

Automated High Beam System



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Meet The Team

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CEO Linda Zhao

- Hardware system design research
- Meeting management

CFO Sujin Lee

- Hardware system design research
- Hardware design and development

VP Software Alex Huang

- Altera development board
- Video quality control
- Vehicle detection research

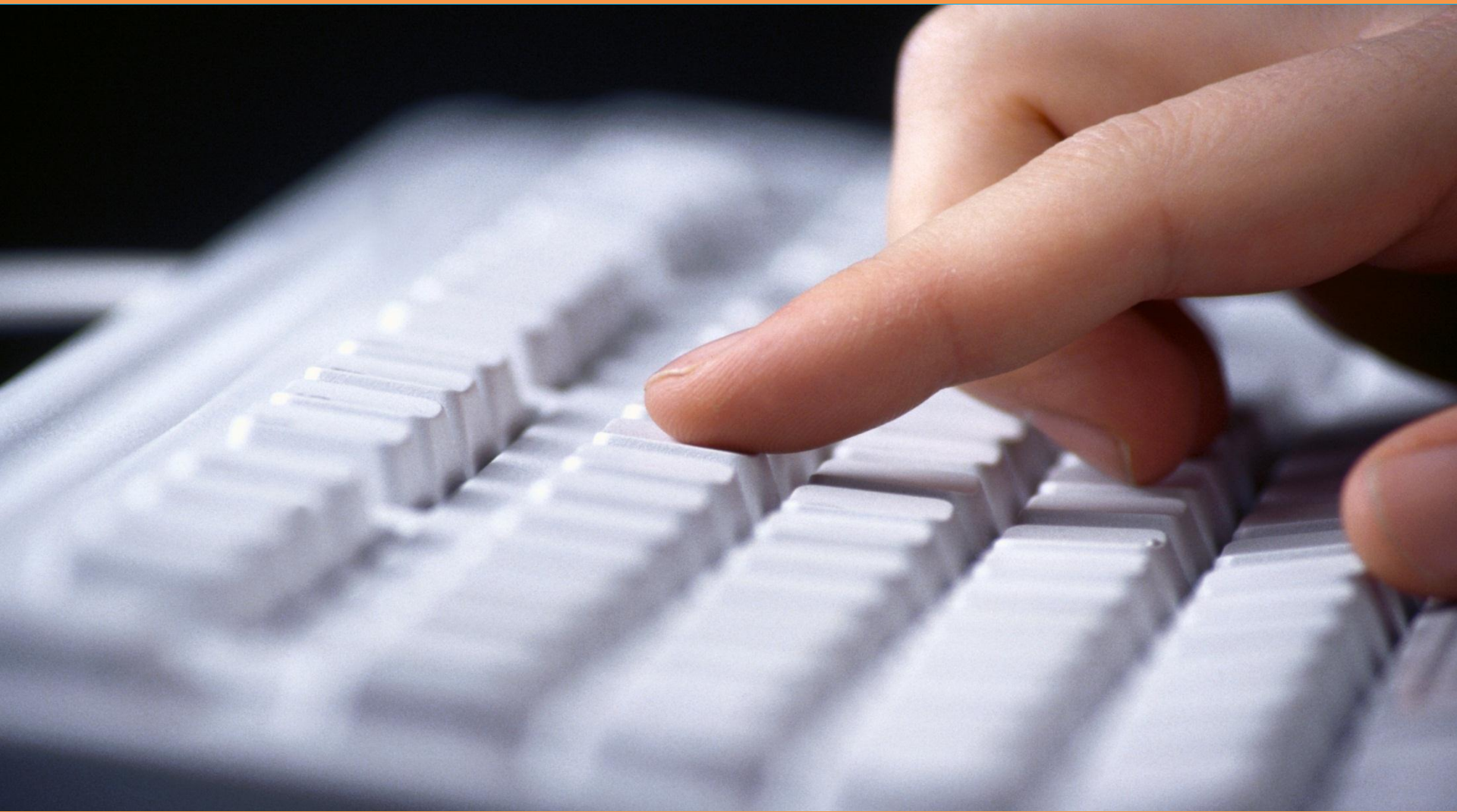
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VP Operation Claire Liu

- Hardware system design research
- Altera development board
- Overall progress management
- Financing

VP R&D Victor Mateescu

- Vehicle detection research
- Software design and implementation



Introduction

The Problem



Motivation

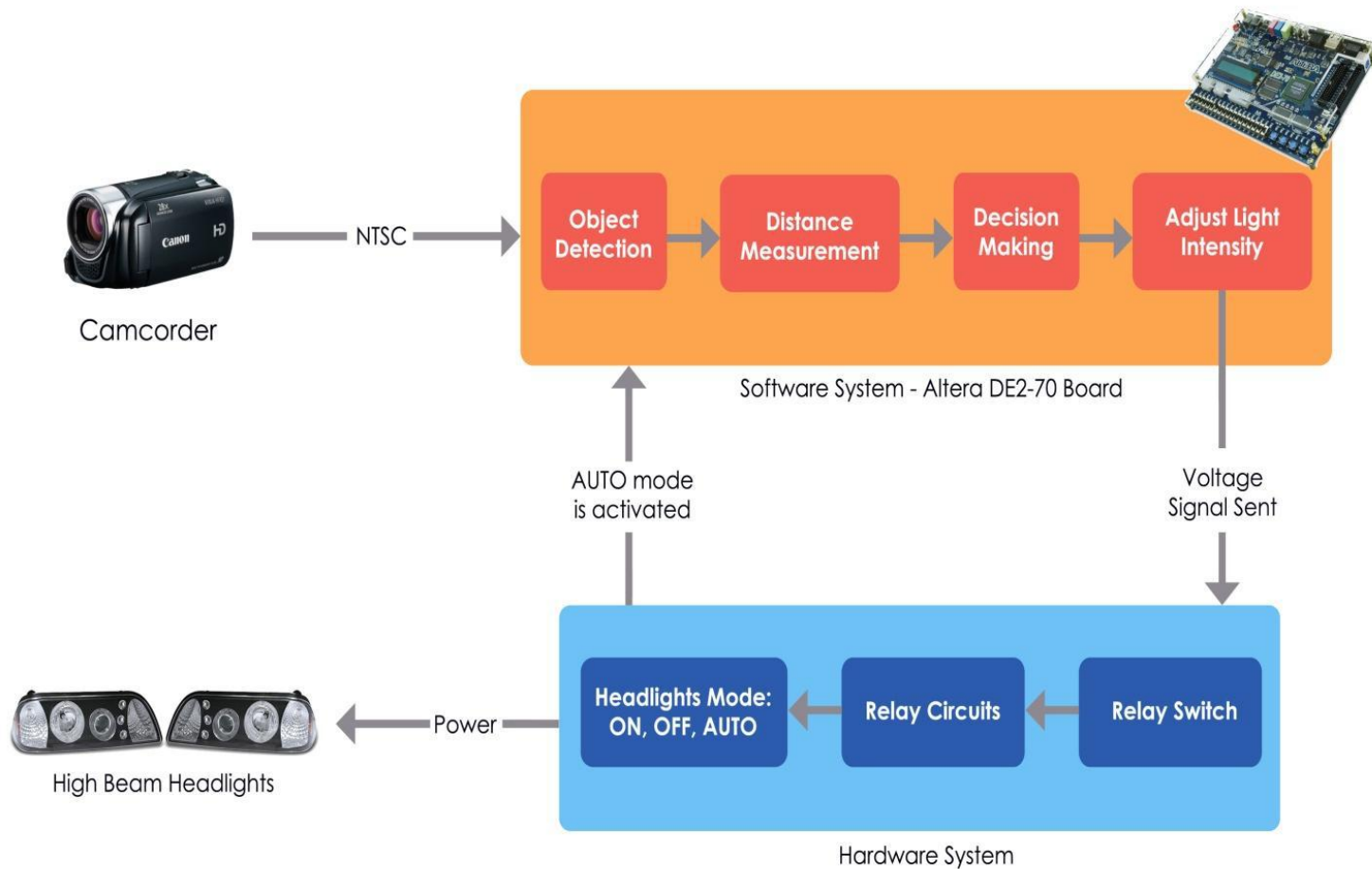


The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports
that **42% of all crashes** and
58% of fatal crashes occur at **night**,
in spite of less traffic. ⁽¹⁾



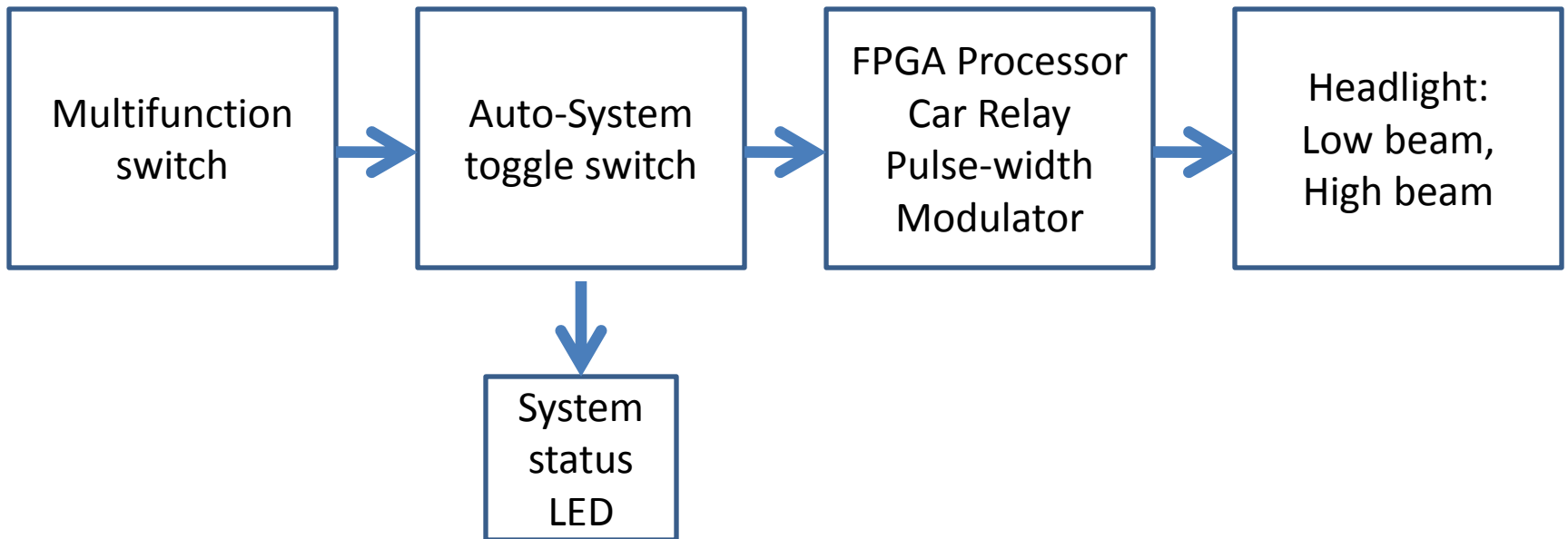
Engineering Aspects

System Overview

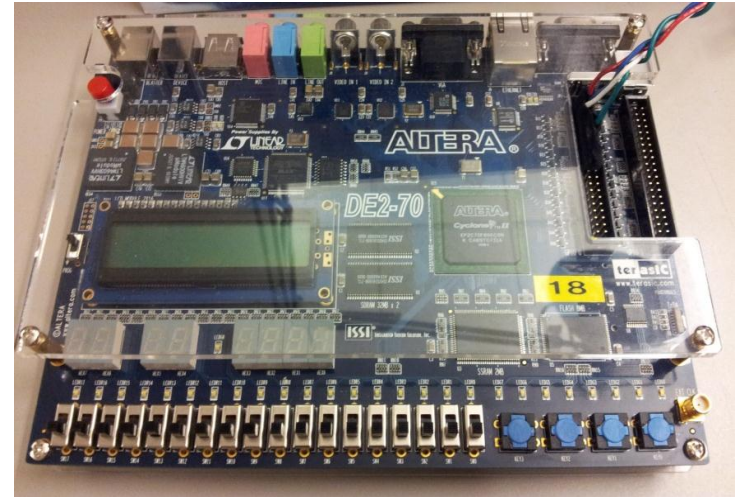


Hardware System

User Control



Hardware System



Hardware System

Canon Camcorder

- System video
- Composite output
- Exposure control



Canon VIXIA HF M300

Hardware System

Altera Development and Education Board

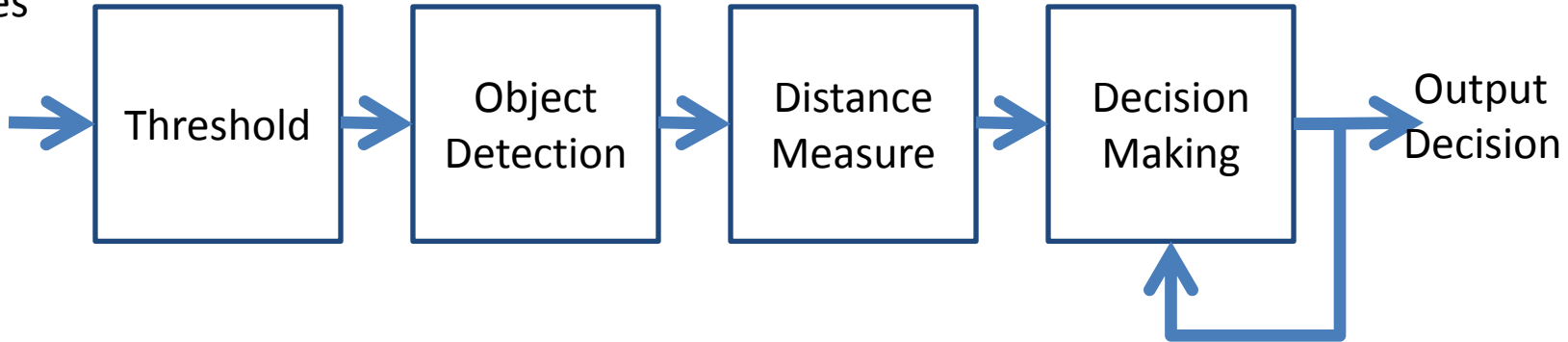
- System IO
- User Friendly IDE
- Useful for prototyping
- No operating system necessary



Altera DE2-70

Software System

Input Frames



Software System

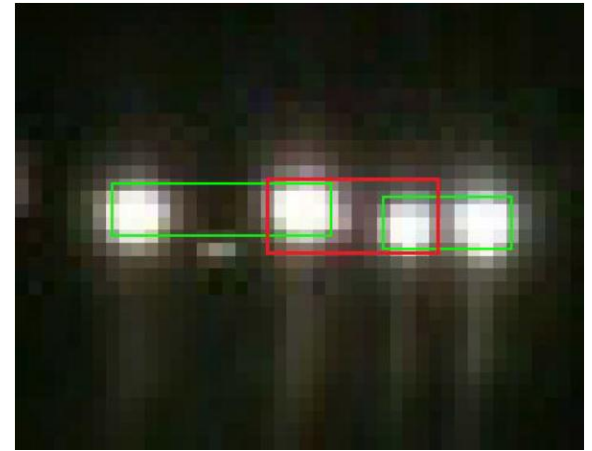
- Thresholding: Extract bright spots



- Determine the optimal threshold, T
- Binary map is “1” for pixels in frame greater than T , and “0” for pixels less than T

Software System

- Object Detection: Group together blobs if
 - They are close to each other
 - They overlap vertically
- Filter out groups with improper aspect ratio or excessive overlap
- Distance measure: Determine distance of vehicles from the user based on their width



Software System

- Three possible decisions: High beams 100%, 50%, OFF
- If high beams 100%:
 - $Z < 150\text{m}$? High beams 50%
 - Otherwise, remain at 100%
- If high beams 50%:
 - $Z > 180\text{m}$? High beams 100%
 - $Z < 100\text{m}$? High beams OFF
- If high beams OFF:
 - $Z > 130\text{m}$? High beams 50%
 - Otherwise, remain OFF
- Use a moving average of distance measurements



Business Aspects

Market Analysis

Target Market

- Anyone who owns a vehicle
- Night drivers
- Truck drivers
- Auto shop owners

Market Analysis

Competitors

General Motor Autronic Eye

- First automatic headlight dimmer [2]
- No longer in the market [2]

Mercedes-Benz Adaptive Highbeam Assist

- Package costs \$1000.00 [3]
- Activated at the speeds above 55 km/hr [4]

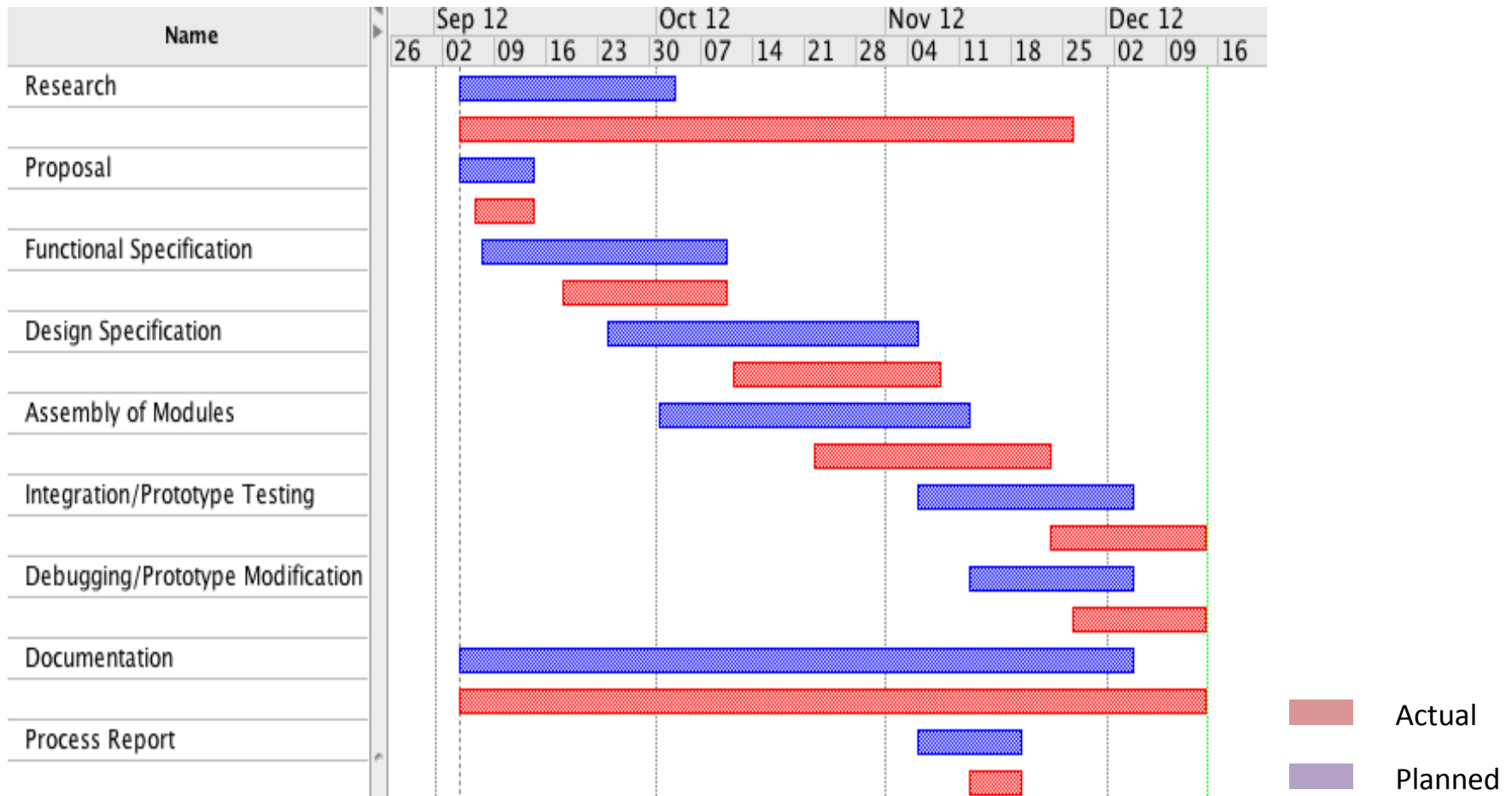
BMW High-Beam Assistant

- Package costs \$1000.00 [5]



Reflection

Project Timeline



Budget & Financing

Expected Development Cost

Components	Price
Development Board	\$ 200
Car Camcorder	\$ 150
2 Headlight Bulbs	\$ 60
Battery	\$ 150
Vehicle Accessories	\$ 100
Other Components (wires etc.)	\$ 100
20% Contingency Fund	\$ 152
TOTAL	\$ 912

Budget & Financing

Actual Development Cost

Components	Price
Development Board	Free
Video camera	\$ 315
2 Headlight Bulbs	\$ 23
Battery	\$ 17
Vehicle Accessories	\$ 238
Other Components (wires etc.)	n/a
20% Contingency Fund	n/a
TOTAL	\$ 593

Feedback

- Great for all kinds of vehicles
- Convenient product
- Reduce traffic accidents rate
- Very marketable
- User friendly

Future Improvements

- Better software development board
- Handle different possible situations
- Utilize vehicle data, e.g., current speed
- Smaller video camera



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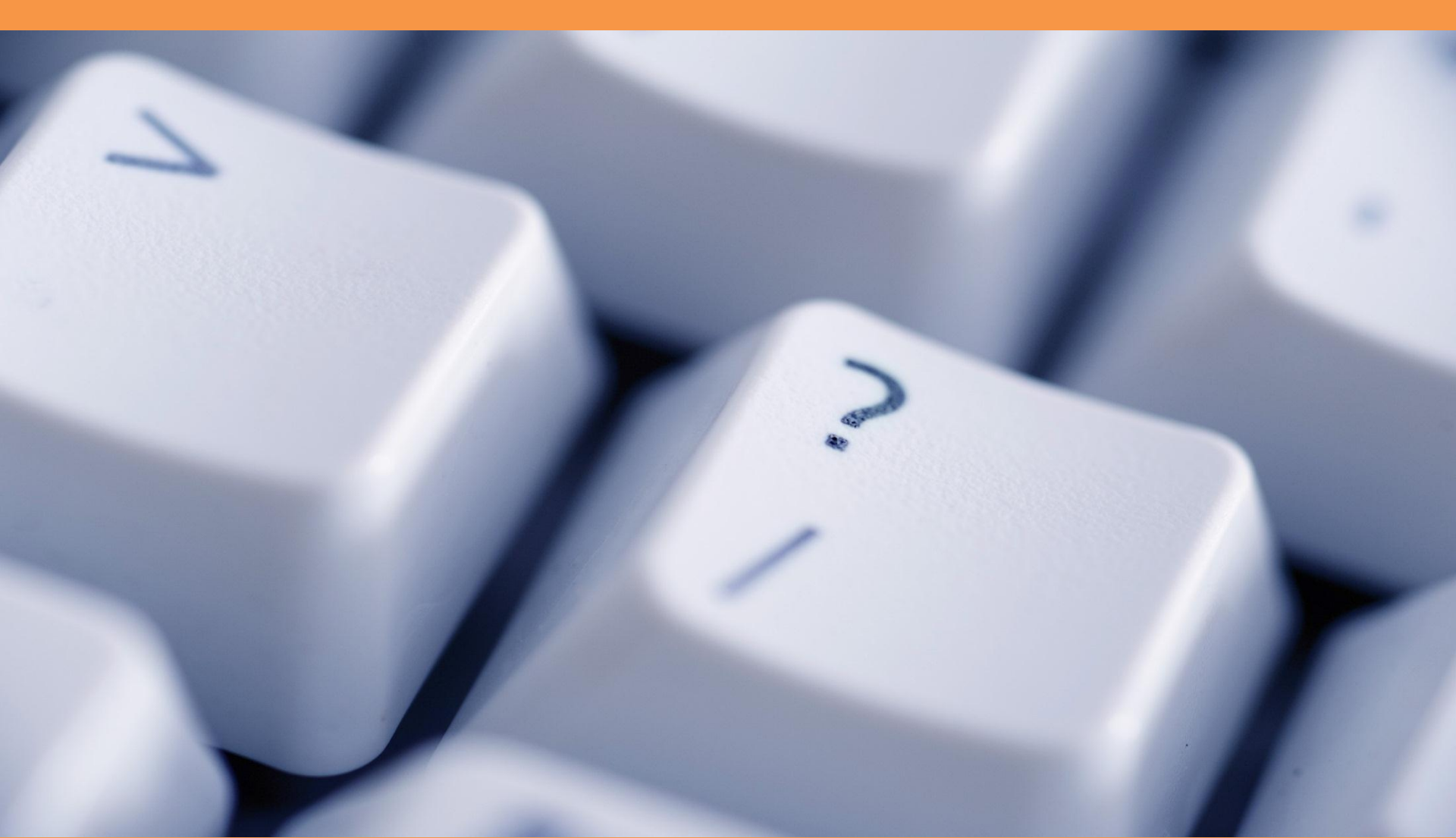
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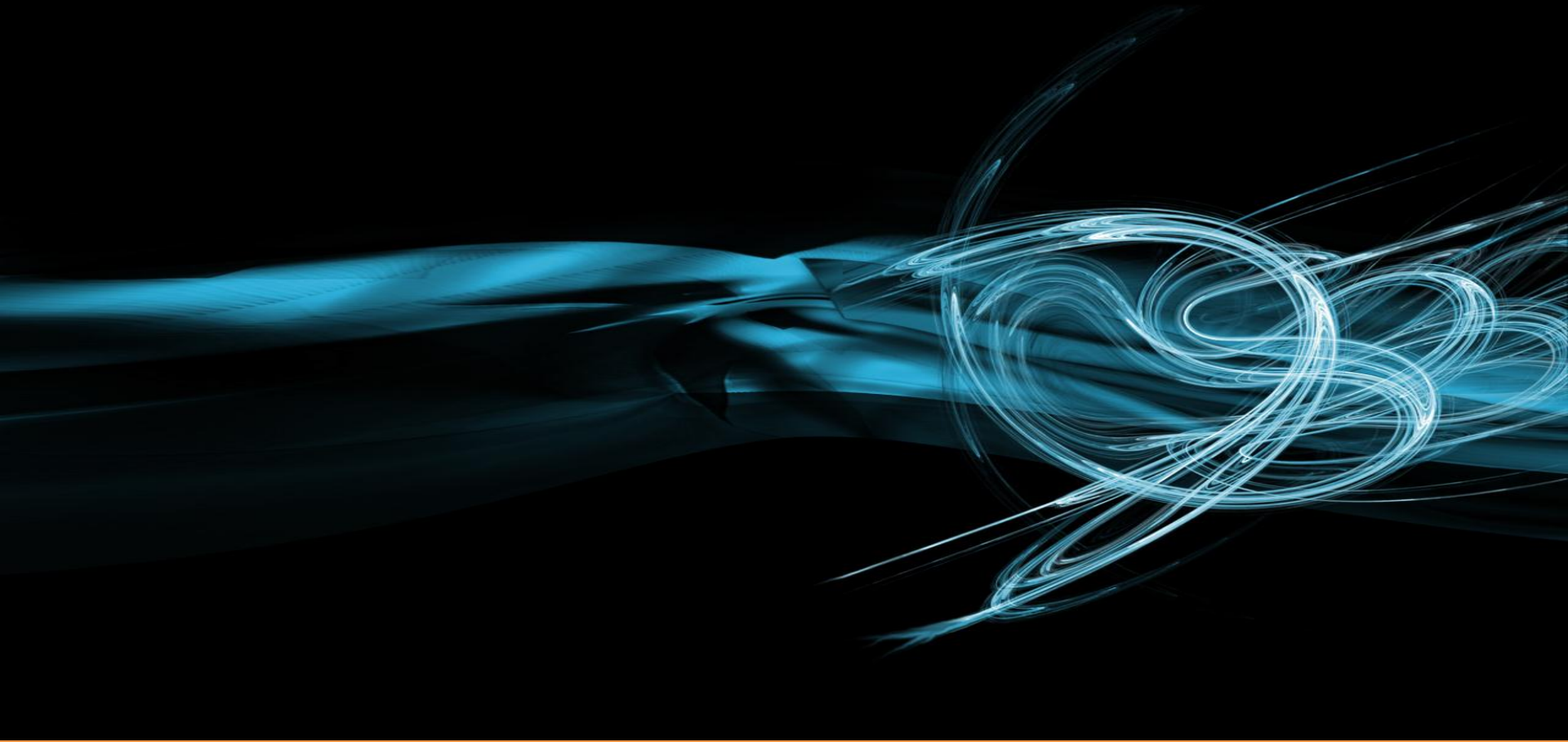
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Questions



Demonstration





Thank You