
ROBOT

For

CONTROLLING WILDFIRES

Advance Mechatronics
-Term Project-



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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE ?

URBAN FIREFIGHTING

Clear APPROACH

Extinguishing METHODS

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING

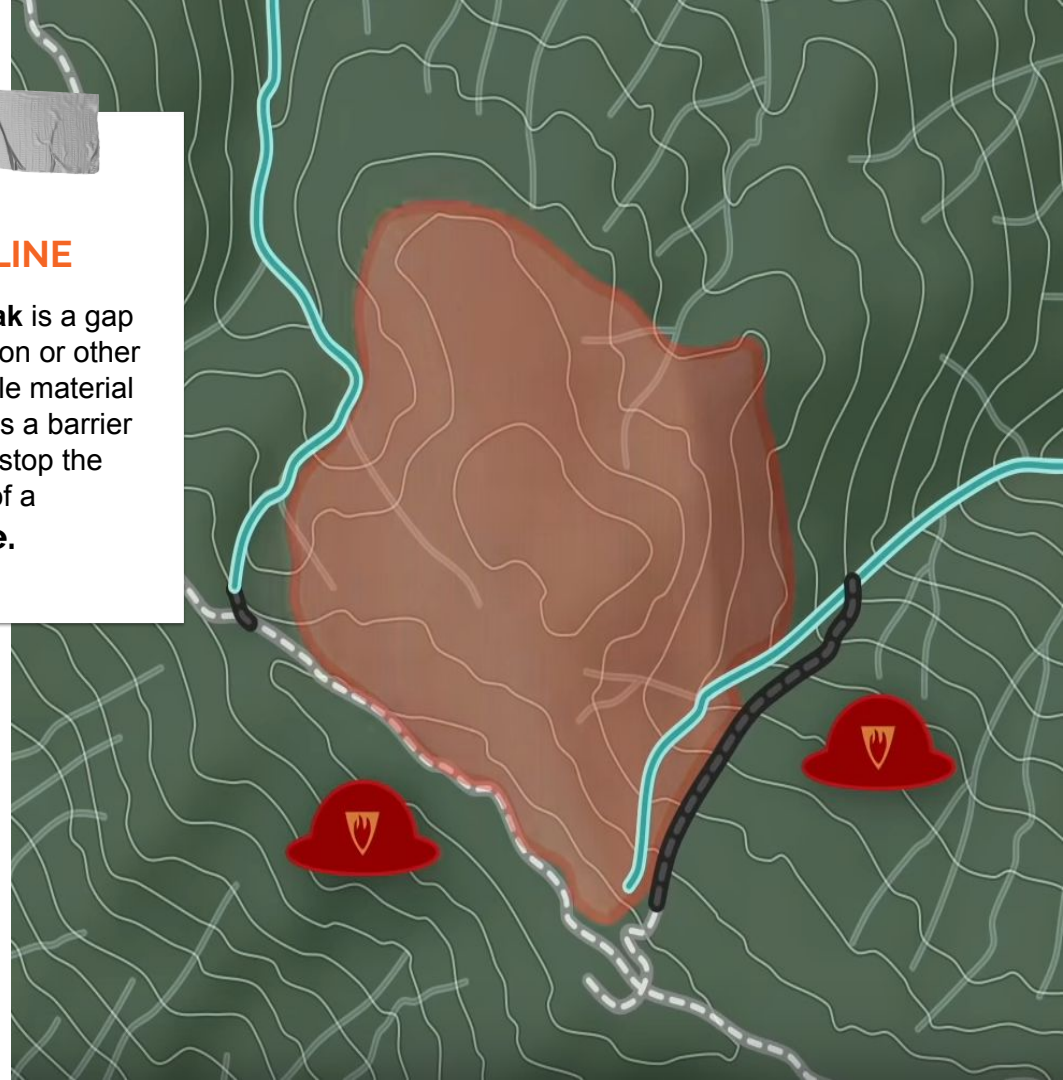
Gap in Research

Anchor Points | Firelines

FIRELINE

A **Firebreak** is a gap in vegetation or other combustible material that acts as a barrier to slow or stop the progress of a **Wildfire**.

Source: <https://standard.tv/>





PROBLEM

We're **too slow** and can not go too close to the fire.



PROBLEM

They're **too**
Expensive

\$60K = NYU Fees



1 gallon of Phos Chek

\$3

6 FUNCTIONS:

1. Hualing
2. Direct Fire Suppression
3. Mobile Weather Station
4. Reconnoiter
5. Hot Spot Identification
6. Investigate Fire Hazard Zone.

Preliminary Domain Theory for Robot-Assisted Wildland Firefighting

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Abstract — This paper presents a preliminary domain theory for robot-assisted wildland firefighting domain. The domain theory is based on a focus group hosted by the Texas Engineering Extension Service with eight subject matter experts and nine technologists. Wildland fire fighting is characterized by the large area affected and the longer duration of the response, on the order of weeks or months. The focus group identified six potential functions of a ground robot: 1) transport supplies, hoses, trunk lines, and people, 2) reconnoiter the fire direction, speed, and other attributes, 3) direct fire suppression, 4) identify hot spots under canopies using thermal imaging, 5) investigate areas for fire hazards from dead trees and level burnt remnants, and 6) serve as a movable weather station determining wind speed and direction, relative humidity, fuel moisture and fuel temperature. The desired functions, when combined with the general organizational, economic, and manpower constraints, in turn lead to anticipated requirements for seven capabilities. These are mobility, navigation, sensing, communications, dexterity, reusability, and transportability. The paper concludes that the Squad Mission Support System (SMSS) is a good match for these requirements. The description of the needed functionality and capabilities is expected to be of use to hardware and software developers.

Keywords: *unmanned ground robots, rescue robots, wildfire, firefighting*

I. INTRODUCTION



Fig. 1. Lockheed Martin Squad Mission Support System.

all weather conditions. Middle-sized ground robots, defined here as weighing up to 5,000 pounds (2,267kg) and being transportable via sling-load on a UH-60L or internally in the CH-47 and CH-53 series helicopters, have been under develop-

THIS PROJECT:

5. Hot Spot Identification
6. Investigate area

ROBOT, DO WHAT?

Mission: build a
fireline



Mobile - Manipulator:

We created a manipulator which can be used to collect material in order to inspect, observe, or survey, and we aim to mount it on top of a mobile base with rocker-bogie which can be used to move through uneven conditions in wildland.

FUN FACT:

At the moment mobile manipulation is a subject of major focus in development and research environments, and mobile manipulators, are used in many areas.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_manipulator#State_of_the_art

FUN FACT:

The **rocker-bogie** system is [NASA's](#) favored design for rovers.

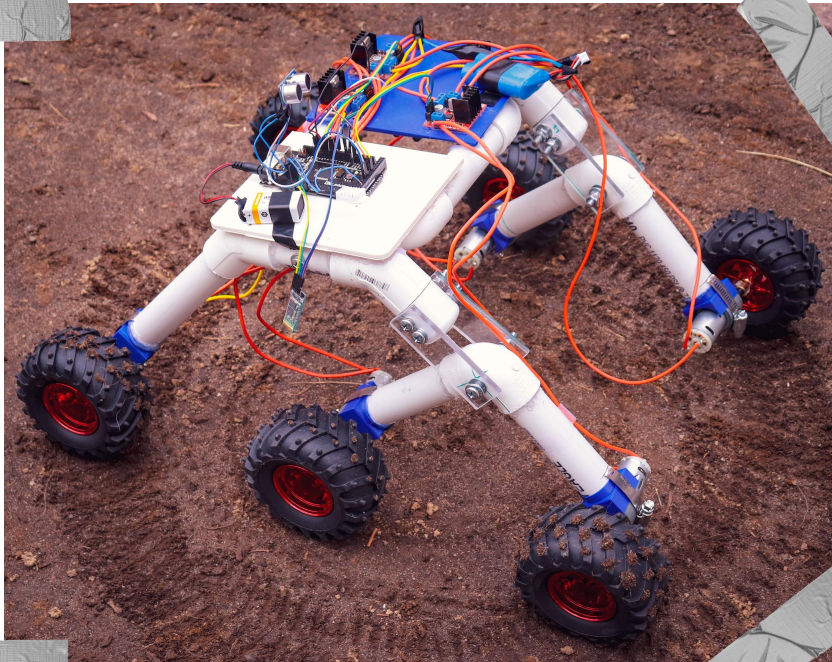
It has been used in multiple mission robots:

[Sojourner](#), [Spirit](#), [Opportunity](#), and [Curiosity](#)





Manipulator



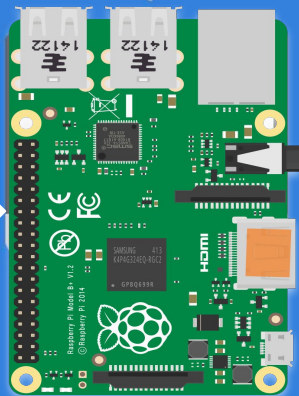
Mobile Base



Firebase



Serial COM



Firebase Realtime
Database



Will sync with all your mobo
devices in milliseconds.



WildFire Robot

WildFire Robot

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Project Overview



Database

Realtime Database



Data

Rules

Backups

Usage

Develop

Authentication

Database

Storage

Hosting

Functions

ML Kit

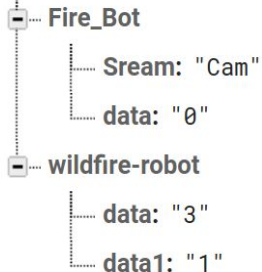
Extensions

Spark
Free \$0/month

Upgrade

https://wildfire-robot.firebaseio.com/

wildfire-robot



How ?

Hardware:

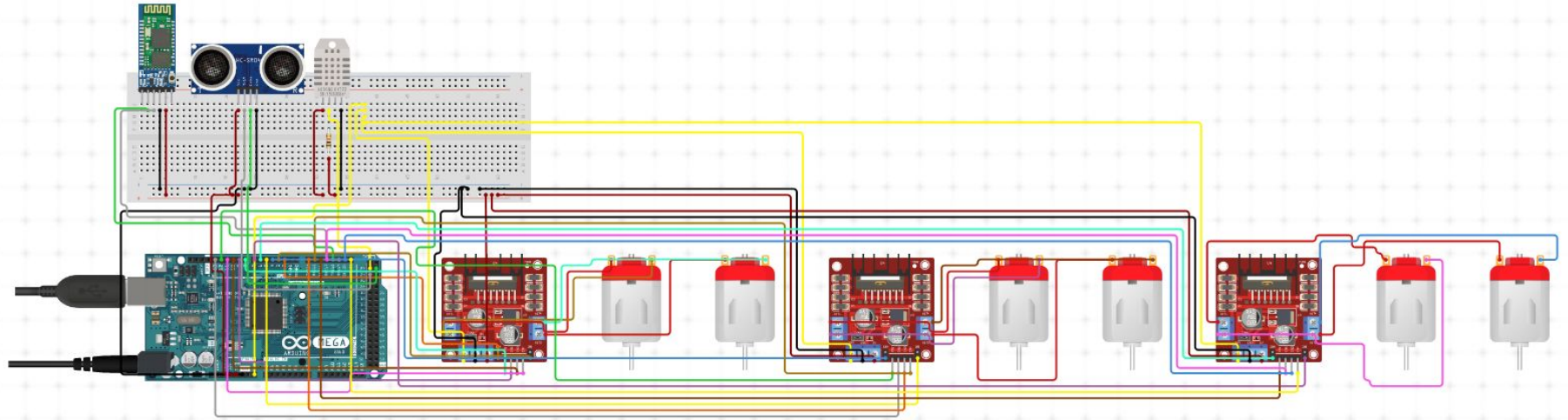
- Raspberry Pi
- Arduino Mega
- Raspberry Pi Camera
- 1 Bluetooth Module (HC-05)
- 3 Motor driver (L298N)
- Li-ion Battery (7.4V 1500mAh)
- Humidity and Temperature Sensor (DHT 22)
- Ultrasonic Sensor (HC - SR04)
- 9V Alkaline Cell
- Metal clamps for links
- Metal Gripper
- 6 DC Motors
- Thumper Wheels
- Clamps, Hex Coupling, etc

Software:

- MIT App Inventor - [Link](#)
- Google Firebase - [Link](#)
- RPi_Web_Interface - [Link](#)
- Arduino IDE
- Gedit on Raspbian
- Raspbian Shell

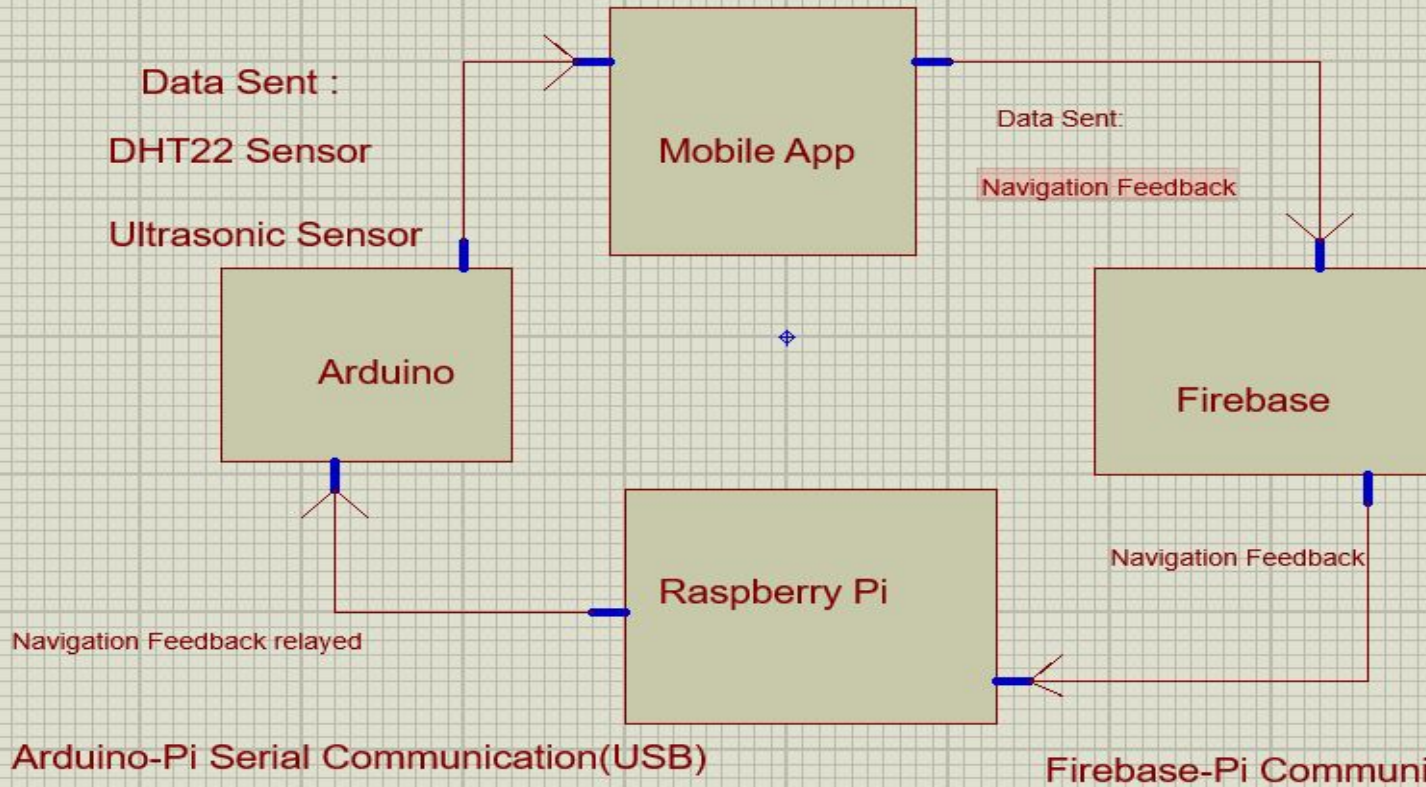
(And with little help from our smart phone)

CIRCUIT DIAGRAM:



Arduino-App Bluetooth Communication

App-Firebase Connection over Internet



— Code1: Arduino

```
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>
#include <DHT.h>
#include <DHT_U.h>

#define echopin 40 // echo pin
#define trigpin 44 // Trigger pin
#define DHTPIN 2 // Digital pin connected to the DHT sensor
#define DHTTYPE DHT22 // DHT 22 (AM2302)
#define dht_pin 2 // Pin sensor is connected to

DHT_Unified dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
SoftwareSerial BT(22,24);

int MotorAinput1 = 36;
int MotorAinput2 = 34;
int MotorBinput1 = 4;
int MotorBinput2 = 5;
int MotorCinput1 = 6;
int MotorCinput2 = 7;
int MotorDinput1 = 8;
int MotorDinput2 = 9;
int MotorEinput1 = 10;
int MotorEinput2 = 11;
int MotorFinput1 = 12;
int MotorFinput2 = 14;

int state;
int Speed = 130;

uint32_t delayMS; // humidity sensor.

int temp;
int hum;

int timer = 0;

int distanceFwd;
long duration;

int chk = 0;
int set = 10;

// Functions
void backward(){
    digitalWrite(36,HIGH);digitalWrite(34,LOW);digitalWrite(4,LOW);digitalWrite(5,HIGH);digitalWrite(6,HIGH);digitalWrite(7,LOW);digitalWrite(8,LOW);digitalWrite(9,HIGH);digitalWrite(10,LOW);digitalWrite(11,HIGH);digitalWrite(12,LOW);digitalWrite(14,HIGH); }

void forward(){
```


— Code2: Arduino

```
// Functions
void backward(){
  digitalWrite(36,HIGH);digitalWrite(34,LOW);digitalWrite(4,LOW);digitalWrite(5,HIGH);digitalWrite(6,HIGH);digitalWrite(7,LOW);digitalWrite(8,LOW);digitalWrite(9,HIGH);digitalWrite(10,LOW);digitalWrite(11,HIGH);digitalWrite(12,LOW);digitalWrite(14,HIGH); }

void forward(){
  digitalWrite(36,LOW);digitalWrite(34,HIGH); digitalWrite(4,HIGH);digitalWrite(5,LOW); digitalWrite(6,LOW);digitalWrite(7,HIGH);digitalWrite(8,HIGH);digitalWrite(9,LOW);digitalWrite(10,HIGH);digitalWrite(11,LOW);digitalWrite(12,HIGH);digitalWrite(14,LOW);}

void turnRight(){
  digitalWrite(36,LOW);digitalWrite(34,HIGH);digitalWrite(6,LOW);digitalWrite(7,HIGH);digitalWrite(10,HIGH); digitalWrite(11,LOW);digitalWrite(4,LOW);digitalWrite(5,HIGH);digitalWrite(8,LOW);digitalWrite(9,HIGH);digitalWrite(12,LOW);digitalWrite(14,HIGH);}

void turnLeft(){
  digitalWrite(36,HIGH);digitalWrite(34,LOW); digitalWrite(6,HIGH);digitalWrite(7,LOW); digitalWrite(10,LOW);digitalWrite(11,HIGH); digitalWrite(4,HIGH);digitalWrite(5,LOW);digitalWrite(8,HIGH);digitalWrite(9,LOW);digitalWrite(12,HIGH);digitalWrite(14,LOW);}

void Stop(){
  digitalWrite(36,LOW); digitalWrite(34,LOW); digitalWrite(4,LOW); digitalWrite(5,LOW); digitalWrite(6,LOW); digitalWrite(7,LOW);digitalWrite(8,LOW);digitalWrite(9,LOW);digitalWrite(10,LOW);digitalWrite(11,LOW); digitalWrite(12,LOW); digitalWrite(14,LOW);}

long data()
{ digitalWrite(trigpin,LOW); delayMicroseconds(2); digitalWrite(trigpin,HIGH); delayMicroseconds(10); duration=pulseIn (echopin,HIGH);
  return duration / 29 / 2; }

void setup() {
  // ultrasonic

  pinMode (trigpin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode (echopin, INPUT );

  // Temp and humidity

dht.begin();
  // Print temperature sensor details.
  sensor_t sensor;
  dht.temperature().getSensor(&sensor);

  // Print humidity sensor details.
  dht.humidity().getSensor(&sensor);

  // Set delay between sensor readings based on sensor details.
  //delayMS = sensor.min_delay / 1000;

// Motor
pinMode(MotorAinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorAinput2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorBinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorBinput2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorCinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorCinput2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorBinput2, OUTPUT);
```

Code3: Arduino

```
// Motor
pinMode(MotorAinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorAinput2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorBinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorBinput2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorCinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorCinput2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorDinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorDinput2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorEinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorEinput2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorFinput1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(MotorFinput2, OUTPUT);

// initialize serial communication at 9600 bits per second:
Serial.begin(9600);
BT.begin(9600); // Setting the baud rate of Software Serial Library
}

char cmmd;

void loop() {
  //if some data is sent, reads it and saves in state
  if (Serial.available()) {
    cmmd = Serial.read();
    //Serial.print("You sent Arduino: ");
    Serial.println(cmmd);

    distanceFwd = data();
    Serial.println(distanceFwd);

    if((distanceFwd<set) && (chk==1)){chk = 2; Stop();}
    if(distanceFwd>set){chk = 0;}

    // if the state is '1' the DC motor will go forward initial
    if ((cmmd == '1') && (chk==0)){chk = 1; forward();Serial.println("Go Forward!");}

    // if the state is '2' the motor will Reverse initial
    else if (cmmd == '4'){backward();Serial.println("Reverse!");}

    // if the state is '3' the motor will turn left initial
    else if (cmmd == '2'){turnLeft();Serial.println("Turn LEFT");}

    // if the state is '4' the motor will turn right initial
    else if (cmmd == '3'){turnRight();Serial.println("Turn RIGHT");}

    // if the state is '5' the motor will Stop initial
```

```
// if the state is '4' the motor will turn right initial
else if (cmmd == '3'){turnRight();Serial.println("Turn RIGHT");}

// if the state is '5' the motor will Stop initial
else if (cmmd == '0') {Stop();Serial.println("STOP!");}
}

if(BT.available() >= 0){
  //Serial.println("Connected");
  state = BT.read();
  //Serial.println(state);
  if(state > 10) { Speed = state;}

  timer = timer+1;
  //BT.print("timer: ");
  //BT.println(timer);

  if(timer==200){
  if(distanceFwd>200){distanceFwd=200;}
  BT.print("A");
  BT.print(";");
  BT.print(distanceFwd); //send distance to MIT App
  BT.println(";");
}

  //delay(5);
  if(timer>300){
  sensors_event_t event;

  dht.temperature().getEvent(&event);
  temp = event.temperature;

  dht.humidity().getEvent(&event);
  hum = event.relative_humidity;
  BT.print("B");
  BT.print(";");
  BT.print(temp); //send distance to MIT App
  BT.print(";");
  BT.print(hum); //send distance to MIT App
  BT.println(";");
  timer = 0;
}
//delay(1);
}
}
```

Code Blocks: App Inventor

The image displays a collection of App Inventor code blocks for a Bluetooth application. The blocks are organized into several functional groups:

- Bluetooth Client Management:**
 - when ListPicker1 - BeforePicking:** Sets the ListPicker1 Elements to BluetoothClient1 AddressesAndNames.
 - when ListPicker1 - AfterPicking:** Calls BluetoothClient1 Connect address ListPicker1 Selection, then sets ListPicker1 Elements to BluetoothClient1 AddressesAndNames.
 - when Screen1 - Initialize:** Checks if BluetoothClient1 Enabled. If not, it calls Notifier1 ShowAlert with the message "Bluetooth is not Enabled, go Settings to enable".
 - when BtnDisconnect - Click:** Calls BluetoothClient1 Disconnect, Web1 Get, and TextToSpeech1 Speak with the message "Disconnected".
 - when BluetoothClient1 - BluetoothError:** A function block that calls BluetoothClient1 Disconnect if not connected, then sets Label14 Text to "Disconnected" and TextColor to red.
- Data Storage (FirebaseDB1):**
 - when btnUp - TouchDown:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 1.
 - when btnDown - TouchDown:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 4.
 - when btnUp - TouchUp:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 0.
 - when btnLeft - TouchDown:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 2.
 - when btnRight - TouchDown:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 3.
 - when btnLeft - TouchUp:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 0.
 - when btnRight - TouchUp:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 0.
- UI Manipulation:**
 - when Manipulator - TouchDown:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 5.
 - when Manipulator - TouchUp:** Stores data with tag "data" and valueToStore 0.
- Web Viewer:**
 - when Button1 - Click:** Calls WebViewer1 GoToUrl with a URL constructed from http:// and TextBox1 Text, followed by /html.
- Timer (Clock1):**
 - when Clock1 - Timer:** Checks if connected. If not, sets Label14 Text to "Disconnected" and TextColor to red. If connected, it checks BytesAvailableToReceive. If greater than 0, it initializes a list, splits the received text, and iterates through it to update Label5, Label9, and Label10 Text and TextColor based on numerical values (35, 40, 45, 60) and comparison operators (<=, >, <=, >=).

Code: Raspberry Pi

```
$ sudo apt-get python-firefox
$ git clone
https://github.com/silvanmelchior/RPiCamWebInterface.git
$ cd RPi_Cam_Web_Interface
$ ./install.sh
```

PID	USER	PRI	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	CPU%	MEM%	TIME+	Command
488	root	20	0	11120	3468	2888	S	0.0	0.4	0:11.82	wpa_supplicant -B -c/etc/w
834	www-data	20	0	3584	808	696	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.01	raspimjpeg
2427	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	2:22.93	raspimjpeg
2428	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.00	raspimjpeg
2429	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.00	raspimjpeg
2430	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.00	raspimjpeg
2431	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.00	raspimjpeg
2432	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	1.3	0.3	7:38.63	raspimjpeg
2433	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.00	raspimjpeg
2434	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.31	raspimjpeg
2435	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.00	raspimjpeg
2436	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.00	raspimjpeg
2437	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	0.0	0.3	0:00.00	raspimjpeg
2426	www-data	20	0	97076	2304	1684	S	1.3	0.3	10:16.42	raspimjpeg
1011	www-data	20	0	62132	14960	11028	S	0.7	1.7	1:49.86	php /var/www/html/schedule
951	pi	20	0	96608	26808	20340	S	0.0	3.0	0:01.40	pcmanfm --desktop --profil
952	pi	20	0	96608	26808	20340	S	0.0	3.0	0:00.12	pcmanfm --desktop --profil
919	pi	20	0	96608	26808	20340	S	0.0	3.0	0:33.98	pcmanfm --desktop --profil
908	pi	20	0	63896	16180	12584	S	0.0	1.8	0:04.26	openbox --config-file /hom

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import serial
from firebase import firebase
import time

if __name__ == '__main__':
    ser = serial.Serial('/dev/ttyACM0', 9600, timeout=1)
    ser.flush()
    firebase = firebase.FirebaseApplication('https://wildfire-robot.firebaseio.com/', None)

    while True:
        # ser.write(b"Hello from Raspberry Pi!\n")
        line = ser.readline().decode('utf-8').rstrip()
        direction = firebase.get('/wildfire-robot', 'data')
        print(line)
        print("\n")
        ser.write(str(direction))
|
```

Video link :

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1cd9HPaMhE9OKRn-4DI9ZDI0HqJ6cy7ts>

Thank You!
Suggestions + Questions?
