“Tell us about an achievement that you are particularly proud of.”

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Cooking

Well, related…

One thing of annoyance...

Fresh herbs and spices!

Pre-packaged herbs tend to go off fairly quickly...

Issues with growing your own plants

- Outdoor pests
- Constrained by space of accomodation (no garden)
- Cooking frequently requires high yield farming
- Different herbs require different environments for optimal growth
    - Temperature, humidity, moisture, light levels, water pH etc...

Hydroponics!

“The process of growing plants in sand, gravel, or liquid, with added nutrients but without soil.”

….The simplest thing would’ve been to just put some plants in a pot and waited patiently

hydroponics
IoT garden and plant dashboard

Add plant | Add garden

Create an API key

Token name: new_plant

Password: ••••••••

Submit | Created new_plant

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Device	Created	Identifier	
prototype-singular	Saturday, February 1, 2020 2:21 PM	5e30431f39fa4508beb9fd87	Revoke
esp-32 garden	Saturday, February 1, 2020 8:32 AM	5e357812823eb0a0bb06adab	Revoke
test	Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:26 PM	5e445168143289 35d85c1472	Revoke
new_plant	Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:47 PM	5e44565714328935d85c1476	Revoke

§ Gardens
VÄXER Garden 5e21c99fa7b8674f…

§ Plants
Singular plant 5e21c9aea7b8674fb…
Outdoor plant 5e21c9f7a7b8674fb…

§ Recent events
Watered **VÄXER** 8 minutes ago
Refilled tank **VÄXER** 3 hours ago
Watered **Singular plant** 1 day ago

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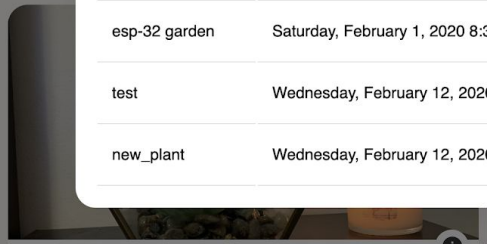
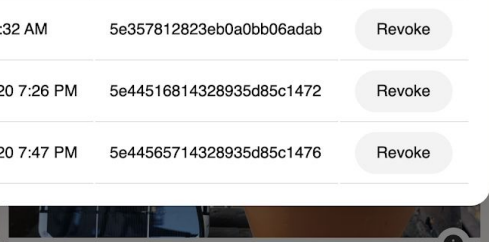
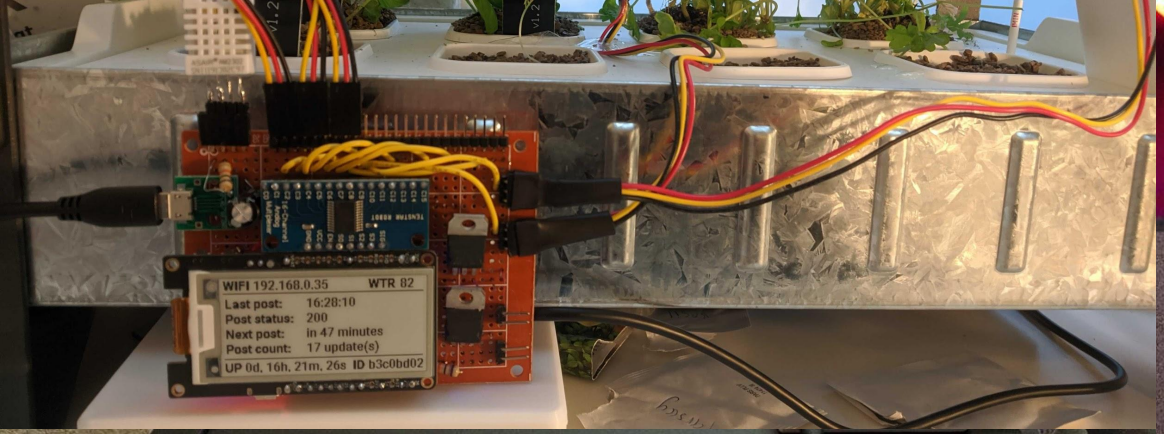
VÄXER Garden Inspect garden →



Singular plant Inspect plant →



Outdoor plant Inspect plant →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Last post: 16:28:10
Post status: 200
Next post: in 47 minutes
Post count: 17 update(s)
UP 0d, 16h, 21m, 26s ID b3c0bd02


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DC5V
GS-SH-105T

The plan

Internet of Things garden & plant management with dashboard.

- Gardens and Plants, manage entire gardens constituted of sub-plants
- Event based system notifies when an action needs completing / parameters out of range e.g. needs watering, moisture too low, humidity too high
- Remotely trigger events on micro-controllers, e.g. turn on light, open watering valve
- Monitor all metrics on front-end dashboard with graphs
- Code support for different hardware (ESP-32, Wemos D1 Mini & Raspberry Pi)

Architecture

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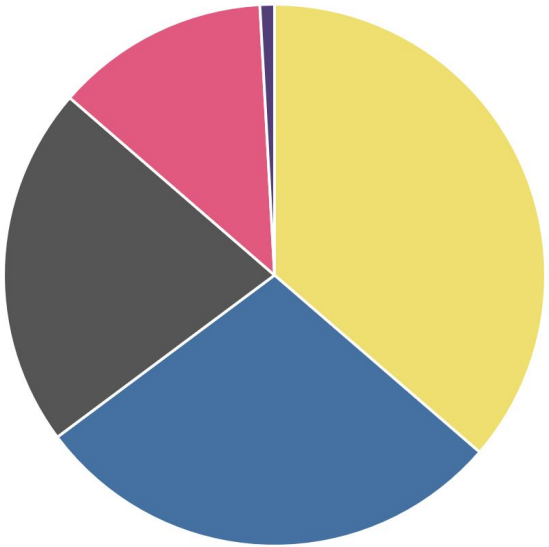
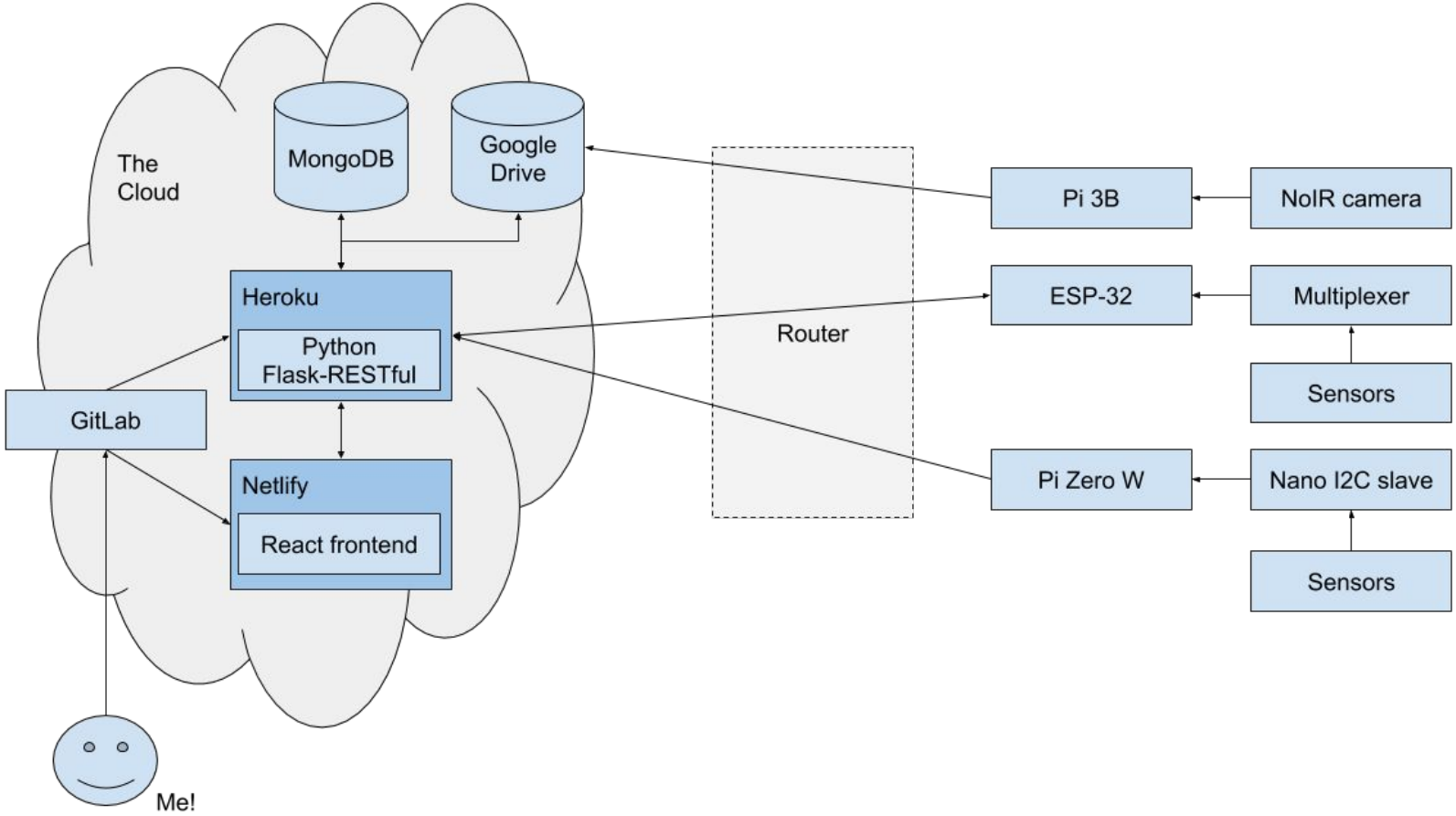
Cass › hydroponics › **Contribution Charts**

Programming languages used in this repository

Measured in bytes of code. Excludes generated and vendored code.

JavaScript	36.18 %
Python	28.35 %
C	21.47 %
C++	12.72 %
CSS	0.86 %




The Cloud
MongoDB
Google Drive
Heroku
Python Flask-RESTful
GitLab
Netlify
React frontend
Me!
Router
Pi 3B
NoIR camera
ESP-32
Multiplexer
Sensors
Pi Zero W
Nano I2C slave
Sensors

API

Python Flask-RESTful, extension to Flask Application factory pattern

Fully documented and tested

Not Secure | api.hydroponics.cass.si/gardens/5e21c99fa7b8674fb3c0bd02


```
{
  - data: {
      _id: "5e21c99fa7b8674fb3c0bd02",
      name: "VÄXER Garden",
      image: "https://ftp.cass.si/026420w70.jpeg",
      created_at: 1579272607,
      type: "garden",
    - plants: [
        - {
            _id: "5e21c9a5a7b8674fb3c0bd03"
          },
        - {
            _id: "5e21c9a7a7b8674fb3c0bd04"
          },
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          },
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          },
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          },
        - {
            _id: "5e3833272160986bbc8d31b2"
          }
      ],
    - recording: [
        "avg_moisture",
        "light",
        "temperature",
        "humidity",
        "water_level",
        "light_on"
      ]
  }
}
```


```python
def create_app(config_name):
    app = Flask(__name__)
    app.config.from_object(app_config[config_name])
    mongo.init_app(app)

    api = Api(app)
    api.add_resource(Index, "/")
    api.add_resource(Auth, "/auth")
    api.add_resource(Token, "/auth/token")
    api.add_resource(ApiKey, "/auth/key")

    api.add_resource(Gardens, "/gardens")
    api.add_resource(Garden, "/gardens/<string:uuid>")

    api.add_resource(Plants, "/plants")
    api.add_resource(Plant, "/plants/<string:uuid>")

    api.add_resource(Measurements, "/<path:obj_type>/<st
    api.add_resource(MeasurementsCount, "/<path:obj_type
    api.add_resource(Events, "/<path:obj_type>/<string:u
    api.add_resource(Feed, "/<path:obj_type>/<string:uu

    api.add_resource(LetsEncrypt, "/.well-known/acme-cha
    api.add_resource(Time, "/time")

    return app
```

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api

`pipenv run python3 app.py`

`.env`

- `APP_SETTINGS` : `["development", "testing", "staging", "production"]`
- `MONGO_URI` : `mongo+srv://<user>:<pass>.../db`
- `AUTH_SECRET_KEY` : `"mysupersecretloginkey"`

Responses returned in JSON, enveloped in `data` and `message` fields.
POST, **PUT** & **DELETE** routes require an `x-access-token` OR `x-api-key` JWT token, `Auth-Password` supercee

e.g.

```
curl --header "x-access-token: 'jwt...'"  -X POST "http://localhost:5000/gardens/"
curl --header "Auth-Password: 'supersecretpassword'"  -X DELETE "http://localhost:5000/"
```

Routes

`/`

- **GET**: Returns README.md as HTML
- **DELETE**: Delete all gardens and plants
  - Requires `Auth-Password`
- **POST**: Create base collections
  - Requires `Auth-Password`

`/auth/`

- **GET**: Generate a JSON Web Token for use in `x-access-token` header (200)
  - Requires header `Auth-Password`
  - Returns `{"data": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGc..."}`

`/auth/token`

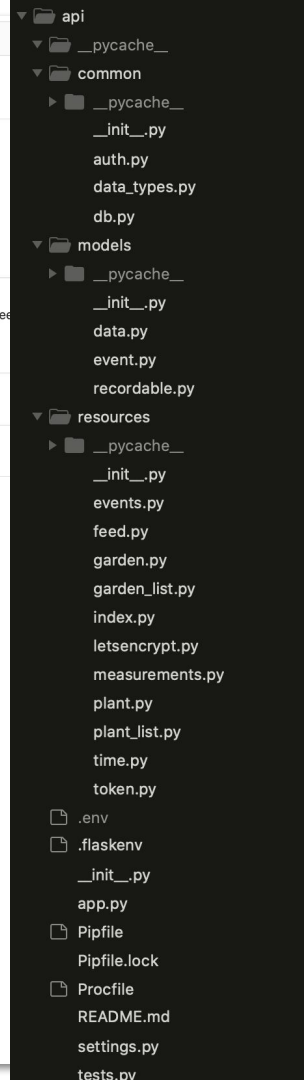
- **GET**: Verify token works
  - Returns `{"data":true}`

`/auth/key`

- **GET**: Generate an API key that never expires, kept in MongoDB collection `keys`.
  - Requires header `Auth-Password`
  - Returns {"data":"api_key"}
- **DELETE**: Delete an API key by value (200)
  - Takes body {"key":"api_key_to_delete"}

`/gardens/`

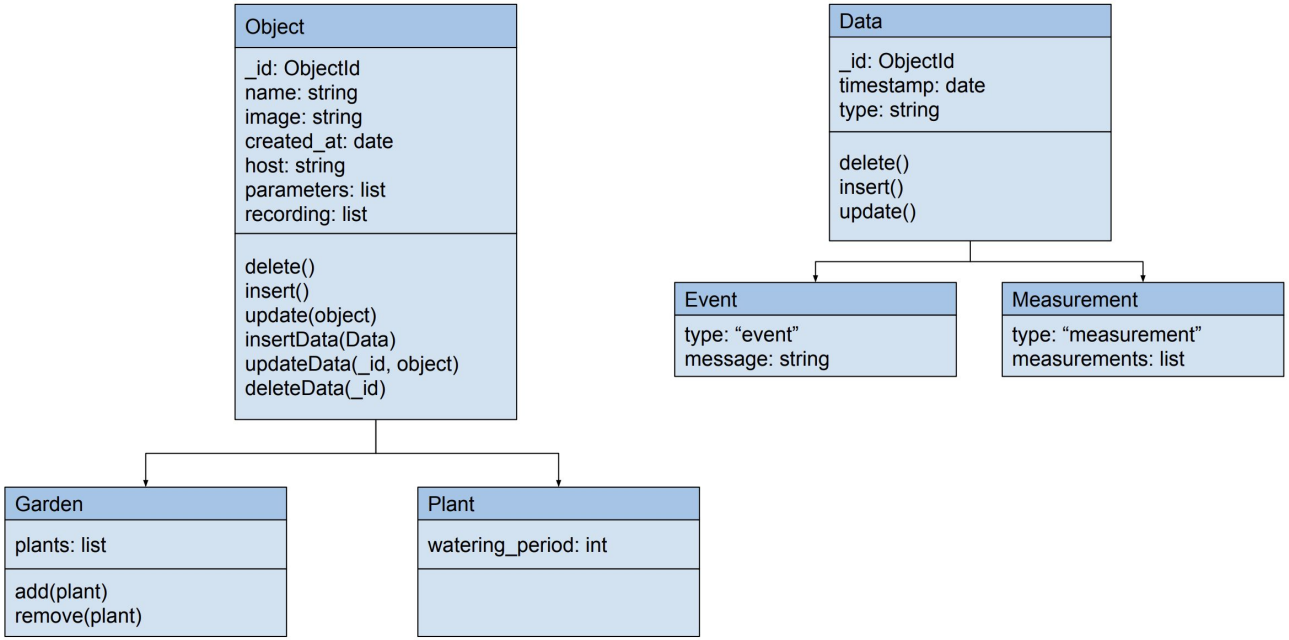
- **GET**: List all gardens (200)
- **POST**: Create a new garden (201)



Models

Plants and gardens are very similar in nature, both record data, have names, events etc., as such should have a parent class

Same for events and measurements



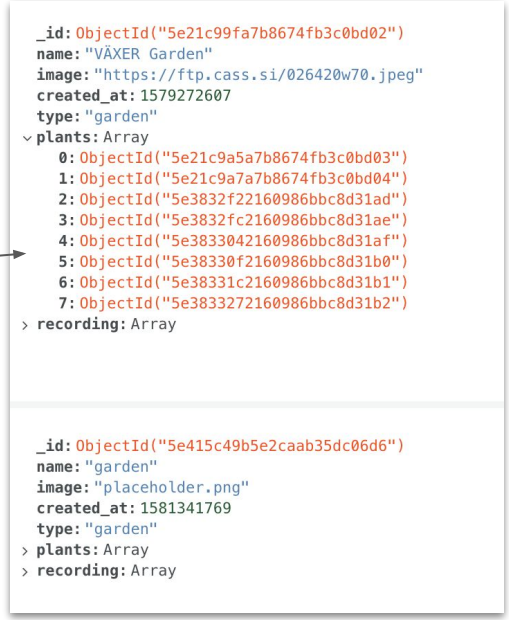

```
ACCEPTED_MEASUREMENTS = [
    [ "temperature", float  ],
    [ "moisture", float     ],
    [ "avg_moisture", float ],
    [ "humidity", float     ],
    [ "light", float        ],
    [ "water_level", float  ],
    [ "light_on", bool      ]
]

ACCEPTED_EVENTS = [
    [ "WATERED", str        ],
    [ "FILLED_TANK", str    ]
]
```

MongoDB

One-to-Many

Points to plant that exists in this garden




```
subplants = db[“plants”].find({
  _id: {$in : garden.plants}
}).toArray() ;
```

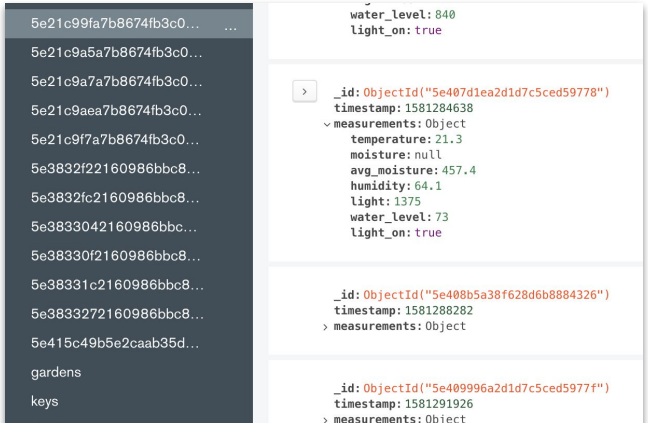
```
garden._id = “ABCDEF”
// return all measurements for garden
db[“ABCDEF”].find({type:”measurement”})

// return all events for garden
db[“ABCDEF”].find({type:”event”})
```

One-to-Squillions

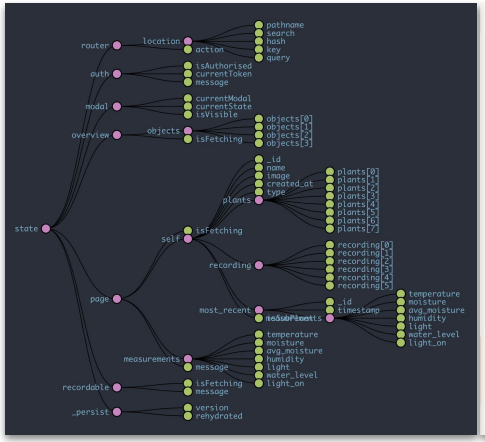
1 update/hr = 180 updates/week = 8765 updates/year **for one plant**

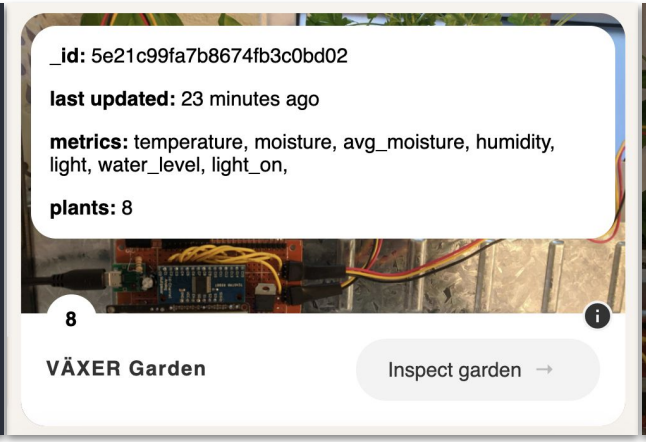
Move “measurements” array into own collection because MongoDB access times on very large arrays in documents suffers (+ max 16MB doc size)

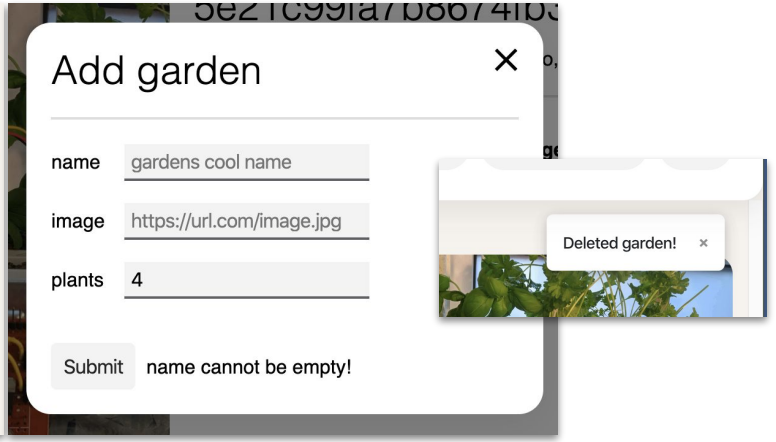


Frontend

React, Redux, redux-persist, styled-components, jwt, redux-thunk, connected-react-router, chart.js, toasted notifications ….





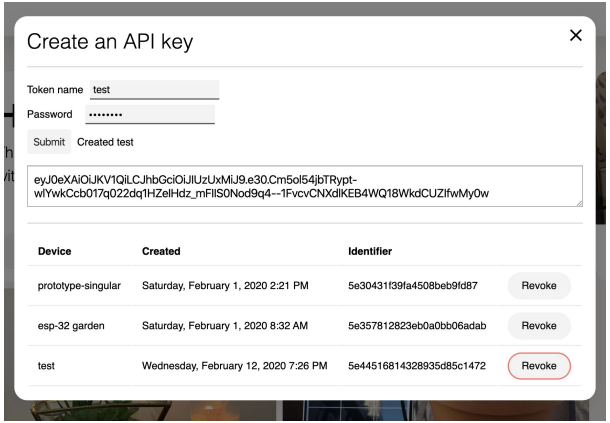


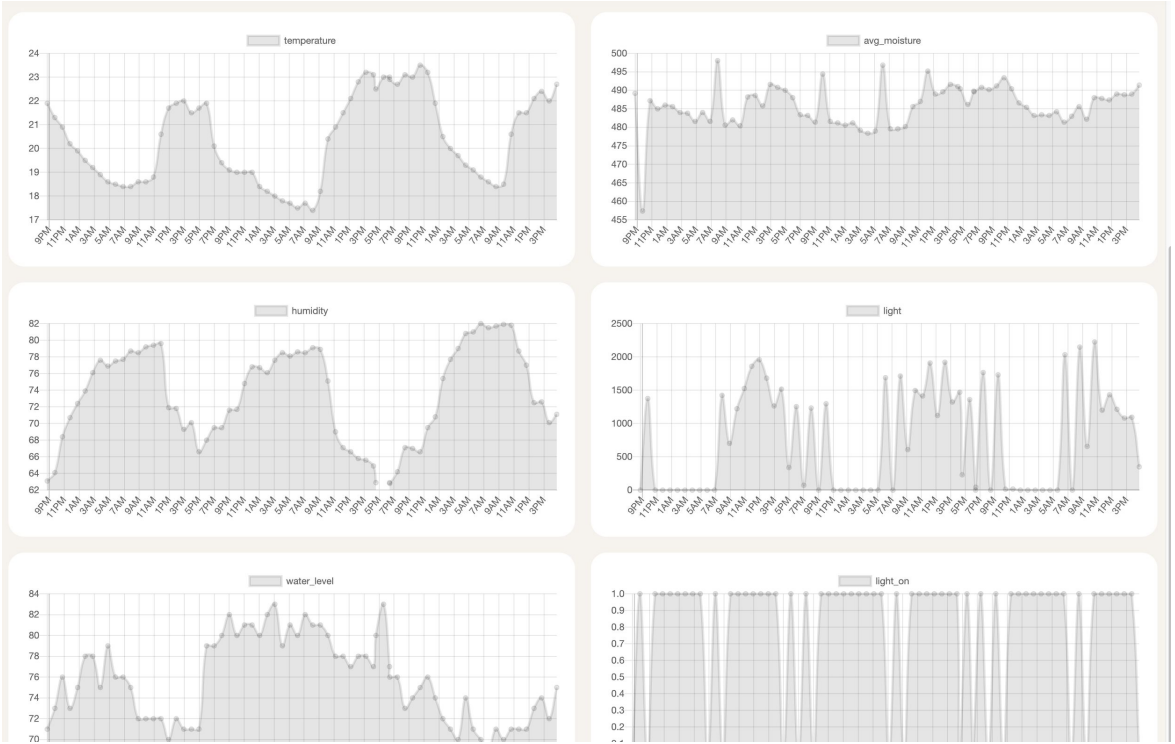
Modals, implemented own modal system with HOCs as opposed to baking in a premade library as a learning exercise - No one way to achieve it.

Netlify *rewrites* requests to `/api/*` in production to Heroku URL using a netlify.toml file

Frontend

- Manage API keys
- Manage plants & gardens
  - Target metrics
  - Events
- Trigger actions on microcontrollers
- View live stats





hydroponics

IoT garden and plant dashboard

Add plant | Add garden

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§ Plants

Singular plant 5e21c9aea7b8674fb…

Outdoor plant 5e21c9f7a7b8674fb…

§ Recent events

Watered **VÄXER** 8 minutes ago

Refilled tank **VÄXER** 3 hours ago

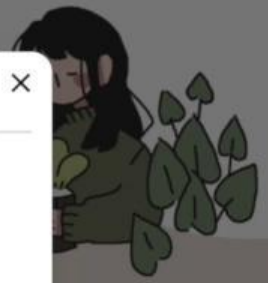
Watered **Singular plant** 1 day ago

Hello!

This monitor manages **1**

with **8** sub-plants & **2** ind

You're authenticated



Add garden

name: cool garden

image: https://ftp.cass.si/pfh8re3Av.png

plants: https://ftp.cass.si/pfh8re3Av.png

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Submit

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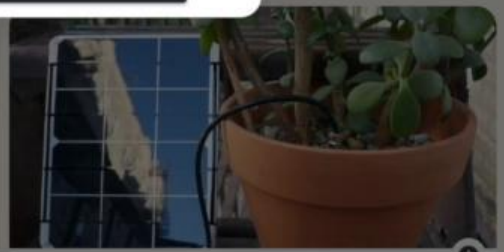
VÄXER Garden Inspect garden →

Singular plant Inspect plant →



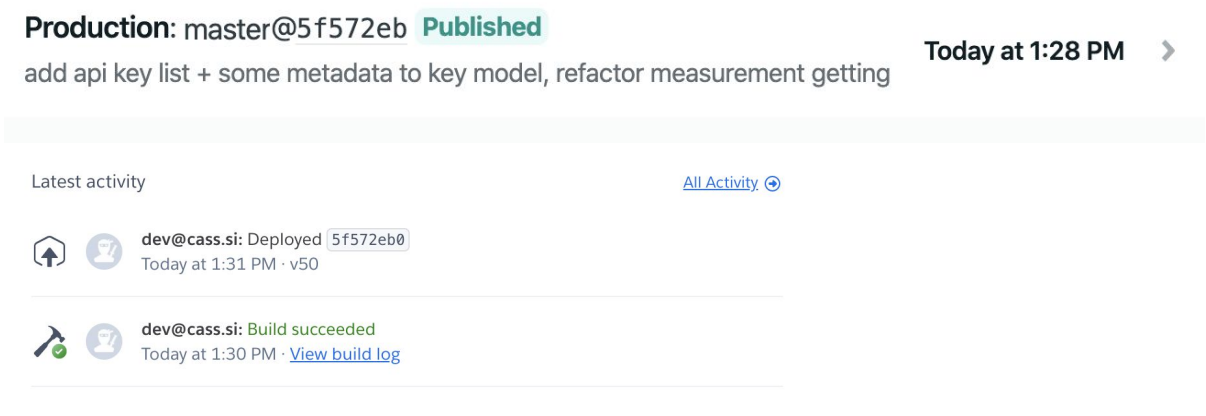
Outdoor plant Inspect plant →

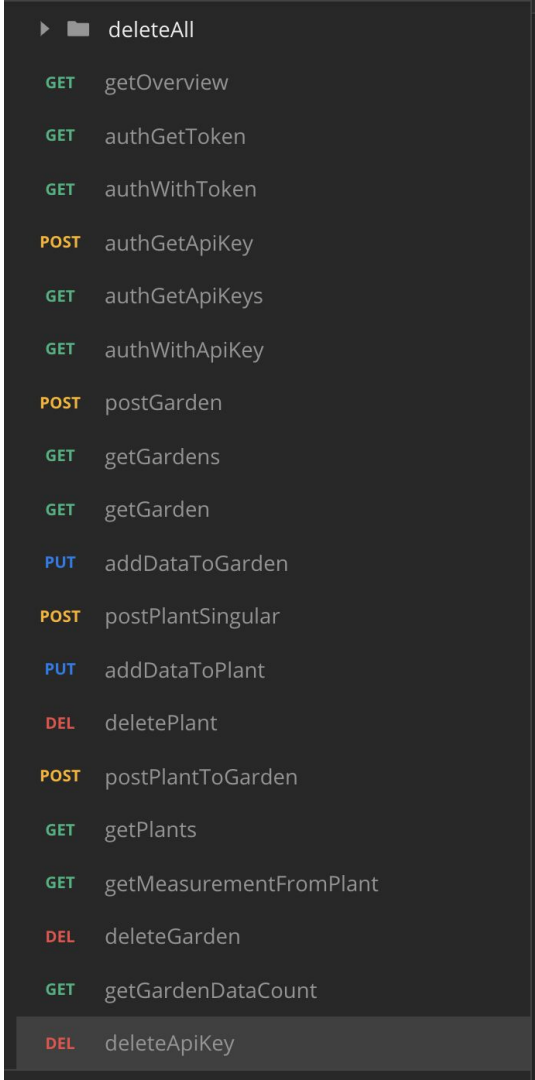
CI/CD pipeline

Commit → GitLab Task Runner started using .gitlab-ci.yml

Testing stage → Run Newman tests on API

Production → Deploy API on Heroku and FE on Netlify





Hardware

- **ESP32** - Testing gardens composed of several plants
- **Raspberry Pi**
  - NDVI-Camera: Use NoIR camera to capture active photosynthesis
  - prototype-singular: First hardware prototype to interact with API
- **Wemos D1 Mini** - Designed and manufactured a circuit board to monitor individual plants (to eventually sell...)

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hardware

garden (esp32)

Garden operates via a ESP32 (LilyGo TTGO V5), 8 moisture inputs, light level, water tank level, temperature & humidity. Garden has two high-power outputs to control a valve and hydroponics light.
Bill of Materials in directory `README.md`

- `secrets.h`
  - `#define WIFI_SSID "wifi_ssid"`
  - `#define WIFI_PASSWORD "wifi_password"`
  - `#define API_KEY "api_key"`

plant (wesmos_d1_mini)

Plant operates via a WEMOS D1 mini with a custom PCB hat, moisture, light level, temperature & humidity.
Bill of Materials in directory `README.md`

pi

ndvi-cam

Pi NoIR camera to see active photosynthesis via Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI). Data sent to Google Drive image store via PyDrive. Images then used in dashboard through `/feed` api endpoint.

- `mycreds.txt` : Google Drive token to access/upload files, never expires
- `client_secrets.json` : https://pythonhosted.org/PyDrive/quickstart.html
- `.env` : Files stored in GDrive in the form `/hydroponics/<UUID>/raw` & `/hydroponics/<UUID>/ndvi`, PyDrive access subfolders via id's which can be listed by running `ListFolder` in `capture.py`
  - `G_DRIVE_RAW_FOLDER_ID` : Id of folder where raw files are
  - `G_DRIVE_NDVI_FOLDER_ID` : Id of folder where NDVI timestamped files are

Info

- https://publiclab.org/notes/petter_mansson1/04-09-2019/low-cost-ndvi-analysis-using-raspberrypi-and-pinoir
- https://www.richardmudhar.com/blog/2015/07/using-near-ir-to-look-for-photosynthesis-and-plant-health-with-ndvi/

prototype-singular

Prototype board for testing API & site. Temperature, light level & moisture. 2.2" adafruit TFT display for debugging. Uses Arduino as I²2 ADC slave, just because.

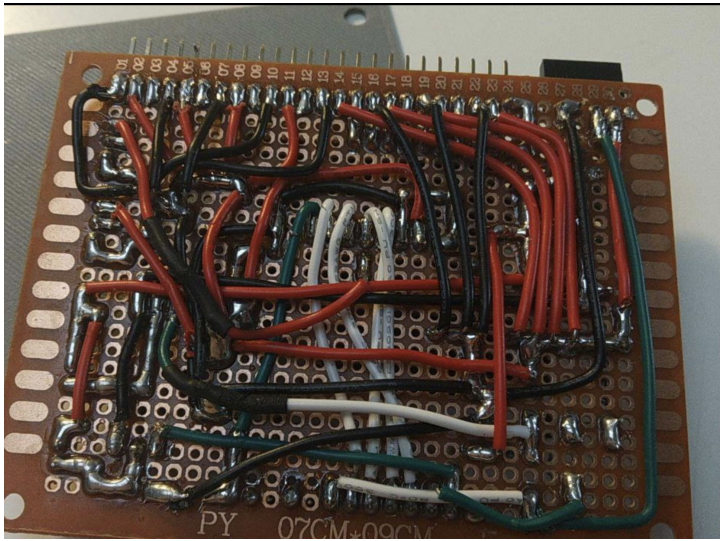
- `.env`
  - `API_KEY=my_api_key`
  - `API_URL=https://api.hydroponics.cass.si/`
  - `PLANT_UUID=plant_uuid`

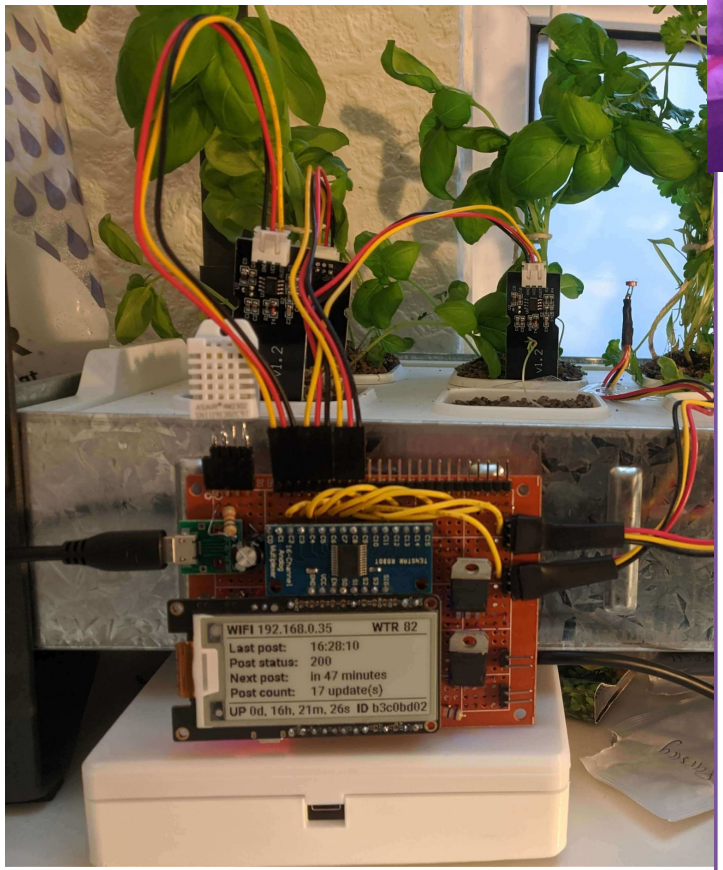
```
sudo apt-get install python3-pip ttf-dejavu python3-pil
git clone https://gitlab.com/cxss/moisture.track.git
pipenv install
pipenv run python3 main.py
```

ESP32

Written in C++, queries Python API

16 channel multiplexer supports up to 8 plants alongside temperature, humidity light level, water tank level & grow light switch






```
int sendGardenDataToApi(
    float *temperature,
    float *humidity,
    float *light_level,
    float *water_level,
    int *light_status,
    float *avg_moisture)
 {
  Serial.println("Attempting to sent to API...");
  StaticJsonDocument<200> doc;
  doc["temperature"] = *temperature;
  doc["humidity"] = *humidity;
  doc["light"] = *light_level;
  doc["water_level"] = *water_level;
  doc["light_on"] = *light_status;
  doc["avg_moisture"] = *avg_moisture;
  serializeJsonPretty(doc, Serial);
  Serial.println("");

  char json_body[200];
  serializeJson(doc, json_body);

  http.begin("http://"API_URL"/gardens/"GARDEN_UUID);
  http.addHeader("Content-Type", "application/json");
  http.addHeader("x-api-key", API_KEY);
  int httpResponseCode = http.PUT(json_body);

  if (httpResponseCode == 200) {
    String response = http.getString();
    Serial.print(httpResponseCode);Serial.print(" ");
    Serial.println(response);
  } else {
    Serial.print("Error on sending POST: ");
    Serial.println(httpResponseCode);
  }

  http.end();
  return httpResponseCode;
}
```

ESP32

Expose micro-controller to API by port-forwarding through router,

Call routes on the microcontroller (IP not exposed):

GET https://api.hydroponics.cass.si/plants/<uuid>/events/WATER_PLANT

calls ↓

GET http://83.9.93.103:8080/events/WATER_PLANT

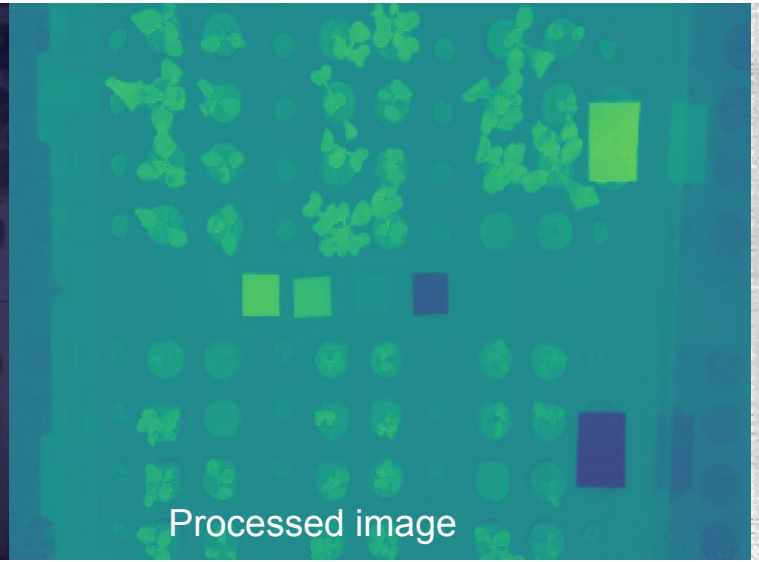
runs ↓

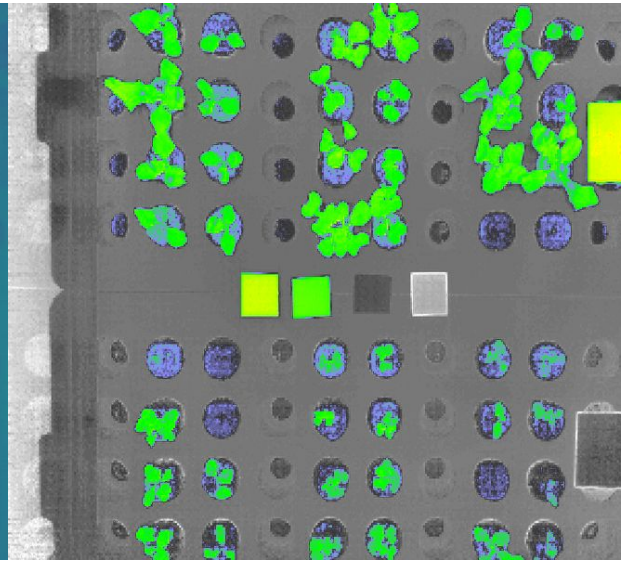
```
void waterPlant(int current_level) { ... } //open water valve for n seconds
```

Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) Cam

No Infrared Camera + Python + Matlab + PyDrive

Uses Google Drive as a image store to be later served by API for a live feed





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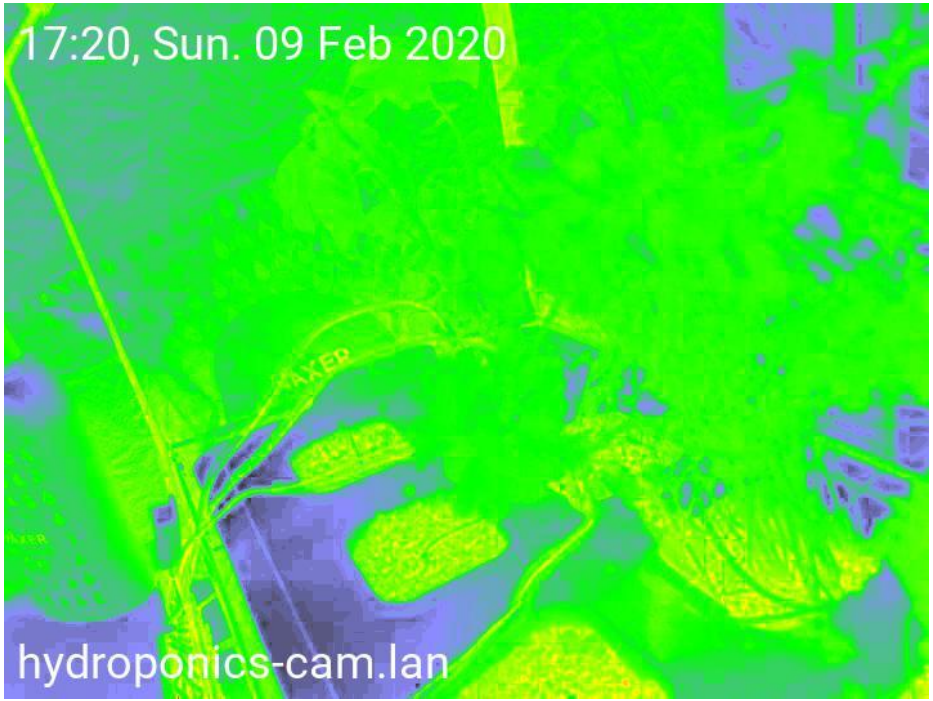
Custom colour map

NDVI



Needs a blue light filter...

Raspberry Pi

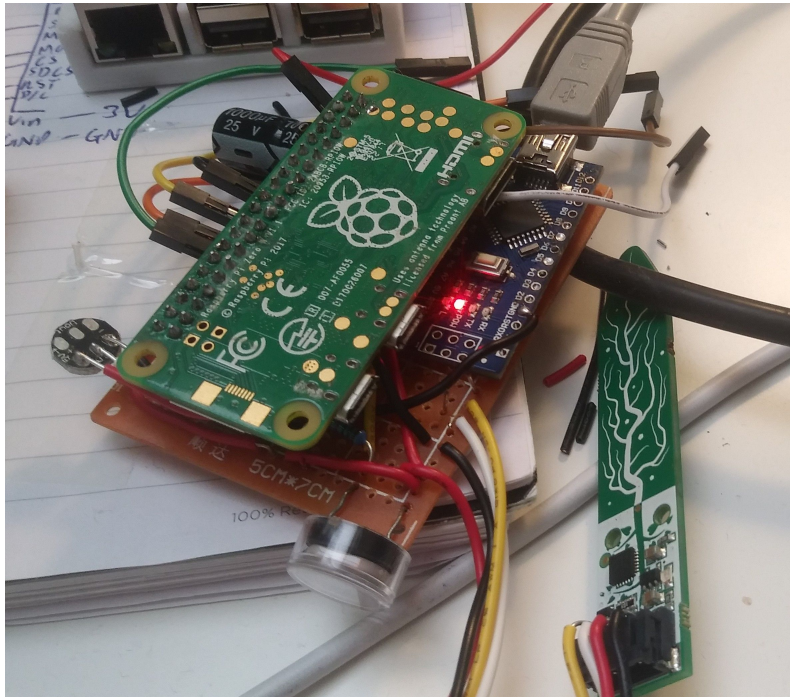
First prototype to send real data to the API, tracked:

- Light level
- Moisture
- Temperature

Realised pretty quickly I'd need non-expiring

API authentication keys… added that

Learned how to use an Arduino Nano as an I2C slave to communicate data between Pi and Nano

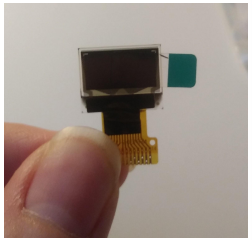


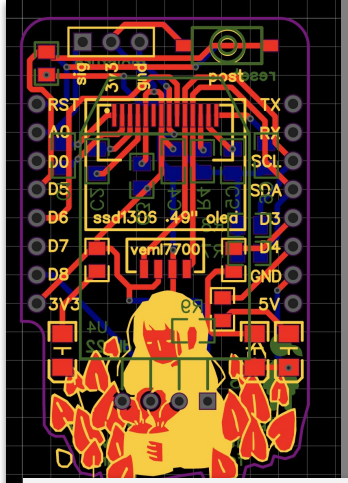
Wemos D1 Mini

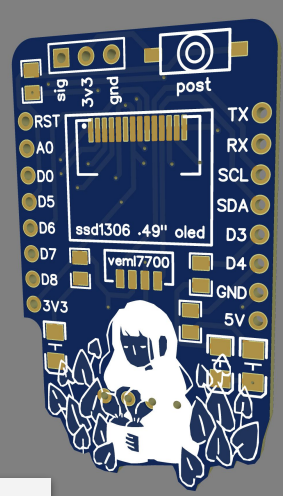
MicroPython, 0.49” display (tiny!!)

Designed circuit and PCB layout on EasyEDA

End goal is to sell on my website







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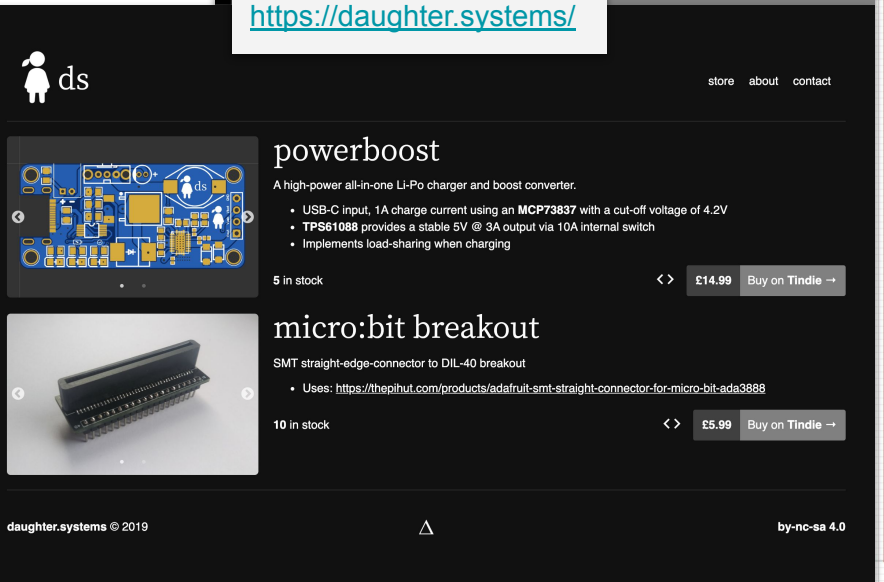

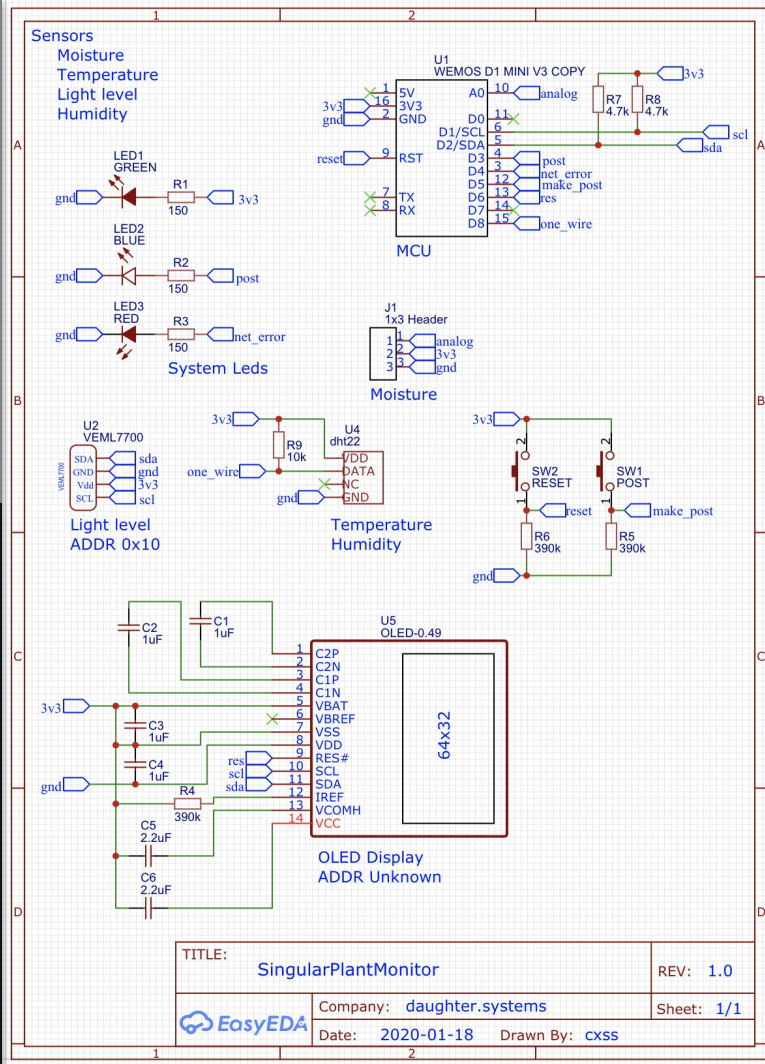

The future

Extending usability of system through Google Home/Alexa.

> “Hey Google, water the plants”

PCB to manage gardens of N plants

Identifying plants through Pl@ntNet API (https://my-api.plantnet.org/)

...Social network for tracking plants and gardens?

https://gitlab.com/cxss/hydroponics