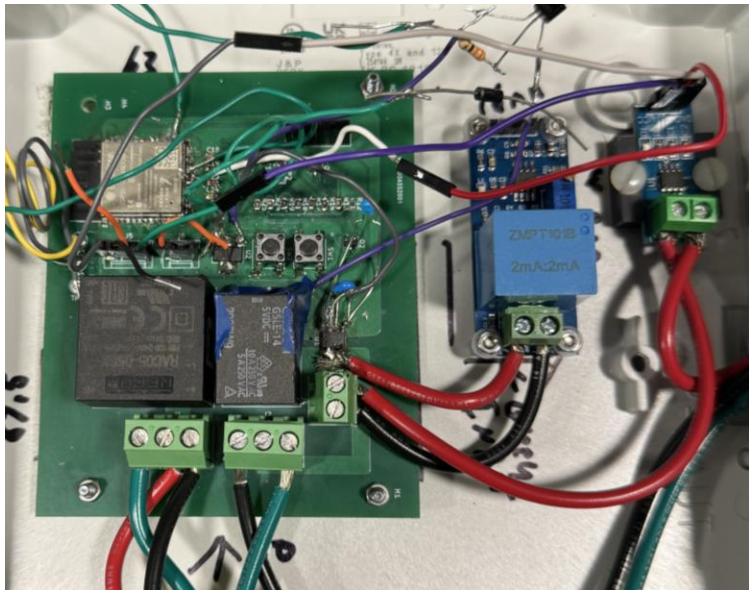
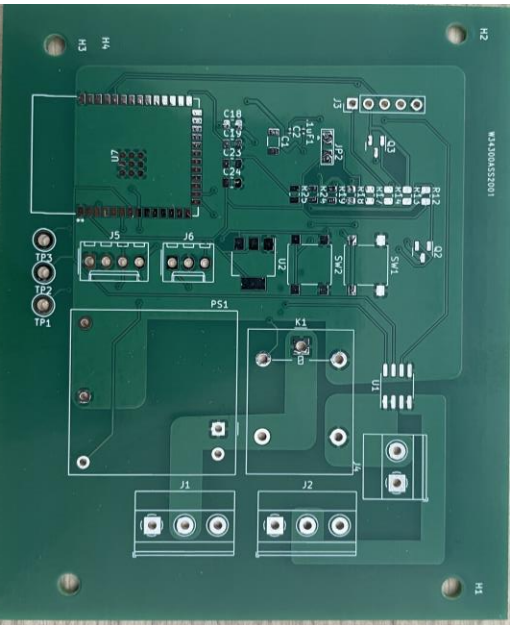
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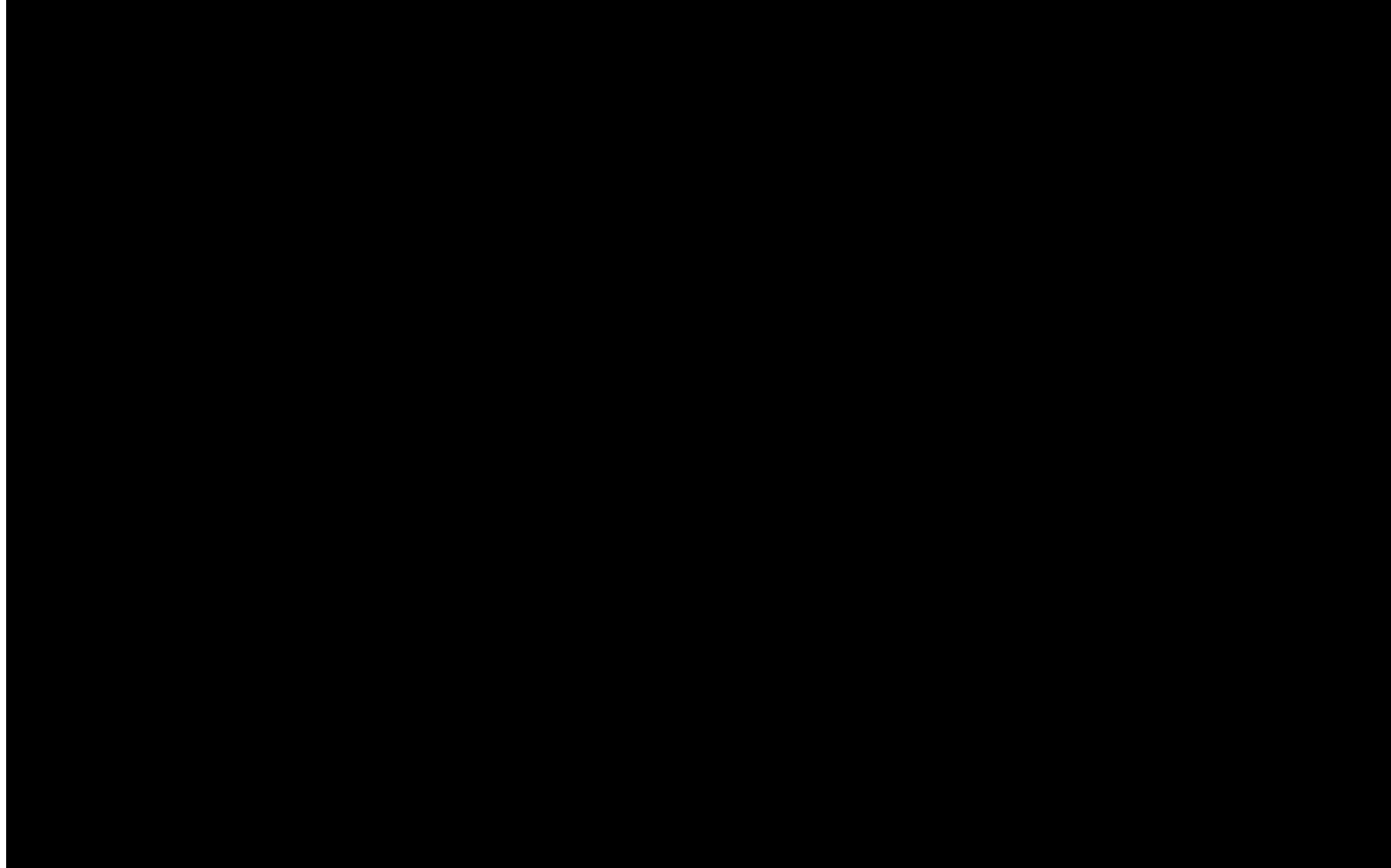


What our project looks like?



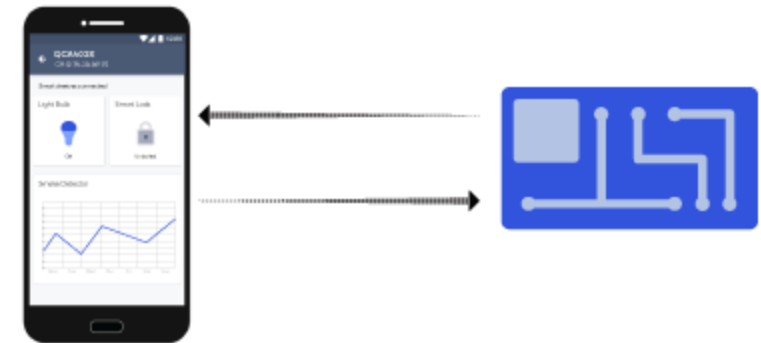
## Tests and Results: Fan

- Fan off, Power Relay On
  - Voltmeter: about 120 Volts
  - Ammeter: 0 A
- Fan on level 1, Power Relay On
  - Voltmeter: about 120 Volts
  - Ammeter: 242.5 mA
- Fan on level 2, Power Relay On
  - Voltmeter: about 120 Volts
  - Ammeter: 312.5 mA
- Fan on level 1, Power Relay Off
  - Voltmeter: about 0 Volts
  - Ammeter: 0 A



## Where did we succeed in our project?

- Handling high voltage and current coming out of the socket
- Controlling power supply to the connected appliance
- Relaying information to the application via Bluetooth Low Energy



- **What are some challenges we faced with our project?**

- Understanding the Microcontroller pin assignments
- Soldering the Microcontroller
- Current Sensor got Burnt during testing
- Too much power draw by Microcontroller chip
- Could not use 3.3V to 5V boost

## What process and design elements would we change?

- Solder components that use the oven first
- Get extra parts early on
- Check user rating of modules that we use
- Separate PCBs for high and low voltage
- Include more access points for testing

## What did we learn?

- Theoretical circuit design vs physical implementation
- Microcontroller based logic
- Industry based design procedures



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