





SoundHub

A complete wireless home audio solution.







"Technology is at its best, at its most empowering, when it simply disappears."

- Sir Jonathan Paul "Jony" Ive





Presentation Outline

- Team Members
- Overview of the SoundHub
- Current Market
- Submodules
 - Firmware
 - Hardware
 - Android
- Schedule & Project Costs
- Final Thoughts





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Overview





- What is the SoundHub?
- What are in the market?
- Why are we motivated?

"Listening to the music you love most with the speakers you are most familiar with." -Team Arimus Audio

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What is the SoundHub?

- Attachment for wired speakers to achieve WiFi audio streaming
- Performance DAC system to retain high quality music while streaming wirelessly
- Multiple device streaming
- RoomFlow proximity detection (not in proof-of-concept)





Currently on the Market

- Mostly built into the speakers
- Cheap Bluetooth dongles or expensive WiFi systems





Motivations

- WiFi vs. Bluetooth
- Affordable full house wireless solution
- Reuse of existing sound systems instead of buying a new system for wireless feature









Functions and features

- Multiple point synchronized audio streaming
- High quality audio
- Volume control
- Music source toggling
- Status LEDs





Project Modules

Firmware	Hardware	Android
Code running in the SoundHub	Hardware Audio Codec	Developing an Android app to interact with the SoundHub





SoundHub System Overview







Firmware Specification

- Wireless IEEE 802.11 b/g/n support
- Compressionless audio
- Multi-room streaming
- Linux based architecture
- Music Synchronization
- Automatic Session Discovery and Joining







Unparalleled Audio

- CD Quality Music Streaming Support
- WAV format
- 16 bit
- 44.1kHz and 48 kHz
- Uncompressed
- Support for more





Multi-room Streaming

- Single Source to Multi-Client Support
- Confirmed 10 separate instances
- Stress tested to ensure system integrity
- Surround Sound effect







Music Synchronization

- Built in FIFO buffer
- Compensates network latency
- Resynchronization







Automatic Session Discovery & Joining

- Automatic network startup
- Bus creation
- Advertising & Discovery
- Works seamlessly through TCP/IP







Embedded Linux Operating System

- Open source Linux community
- Multiple processes, threads and locks
- Security library OpenSSL support
- TCP/IP stack
- Fully automated
- Heartbleed issue not affected





Interfacing with Hardware

- Peripherals:
 - Reset button
 - Volume knob
 - Status LEDs
- Custom hardware driver
- Software Debouncing









Mixed Digital and Analog Hardware







What is it?

- It is an hardware audio codec
 - It converts digital audio signal to analog stereo audio data to 3.5mm audio jack





Future-proofing the System

	PCM1794A	SGTL5000	
Bit Depth	24bits/192kHz	24bits/96kHz	
Output Format	Stereo/Mono	Stereo/Mono	
Signal to Noise Ratio (higher is better)	127dB	95dB	
Total Harmonic Distortion (lower is better)	-101dB	-80dB	





Hardware Overview







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Audio Codec: Decoder







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- SPDIF stands for Sony/Phillip Digital interface format. It is a common interface for digital audio output.
- IS2 stands for Inter-IC sound. It is the required input for DAC







Proof of Concept vs Prototype

- Wandboard has SPDIF out, but not I2S
- Future prototype will utilize I2S signal directly







Audio Codec: DAC







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Power Supply







Line-in Switch

Toggles music source between your existing audio system and SoundHub







Homebrew PCB

- Attempts at making our own PCB
 - Copper Cleaning
 - Toner Transfer
 - Removing Wax Paper
 - Etching with Ferric Chloride







Android Component

- Enable the users to interact with SoundHub with their mobile devices
- Adopt and modify open source Android project named "Musydra" to be able to interact with SoundHub firmware







Android Component - GUI design

- Adopted project already includes basic playback functionalities
- Embed SoundHub detection/connection to interact with SoundHub firmware



Artist rendering of Main Playback Screen [6]





Android Component - Wireless Streaming

- Able to stream wirelessly between mobile devices
- However unable to interact with SoundHub firmware
 - possibly due to compatibility issues between Android and Linux platforms
 - also not prioritized since Android compatibility is aimed for P2 prototype revision







Project Costs

Project Budget: \$1127 (\$500 funding from ESSEF) Current Total: ~\$1110

Part purchasing: Digi-Key, Mouser Soldering Supplies from Lee's Electronics PCB from OMNI Circuit Boards (in Richmond)

Item	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Difference
Evaluation Boards	\$300	\$228.86	+\$71.14
Test Speakers	\$40	\$23.28	+\$16.72
Active Components (IC's, Transformers, etc.)	\$171	\$331.17	-\$160.17
Passive Components (Resistors, Capacitors, etc.)	\$150	\$173.85	-\$23.85
Soldering Tools and PCB Etching Materials	No Estimate	\$106.27	-\$106.27
Enclosure	\$50	free	+\$50.00
Shipping (15%)	\$114	\$31.36	+\$82.64
Contingency (20%)	\$152	-	+\$152.00
PCB Manufacturing	\$150	\$199.93	-\$49.93
Totals	\$1127	\$1094.72	+\$32.28





Project Schedule Estimated (Red) and Actual (Green)

	Task Name 👻	Duration 🖕	Start 🗸	Finish 🚽
1	Estimated Research Streaming Protocols	11 days	Mon 1/6/14	Mon 1/20/14
2	Actual Research Streaming Protocols	16 days	Mon 1/6/14	Sun 1/26/14
3	Estimated Setup Linux Image	8 days	Mon 1/6/14	Wed 1/15/14
4	Actual Setup Linux Image	3 days	Mon 1/6/14	Wed 1/8/14
5	Estimated Streaming	38 days	Thu 1/16/14	Mon 3/10/14
6	Actual Streaming	47 days	Mon 1/27/14	Tue 4/1/14
7	Estimated Periferals	11 days	Tue 3/11/14	Tue 3/25/14
8	Actual Perifierals	7 days	Wed 4/2/14	Thu 4/10/14
9	Estimated Firmware Testing	15 days	Tue 3/25/14	Mon 4/14/14
10	Actual Firmware Testing	4 days	Wed 4/9/14	Mon 4/14/14
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12	Estimated Hardware Design	26 days	Mon 1/20/14	Sun 2/23/14
13	Actual Hardware Design	29 days	Sun 1/26/14	Wed 3/5/14
14	Estimated Fabricaton and Soldering	6 days	Mon 2/24/14	Sun 3/2/14
15	Actual Fabrication and Soldering	9 days	Sat 3/8/14	Wed 3/19/14
16	Estimated Hardware Testing	31 days	Mon 3/3/14	Mon 4/14/14
17	Actual Hardware Testing	18 days	Thu 3/20/14	Mon 4/14/14
18				
19	Estimated Software Development	31 days	Fri 2/14/14	Fri 3/28/14
20	Actual Software Development	28 days	Wed 2/26/14	Fri 4/4/14
21	Estimated Software Testing	21 days	Mon 3/17/14	Mon 4/14/14
22	Actual Software Testing	11 days	Mon 3/31/14	Mon 4/14/14







Changes in Scope and Design

- Decided to build a hardware audio codec rather than a complete streaming system
- Dropped WPS and RoomFlow features due to limitations of the development board's WiFi chip





Project Summary

- Successful in achieving the core functionality in our proof-of-concept model
- Integration with Android (and other platforms) will require more resources
- Hardware must undergo revisions to be developed into a prototype consumer product





Gained Knowledge

- PCB design and fabrication process
- General audio electronics
- Android development
- AllJoyn framework
- Build systems
- Compiling linux kernels
- Hardware integration and troubleshooting





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Questions?





Demo





APPENDIX SLIDES













DAC Schematic





Decoder

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DAC Layout



