

# pocket 'ponics

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# **Project Goals**



#### **Broader Impacts**

- 30-60% of the world is employed in agriculture
- Agriculture outputs increased
   20% in the last decade
- Despite this, 11% of US households are food-insecure
- This is in part due to the growing food deserts in cities



#### **Our Solution**

- Easy-to-use app and greenhouse combination that allows non-technical users to grow hydroponic food
- App walks users through setting up, monitoring, and harvesting
- Greenhouse monitors pH, EC, water levels, pumps and lights.
- Backend collects data from greenhouse, does necessary computations, and surfaces data for frontend



# Project Requirements

#### **Sensor Grid Requirements**

- Collect data from sensor array and make adjustments live
  - Water Levels, pH, Electrical Conductivity
  - Activate water and nutrient pumps, and LEDs
  - Receive adjustments from the backend system
- Stable DC power system
  - Rectify 120V AC to 12V DC
  - Backup system stretch goal
- Stand alone SOC (System on Chip)
  - Connects Sensor Grid to backend system
  - Sends signal for adjustments to MCU and Sensors
- MCU (Microcontroller unit) and PCB (Printed Circuit Board)
  - AVR-RISC based microcontroller which can collect sensor readings
  - A custom PCB houses connections to MCU to Sensor Grid



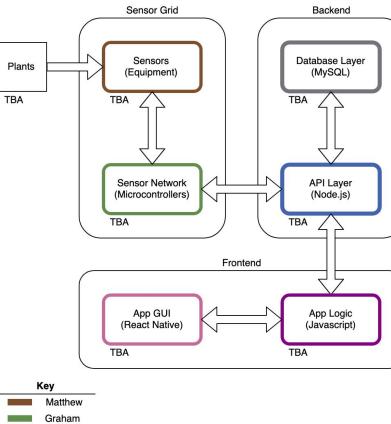
- Receive sensor readings from sensor grid
  - Water level, pH, electrical conductivity
  - General greenhouse data
- Receive specific information from the app
  - Greenhouse/tier changes
- Retrieve/store data in MySQL database
  - Sensor readings
  - Greenhouse and tier information
- Send data to app
  - Sensor readings
  - Greenhouse and tier information
- Authentication





- Retrieve information from back end
  - Greenhouse and tier data
  - User Login and authentication
- Display greenhouse in easy-to-understand ways
  - Greenhouse display
  - Tier Display
- Provide notifications for user action
  - Refill tanks
  - Running on battery power
  - Harvest food
- Easy setup of new greenhouses
- Step-by-step instructions for actions



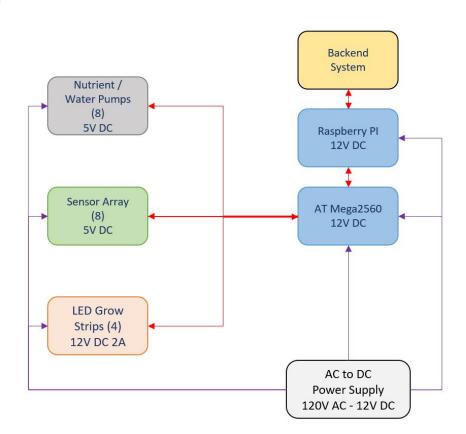






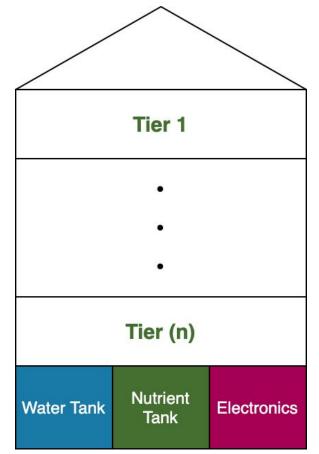
Greenhouse

#### **Greenhouse Overview**





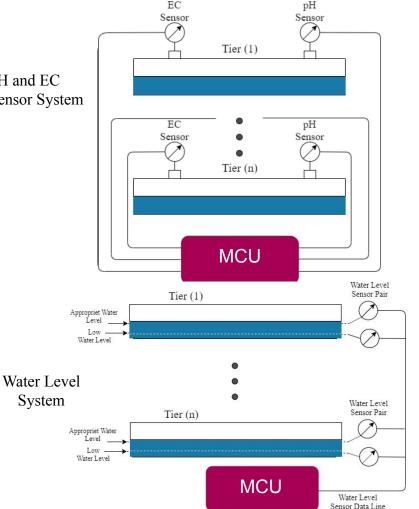
- Greenhouse contains the Sensor Grid and Power Grid
  - Electronics
    - Sensor Grid
      - Input Array
      - Output Array
    - Power Grid
  - Water Tank
  - Nutrient Tank
- Layout subject to change



#### **Input Array**

pH and EC Sensor System

- SOC requests data from MCU hourly
- Uses the EC, pH and Water Level sensors
- SOC sends data to API and returns what the expected values should be





### **Output Array**

LED System

- Receives data from SOC
- Activates or deactivates the LED's, Water pumps, or Nutrient Pumps

Tier (n)

Tier (1)

**Water Tank** 

Tier (n)

Microcontroller

**Nutrient** 

**Tank** 

LED Lights

Pump System

Tier (1)

#### **TDS Sensor**

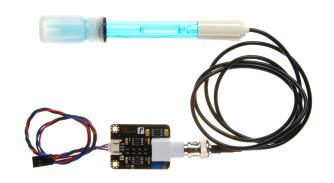
| Model                | Gravity: Analog TDS<br>Sensor |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Input Voltage        | 3.3V~5.5V                     |
| Output Voltage       | 0V~2.3V                       |
| Working Current      | 3mA~6mA                       |
| Measurement<br>Range | 0ppm ~ 1000ppm                |
| Price                | \$11.80                       |





### pH Sensor

| Model                   | Gravity: Analog pH Sensor |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Input Voltage           | 3.3V~5.5V                 |
| Output Voltage          | 0V~3.0V                   |
| Measurement<br>Range    | 0pH - 14pH                |
| Measurement<br>Accuracy | ±0.1 @ 25°C               |
| Price                   | \$29.50                   |





#### **Water Level Sensor**

| Model Number             | DP5200     |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Breakdown<br>Voltage     | 220V       |
| Max Current<br>Switching | 0.5A       |
| Temperature<br>Rating    | -10°C~85°C |
| Price                    | \$1.83     |





#### Microcontroller

| Chip          | Microchip AT Mega2560                     |
|---------------|---|
| Flash         | 256KB                                     |
| RAM           | 8KB                                       |
| Clock Speed   | 16 MHz                                    |
| GPIO          | 86  |
| Analog Pins   | 16  |
| Communication | UART/SPI/USB                              |
| Price         | \$28.50 per Dev Board<br>\$11.85 per Chip |





### Raspberry Pi

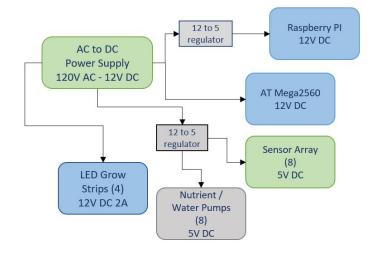
| System        | Raspberry Pi 3 B+                                |
|---------------|--|
| Clock Speed   | 1.4GHz   |
| RAM           | 1GB LPDDR2 SDRAM                                 |
| Wireless      | 2.4GHz/5GHz IEEE 802.11<br>Bluetooth 4.2         |
| Supported OS  | Raspbian, Ubuntu Core,<br>Manjaro ARM, many more |
| Communication | UART/SPI/USB                                     |
| Price         | \$35.00 per unit                                 |







- 120V AC Power Input
  - Split into three 12V DC outputs
- Three 12V branches
  - MCU and SOC
  - LEDs
  - Sensors and Pumps
- Must not exceed 240 Watts for all components





### **Power Supply**

|                        | LEDMO Switching Converter Power Supply |
|------------------------|--|
| Input                  | AC 100V/240V 50/60 Hz                  |
| Output                 | DC 12V (±10%) 20A (240W)               |
| Working<br>Temperature | 20° to 60° Celcius                     |
| Size                   | 7.83 in X 4.33 in X 1.88 in            |
| Price                  | \$21.99 price per unit                 |







#### Successes

**Difficulties** 

Communication to API
MCU to SOC Communication
Sensor component
communication

Power Management
Heat Distribution for LEDs
Spatial Distribution for
Components

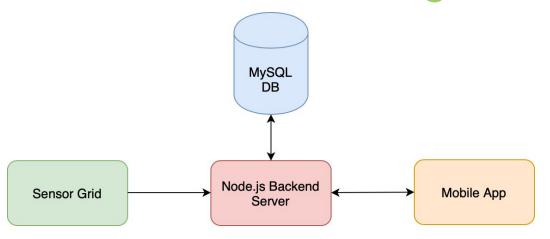


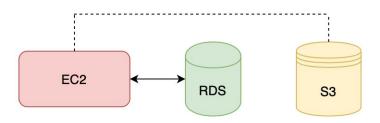


## Backend



### Overall Design



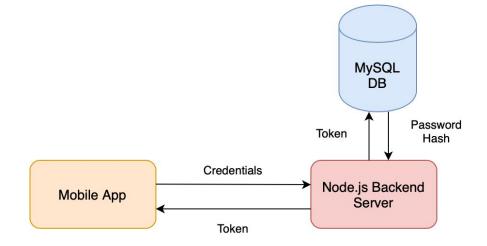






### Node.js Server

- Authentication & Authorization
  - Active Sessions
  - user\_id columns
- Interaction with MySQL Database
  - mysql package
  - Connection Pool
  - Queries
  - Transactions
- API Endpoint Groups
  - o /auth
  - o /mobileapp
  - /sensorgrid
  - o /adminportal

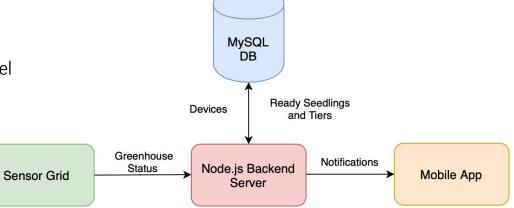






### Node.js Server

- Notification Delivery to Mobile App
  - Transplant Seedlings
  - Ready to Harvest
  - Greenhouse Status
    - Power Source
    - Water Tank Level
    - Nutrient Tank Level





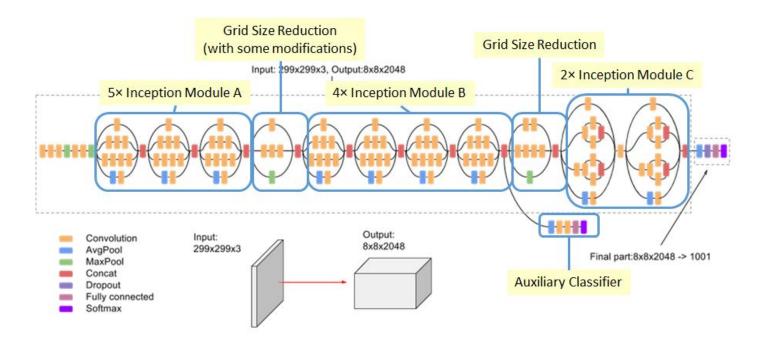


- Pretrained, Modified InceptionV3
   Convolutional Neural Network
- Overall Accuracy
  - o 9 classes
- Overfitting
  - Dropout
  - Early Stopping
  - Checkpoint

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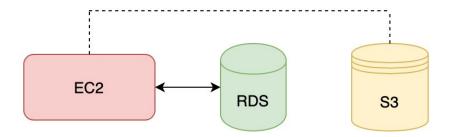
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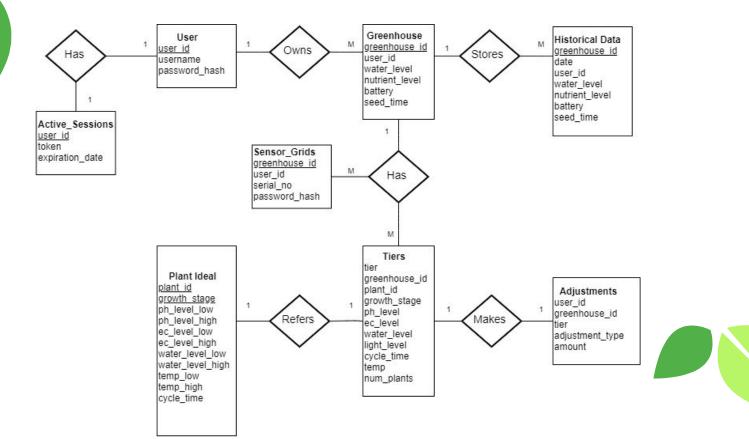
#### **AWS Components**

- EC2 Instance
  - o t3.medium
  - 4GB RAM
  - CV Requirements
- RDS Instance
  - MySQL Database
- S3 Bucket
  - Assets
  - Mobile App
- Why AWS?
  - Industry Standard
  - AWS Educate Program





#### mySQL Database





#### **Testing**

- Unit tests
  - API
  - Jest framework
  - Coverage included in Jest
- Integration testing
  - Use Postman to send requests to the endpoints
  - Verify information in the database





#### Successes

#### **Difficulties**

API Endpoints

MySQL Database

Deployment

Image Classification

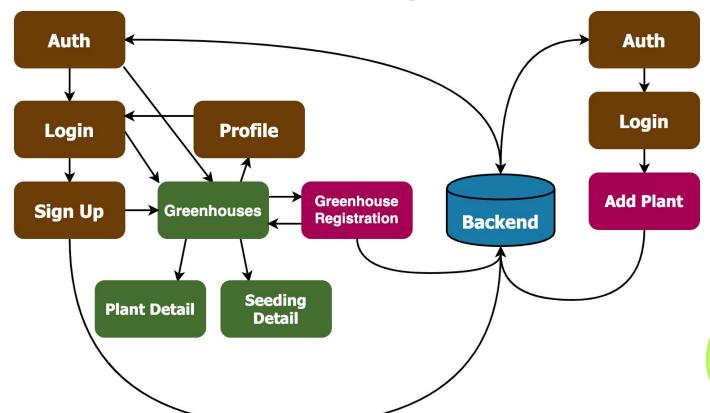
Anomaly Detection Building Dataset





Frontend

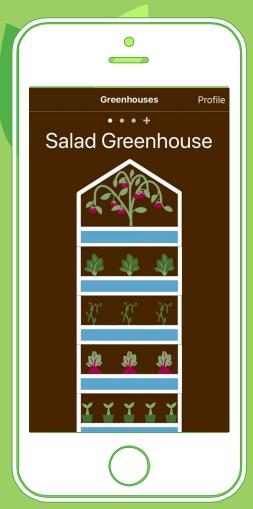
### **Frontend Design**





- React Native
  - Modular composition allows for reuse of components
  - Compatibility across iOS and Android
- Expo Client
  - Quickly build compact app files for distribution
  - Manage permissions and interfacing with native systems like the camera
  - Assist with push notification coordination between Apple and Google





#### **Greenhouse Monitoring**

- Displays current data from greenhouse sensors
- Shows the user estimated harvest dates
- Collects and displays historical sensor readings for the greenhouse
- Greenhouse data maintained by a global state monitor



#### **Greenhouse Registration**

- App connects with the greenhouse over LAN
- Wifi connection info is sent to the greenhouse
- User decides which plants are grown on each tier & fills up reservoirs
- App uses REST API to register the greenhouse to the database



#### **User Interactions**

- Refill water
- Refill nutrients
- Plant Seedlings
- Transplant Seedlings
- Harvest Plants

All are accompanied by detailed instructions and Push notifications



#### Website

- pocketponics.com
- Information for the general public
- Admin portal
  - Authenticates admin users
  - Adds new plants that users can grow



#### Successes

Full WCAG compliance

Compatibility between Android and iOS

Real-time push notifications for UX

Graphical display of historical data

Camera input for ML categorization of plants

#### **Difficulties**

Real-time data display with async database updates

Extensibility of plant model

Access to UCF Server



### Administrative



| Budget                    |            |                |        |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Description               | Vendor     | Price per Unit | Amount | Estimated Price |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arduino                   | arduino.cc | \$40.00        |        | \$40.00         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| pH Sensor Kit             | amazon.com | \$19.65        | 4      | \$78.60         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pump system               | amazon.com | \$11.98        | 2      | \$23.96         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water Tank                | amazon.com | \$19.33        | 2      | \$38.66         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EC/TDS Sensor             |            | \$12.90        | 4      | \$51.60         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lights                    | amazon.com | \$13.99        | 1      | \$13.99         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liquid Electrical Tape    | amazon.com | \$6.98         | 1      | \$6.98          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PCB Fabrication           |            | \$50.00        | 1      | \$50.00         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buck Convertor            | amazon.com | \$10.95        | 2      | \$10.95         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Relay                     | amazon.com | \$5.50         |        | \$55.00         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Construction Materials    |            | \$100          | 1      | \$100.00        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous Electronics |            | \$50.00        | 1      | \$50.00         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AWS Student Account       | amazon.com | \$0.00         | 1      | \$0.00          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hydroponic Plant Nutrient | amazon.com | \$25.00        | 1      | \$25.00         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |            |                |        |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Amount              |            |                |        | \$544.74        |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Thanks!

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