Care-Mate: Wheelchair Pressure Distribution Mapping System

BENJAMIN ALLEN, CLAY GRISCOM, HUGO SERRANO, KIRA THRELFALL, DAVID WHELAN

CHAMPIONS: JENNIFER STEINAUER, PTA, NATHAN JOWERS, PT, MIKE FOHNER, JOSH FOHNER

Background & Introduction



- 2.7 million Americans used a wheelchair in some capacity in 2015¹
- 60% of people who are wheelchair bound due to a spinal cord injury will suffer from pressure ulcers²

Problem and Objective

Patients that are bound to wheelchairs suffer from restricted blood flow.

- This leads to the formation of pressure Ulcers
- These Ulcers reduce quality of life and increase the chance of infection

Prevent the formation of pressure ulcers in disabled patients

Design and build an application that will read and display pressure sensor information



Xsensor ForSite SS mat

Hardware

Datapath

- Microcontroller selects MUX input to read raw sensor data
- Data converted through A/D converter one at a time
- Data serially transmitted to phone through HC-06 Bluetooth module



Testing

Software

Mock data composed of 8 – bit binary characters

o Arduino with Bluetooth Module

Hardware

- o LEDs for Multiplexer select switches
- o Bluetooth terminal receiving sensor data

Integration testing

• Sent live data to app to test end-to-end communication



Arduino with HC - 06

Backend Design

- Callback-based event system allows us to update views whenever new data is received
- Three custom services
 - HeatmapService
 - CalibrationService
 - BluetoothService
- Views implemented as lonic pages. Some pages require sub-pages to function



Code Layout – Series of Nested Modules



Frontend Design

- Neat and Simple
- Light blue
- Navigation
- Pressure map
 - Colorblind assistance
- Bluetooth
- Calibrate



Continuous Calibration System

BMEG







