

# Tennis Ball Detection PDR

**Group 2 - Detect Inc.**

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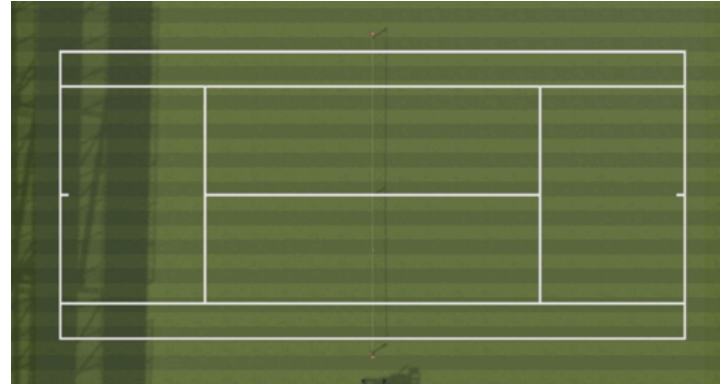
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# Purpose

During tennis matches, some serves or returns land near the boundary of the field-of-play. The high velocity of the tennis ball makes accurate human determinations of tennis ball position during bounce impossible.

This PDR will detail how we intend to design and implement a computer-vision object detection system to determine the in-bounds validity of a tennis ball bounce on a court.



# Approach

## Unity

- Capture still images of the tennis ball
- Produce motion of the tennis ball within frame from simulated or black-box function

## FPGA

- Process images of the tennis ball using image subtraction

## Algorithm (Tennis Ball Calculations)

- Using processed images, determine centroid of the tennis ball
- Determine physical location in 3D space that corresponds with pixel value

## Communications Layer

- Create safe data transfer layers for image transfer and data display

## Data Display

- Model X, Y, and Z coordinates of each serve on a 3D graph, determine in bounds or out of bounds

# Risks

## Camera specifications

- 3840 x 2160 resolution could create images too large to quickly process
- Distance from the court diminishes resolution of the tennis ball
- Camera angle creates distortion around the edges of the tennis court

## Processing speed

- Large-format images will take longer to process
- Snickerdoodle may not be the best hardware

## Major delays

- Issues with workflow or implementation
- Meeting due dates

# Team Members and PDR Authority

**PDR Authority: Dr. Kaputa**

## Project Team

Team Member	Name	Primary Role	Secondary Role
1.	Joe Demaria	Algorithm (Tennis Ball Calculations)	FPGA (Image Processing)
2.	Connor Ott	FPGA (Image Processing)	Algorithm (Tennis Ball Calculations)
3.	Andrew Sealing	Unity (World Server)	FPGA (Image Processing)
4.	Blizzard Finnegan	Communications Layer / Data Visualization	Business
5.	Isaac Southwell	Business	Communications Layer / Data Visualization
6.	Wesley Madden	Unity (World Server)	Float

# Unity Tasks for PDR

## Unity

Task	Est. hrs	Task Ref. ID
Find suitable <i>physical</i> camera for virtualization.	2	1.1
Document each of the <i>physical</i> camera parameters -- focal length, resolution of output image, color space of output image, maximum frame rate, etc.	1	1.2
Implement <i>physical</i> camera attributes in Unity for each of the two virtual cameras.	1	1.3
Determine most reasonable locations for each of the two cameras.	4	1.4
Document virtual camera position and angle relative to the center of the court and pass off to algorithm team.	0.5	1.5
Create a realistic test function that receives an input $t$ , and moves the ball across the court by $f(t) = t * \text{some-}x\text{-value}$ , where $f(t)$ should be the entire length of the court when $t = 2$ .	2	1.6
Verify test function can receive an input from MATLAB and ball follows motion. Verify images can be captured and saved with the tennis ball in different positions for initial PDR requirement.	1	1.7

# Affordable 4K Resolution

**WIFI Transmission** Support

**Video Resolution**

4K 30FPS; 2.7K 30FPS  
1080P 120FPS; 1080P 60FPS  
1080P 30FPS; 720P 240FPS  
720P 60FPS; 720P 30FPS

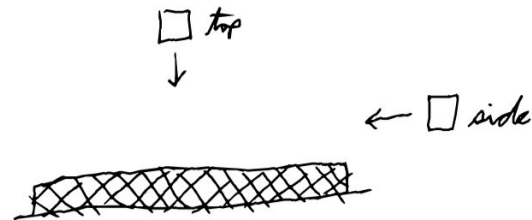
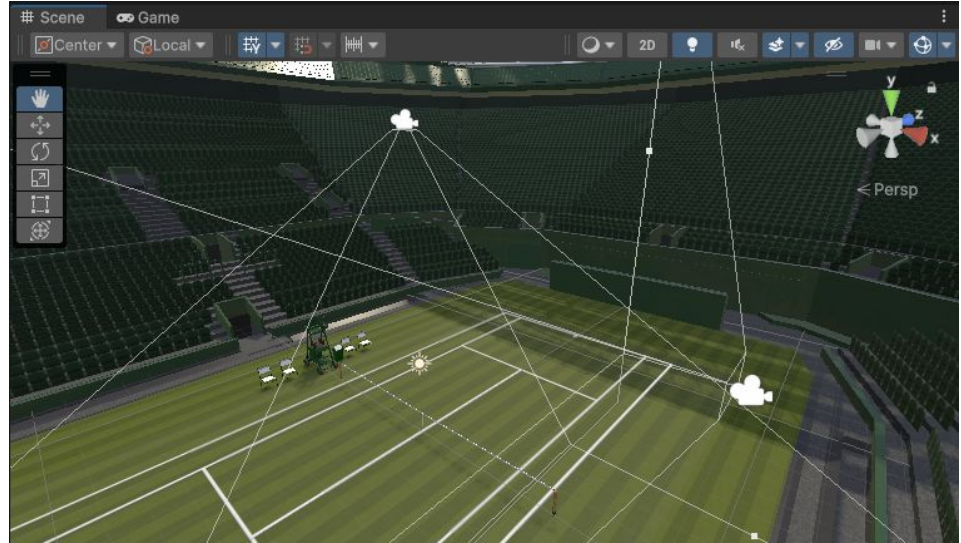
**Focal Distance**  $f=7.36\text{mm}$



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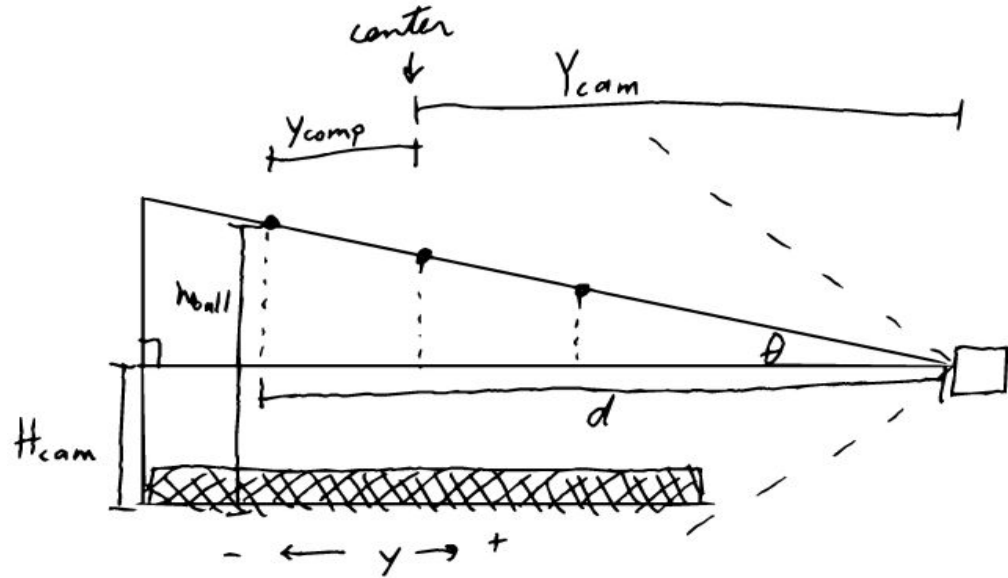
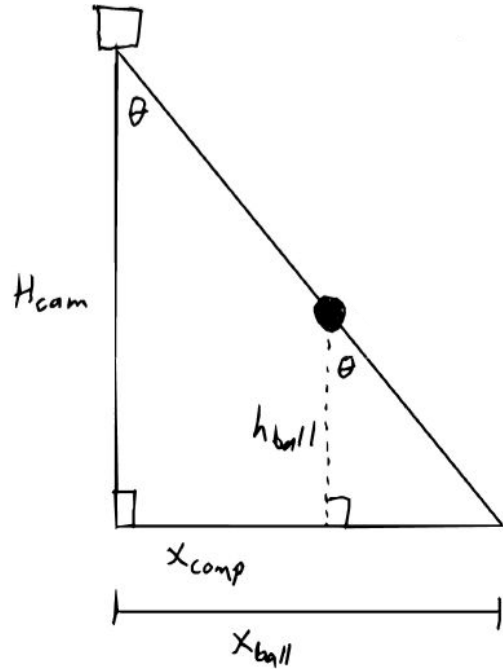
# Unity Camera Setup

- Decided against stereo vision because of large pixel size at farther distances, which would make height imprecise.
- Briefly considered symmetrical setup with cameras angled in from farther apart, but perspective would have made it unnecessarily difficult.
- Now pretty much decided on top & side setup as the most viable option to have the most precision in all three directions.



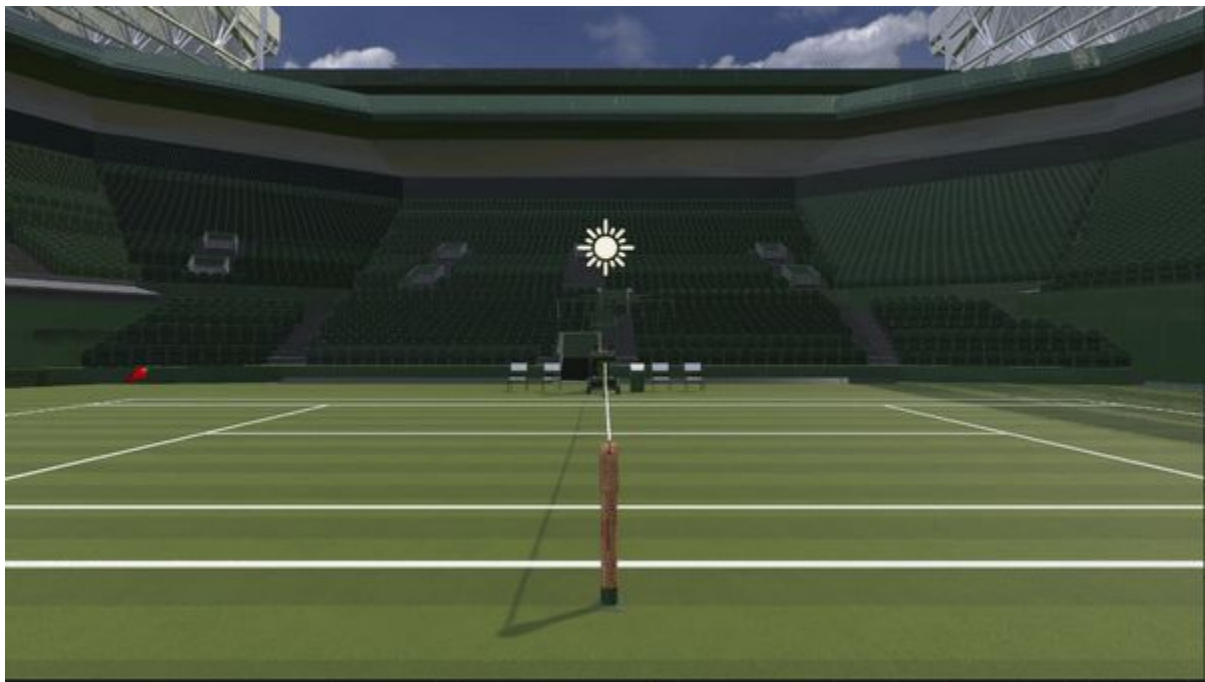


# Top & Side Cameras Concept



# Simulated Ball Movement

- Scripted Ball movement in Unity
- Including Physics to account for drag, bounce, and friction
- Can record vectors and position before sending to algorithm to cross check
- Can use random vectors to simulate back and forth match

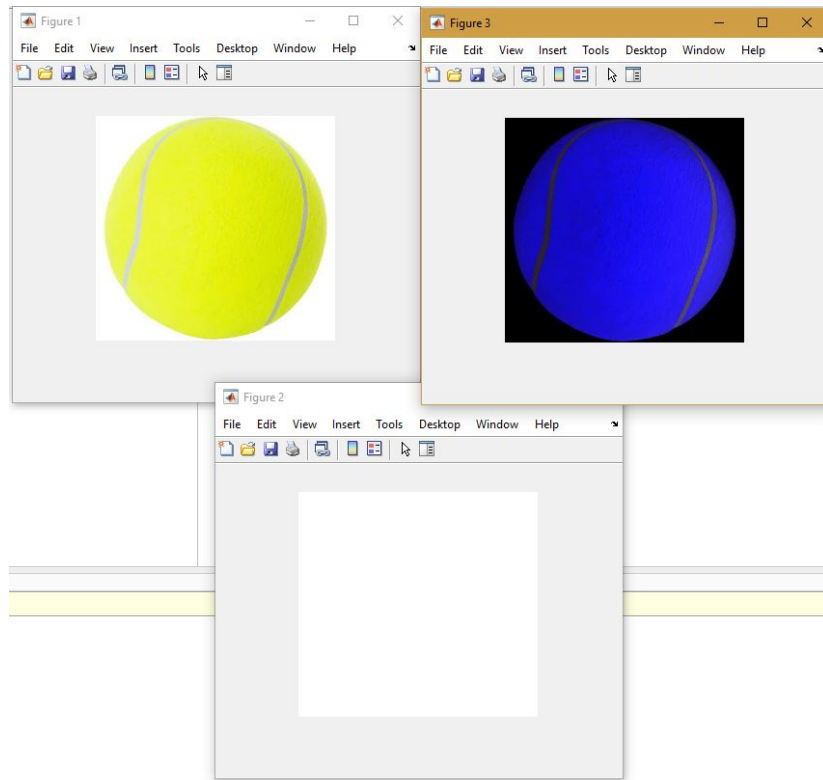


# FPGA Tasks for PDR

## FPGA

Task	Est. hrs	Task Ref. ID
Feed a saved image into the FPGA using VDMA buffer.	4	3.1
Create VHDL IP for processing an image from RGB to grayscale.	4	3.2
Create VHDL IP for processing an image by XORing with a second frame.	4	3.3
Record the delta(t) of each of the possible image processing paths: img -> rgb_to_grayscale -> XOR -> processed img img -> XOR -> processed img	4	3.4
Showcase delta(t) values for each process as part of the initial PDR requirement. Showcase the final centroid pixel (or closest value).		3.5

# FPGA Demonstration



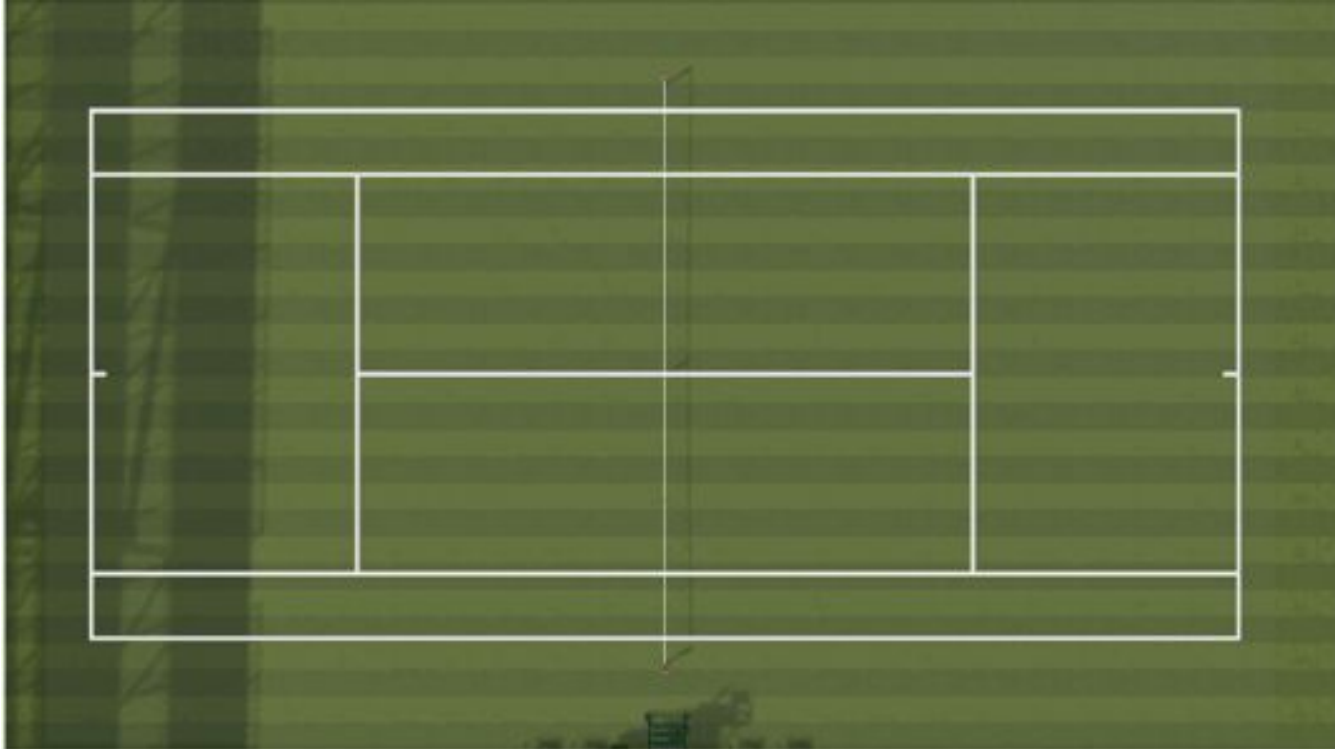
# Algorithm Tasks for PDR

## Algorithm

Task	Est. hrs	Task Ref. ID
Create test data that mimics what the FPGA will send out; i.e. X and Y positions across each of the two images, as well as diameter of the ball in pixels. Test data should be manually created with saved images from Unity team.	2	4.1
From the left and right image TEST positional data, determine position of the tennis ball. Use the formulas from Lab2/3 .	2	4.2
From the left and right image positional data from the FPGA team, determine position of the tennis ball. Use the formulas from Lab2/3, and possibly using Lab4.	2	4.3
For PDR: Showcase the test calculation for generating X and Y positional data from the pixel values. Showcase the real calculation using positional output from the FPGA.		4.4

# Algorithm Demonstration

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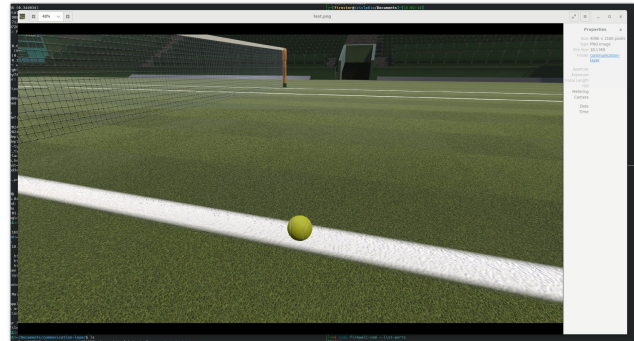


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# Communications Layer Tasks for PDR

## Communication Layer

Task	Est. hrs	Task Ref. ID
Prototype the transfer layer between Unity frame capture and the SoC.	8	2.1
Prototype loading image data into the VDMA buffer for FPGA access.	4	2.2
Prototype the REST API between the processor's calculated position data and the web visualization.	8	2.3
For PDR: Showcase some form of data transfer between Unity and the SoC		

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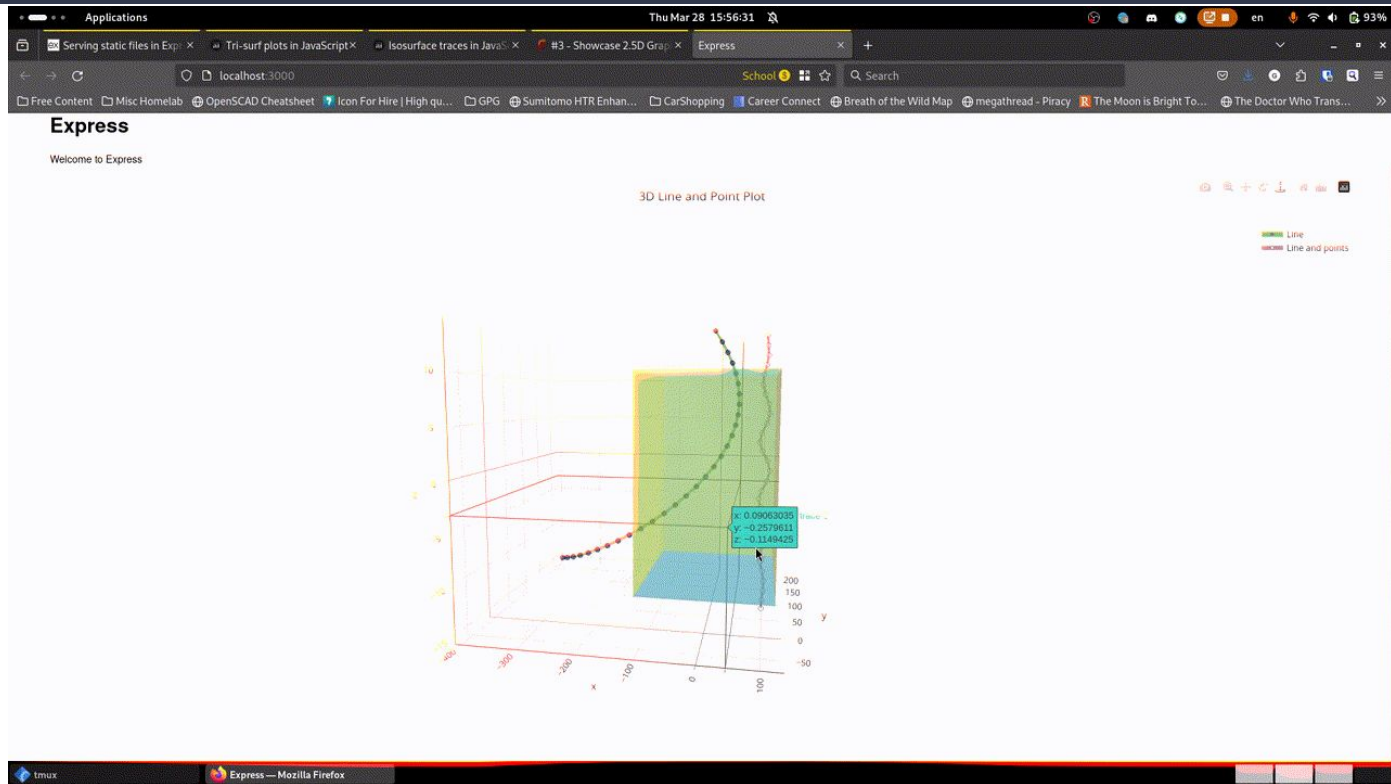


# Data Visualization Tasks for PDR

## Data Visualization

Task	Est. hrs	Task Ref. ID
Create test data for five samples -- each with an X, Y, and Z position. This can be done by running a t-value through the Unity team's test function.	1	5.1
Create a simple webserver GUI that takes in arguments for X, Y, and Z position.	4	5.2
For PDR: Showcase a graph of each sample's X,Y, and Z position on a 2.5D plot.		5.3

# Data Visualization Demonstration



# Business Tasks for PDR

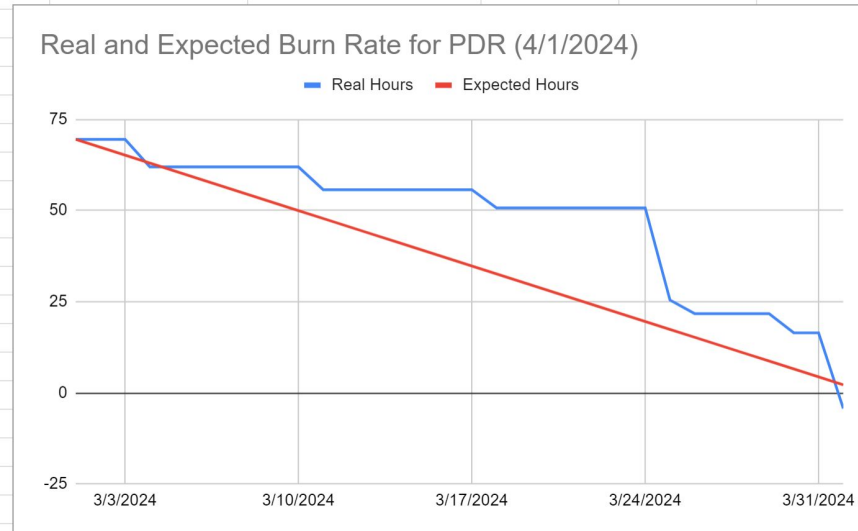
## Business

Task	Est. hrs	Task Ref. ID
Create Gantt chart to track critical path and additional slack times.	3	6.1
Keep track of all hours and send weekly updates to all stakeholders.	2	6.2
Create a presentation to highlight each of the completion for PDR in each of the work categories.	5	6.3
For PDR: Create a presentation to highlight each of the PDR requirements and how they were met from each category.		6.4

Individual	Cumulative hours worked
Isaac Southwell	12.25
Blizzard Finnegan	13.07
Joe DeMaria	13.25
Connor Ott	16.5
Andrew Sealing	11.5
Wesley Madden	8.75

Hours to PDR: 69.5  
Hours Completed: 75.32

Total Hours	75.32
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Labor Produced for PDR



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## communication-layer

Rust ☆ 0 🔗 0

Library for communicating between the world server and the image processing layer

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## data-display

JavaScript ☆ 0 🔗 0

Library and server for visualising data calculated by the image processor.

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## business-docs

Markdown ☆ 0 🔗 0

Repository for project scope, pre- & post- dev product plan, and other misc business deliverables.

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## world-server

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# Executive Summary

Final cost to meet PDR: \$7,532

Estimated cost to meet PDR: \$6,950

Hours: Week 1	Hours: Week 2	Spring Break	Hours: Week 3	Hours: Week 4
0.75	1.25	0	4	7.25
0.75	1.25	0	2.5	7
0.75	1.25	5	5.5	4
2.25	1.25	0	3	5.75
3.07	1.25	0	6.75	2
-	-	1.5	3.5	3.75
<b>\$757.00</b>	<b>\$625.00</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>	<b>\$2,525.00</b>	<b>\$2,975.00</b>

From our own development, labor required from PDR to CDR is estimated at 113 hours.

Estimated cost: \$11,300

Total for PDR and CDR = \$18,532

## Hardware and Software decisions

- Use of the Snickerdoodle over Jetson TX1
- Discussions on FPGA implementation
- Google Sheets over Gantt chart
- Plotly for data visualization
- Camera positions

## Immediate future for Group 2: Detect Inc.

- Brainstorm and create CDR task list
- Meet to determine dependencies in tasks
- Record hours separate from PDR
- Begin implementation work!