Position Tracking Using WiFi

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A system is needed to track workplace items and employees, as well as report emergencies inside a building. It is necessary for the system to be able to determine the exact room each item or employee is located in.
Scope

- Physical Device
  - Microcontroller
  - User Interface
- Central Server
  - Display a map with device locations
Specifications

- **Physical Characteristics**
  - The device should be relatively small
  - A final version will be attached to an identification badge worn by employees

- **Functionality**
  - The device should consume a low amount of power
  - The device should be in a low power state when it is not reporting its location

- **Portability**
  - The device should be portable
  - The device should be able to operate for an 8 hour workday
Specifications (cont.)

- Communication
  - The device should be able to communicate on the 802.11 g and g bands

- User Interface
  - The device should allow users to send simple messages to the Central Server about an emergency and/or their location

- Position Tracking
  - The device should periodically report its position to the Central Server
  - The location of each device should be shown on a map of the building

- Cost
  - The device should be inexpensive
Design Concept
Design Concept (cont.)

- Schematic
Design Concept (cont.)

- Redpin
  - Open source
  - Initial calibration phase
    - Receives numerous measurements of signal strengths at different locations
    - Creates “fingerprint” for each location
  - Calculating location
    - Receives new signal strength measurement
    - Uses “fingerprints” to calculate current location
Design Concept (cont.)

- All devices are green
- No emergencies
Design Concept (cont.)

- D has an emergency
- Changes to red
Methods

- Central Server
  - Written in Java
  - NetBeans IDE used to write the server
- Arduino Uno Software
  - Written in C
  - Arduino IDE used to write the software and download to the Arduino Uno
- Version Control
  - Git used for main version control
  - BitBucket used to host the Git repository and easily share with entire team
Performance

- Testing the existing Redpin Android app and server
- Parkview
  - No additional access points
  - With additional access points
- House
Performance
Performance
Performance
Video
Unexpected Problems

- Issues with original microcontroller MSP430 and WiFi shield CC3000
- Arduino WiFi Shield can only locate a maximum of 10 networks
- Redpin triangulation was not consistent at Parkview
- Arduino WiFi Shield cannot return router specific identification (BSSID)
## Low Power

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<td>Communicate using 802.11 b/g</td>
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Recommendations

- Make the device smaller
  - Design a printed circuit board that only has the necessary components
- Add two-way communication between the devices and Central Server
  - Devices receive messages from central server alerting them of a button press from another device
- Add extra components to the device
  - Liquid-Crystal Display (LCD)
    - Display emergency messages to the user
  - Vibration motor
    - Alert user of an incoming message
- Modify the Arduino WiFi Shield’s firmware and libraries to allow more than 10 access points per scan result and include BSSID in the result
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