Deliverable G – Prototype II and Customer Feedback

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Abstract

This document includes our updated prototyping plan, system analysis and updated specifications, design, and bill of materials, chosen after the second client meeting. A plan is then listed for tasks which will need to be completed in the design process This is followed by a new prototyping schedule, with a list of tests scheduled for the following weeks until the final concept must be shown to the client. This schedule also includes stopping criterion and the objectives of tests. Additionally, three screenshots of the Trello task plan are included at the end of this document.

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1 Introduction

This document presents a detailed prototyping plan and cost estimate for the proposed design, incorporating insights from the second client meeting. It outlines the key phases of development, updates to our design, and a structured prototyping schedule. By providing a clear roadmap, this document ensures that the team can efficiently execute the project.

2 Feedback Reflection

After our meeting with the client our design underwent some changes. The client was concerned about our wheels slipping upon entering the pipe, which would make calculating the proper distance travelled difficult. As a result, we decided to add a tether which is exactly 15 feet so the sampler cannot overshoot and doubles as a failsafe method. We also used his feedback to finalize some of our concepts which we would include in our final design. In our second meeting our client was worried about our sampling system not being able to scrape steel with a motor. We are now looking into a way to utilize torsion springs to mechanically scrape the steel tube. Which requires us to design a trigger mechanism.

3 System Analysis

Drive:

The drive system for our design includes wheels which allow the device to move further into the pipe when the pipe is oriented horizontally. There will be 3 motors which spin the front wheels the desired direction and 3 rollers to line up with each of the motors. When the pipe is oriented vertically the device will be lowered with the spool and will use gravity and the tether to reach the 15-foot target. So far, we have printed the prototype rollers and are in the process of printing the wheels. We have already purchased a long enough thether which has the strength to hold the device.

Collection:

For our collection system we will be using gravity and a hopper, once the sampling is completed the sample will fall into the hopper and be ready to be retrieved. The hopper will lead to a collection box in the centre of the device which will store the sample. We still need to prototype a hopper which can drop the metal shavings.

Feedback:

During each stage of the collection process the interface will update to show the current stage. This information will be displayed on a laptop and will be retrieved through a long chord which will run from the device to the laptop. The interface also controls the device itself, it controls whether the wheels turn clockwise or counterclockwise. The interface also has a stop function which can be used to automatically stop the device from progressing further down the pipe, in case of tether failure.

Sampling:

We will be using a scraper to collect our sample, which is currently being redesigned. The idea is to use a torsion spring to propel the scraper at a high enough velocity to scrape the sample off. The spring will be manually loaded and held back by a metal piece which will be moved out of the way by a motor allowing the spring to move the scraper forward.

Retrieval:

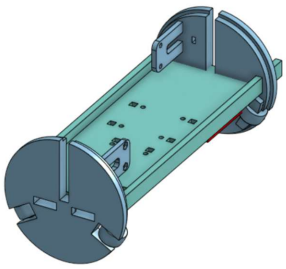
Once sampling is completed and the sample had been properly collected, the wheels will turn the opposite direction to allow the device to return to the opening of the pipe. If this system fails, the spool can also be used to manually retrieve the device. Once returned the whole device can be shipped for testing. The spool and rope have already been tested and prototyped and are ready to be implemented into the final design.

4 Completed Prototype Testing

Prototype	Name	Date Finished	Testing Description	Result
1	Spool	March 1	Tested if the spool and rope could pull up a ~800g mass, by tying a water filled bottle to the tether and trying to reel it in.	Spool was successful. Determined the spool handle was in an inconvenient position and remodel to put it on the outside. Parts all fit together well.
2	Interface	March 1	Tested whether the interface would make the motors spin the selected direction and stop when the buttons were pressed.	Wheels sometimes failed. Decided to make the interface more visually appealing by adding a background. Was successfully able to make test motors move.
3	Updated Spool	March 8	Completed the same 800g mass test but tried to reel as fast as possible.	Spool was successful with minimal slack in the rope once reeled in. Using this design for the final project but reprinting all the parts at rocketry for an improved part quality.
4	Major Components Case	March 8	Tested whether the case could fit inside the 4-inch pipe and whether all of our internal components could fit inside.	The case was able to fit inside the pipe and all the of the components can fit inside.
5	Updated Interface	March 8	Tested whether the interface could make the motors move,	The interface was still able to make the motors move/stop.

			asked how it could be improved.	Feedback was given to change the buttons to say forward/backward instead of clockwise and counter clockwise.

Figure 1: Spool 1



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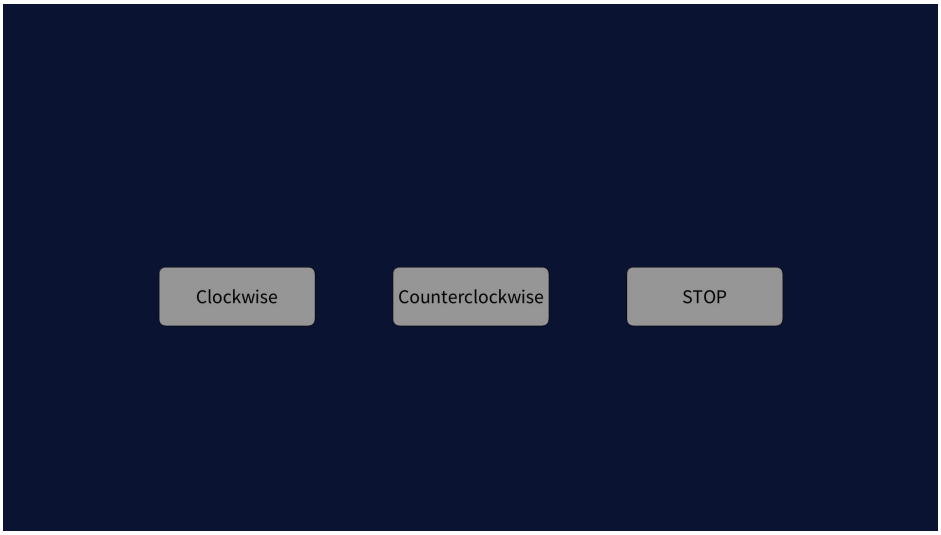


Figure 3: User Interface

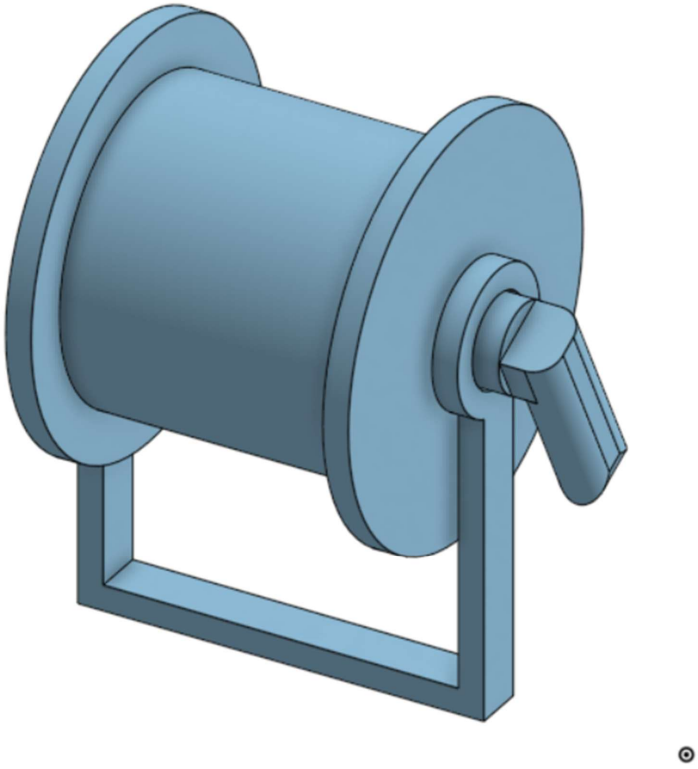


Figure 4: Updated Spool

5 Feedback From Potential Clients

Some feedback which was found was that that samplers typically leave behind small pieces of missed samples which leads to buildup. We will try to find a way to minimize the number of debris left behind after sampling. One major problem potential client had with our spool prototype was that the 3D printed parts were not the same colours, when we Finnish our final design we are going to use the rocketry printers which use black filament. The feedback for our interface was positive, they enjoyed being able to control the device from a laptop, but did not enjoy having the buttons say clockwise and counterclockwise. We are working on changing the wording and possibly adding arrows to indicate direction.

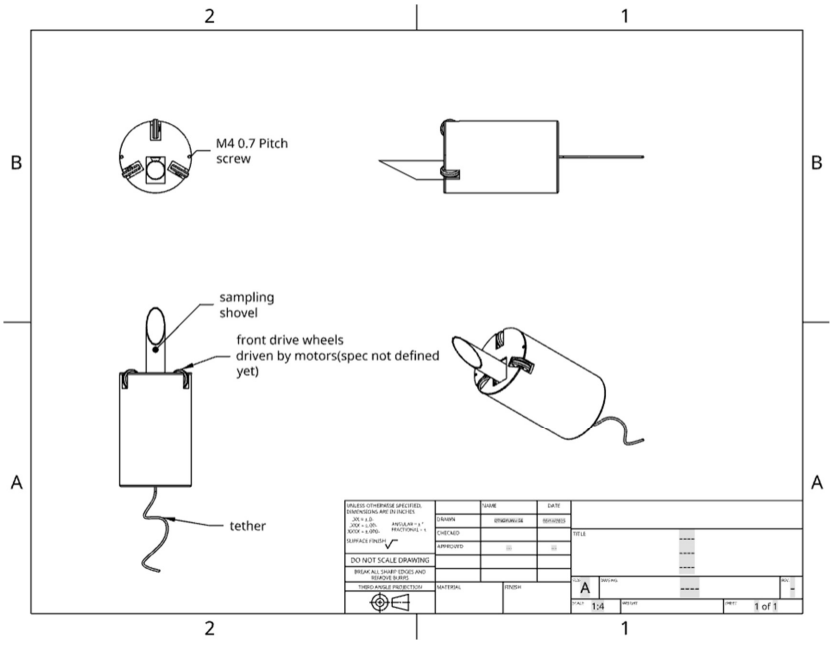
6 Updated Design

Client Meeting 1:

The design has been changed after the client meeting to include a tether and a ui interface instead of just LEDs. After some prototyping, we discovered some issues with some of our designs and have had to rethink some aspects. The spool has been redesigned, and we are now looking for a mechanical solution for the sampling system. Our updated model will be reviewed and given feedback in our next client meeting, as a result updates are applicable to change.

Client Meeting 2:

The design has been changed to include a mechanical solution for sampling. Although we are still designing this change, we have a rough idea how it will work. We also need to consider how this change will affect sampling in the vertical orientation.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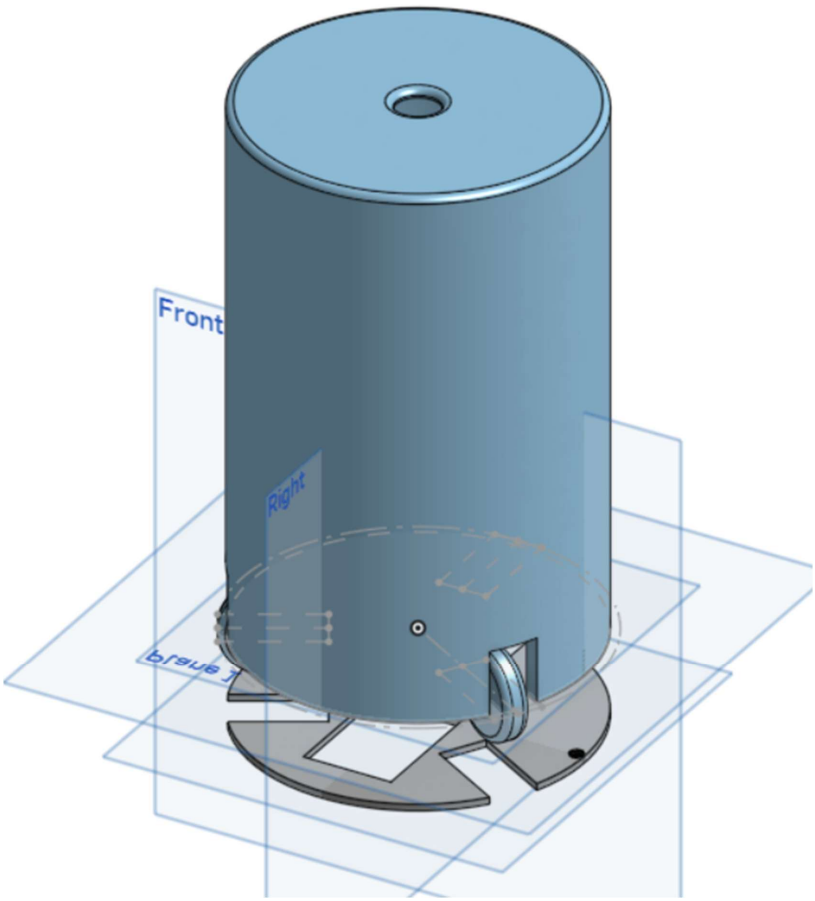
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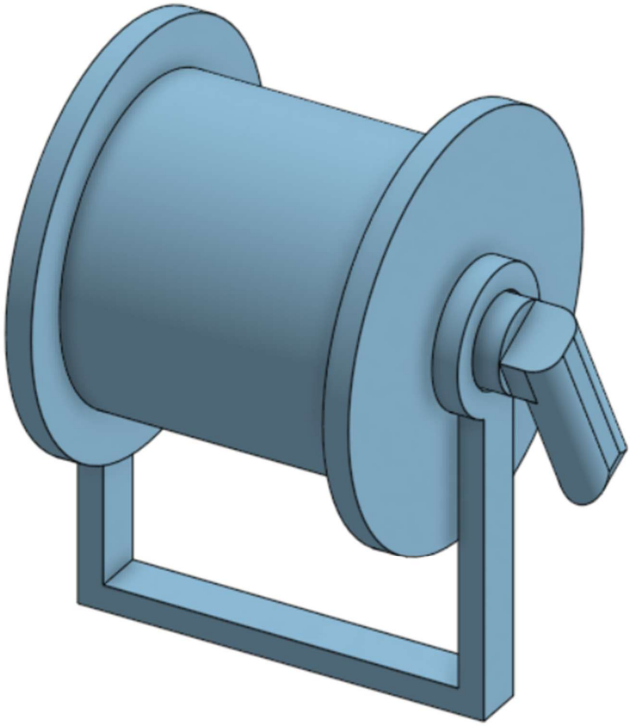

7 Future Prototyping/Testing Plan

For each protyping test each member of the team will show up with whatever parts they have printed and work as a team to design the next prototype. For protype 3 we will be attempting to get the drive system, vertical test done Aswell as a model done for the sampling system.

Prototype	Planned Date	Description	Goals
Drive System	March 12	Test if the device can move through 15 feet of the pipe and return safely	See if the wheels have any slippage, if the motors can overpower the friction of the device. See what improvemts can be made on the system
Vertical Test	March 12	Propel the device down the pipe 15 feet then	See if the spool is strong enough to

		see if the spool can pull it back out.	lower/raise the device and can hold it steady enough for sampling.
Sampling System	Mar 15 – Mar 18	Test if the sampling system can sample steel	See if we need to purchase a new sampling head and determine how much sample we get per spring release.
Collection System	March 19	Try collecting the sample taken with the sampling system in both the vertical and horizontal orientation	Figure out if our design can consistently catch the sample in both orientations, with minimal material lost
Operator Response	Mar 21	Test the operator response system combined with the rest of the prototype.	See if the interface will display which process is currently being completed. Ie (sampling, driving, returning). And will also show an error if something is failing
Full Device	Mar 23	Test the whole device to see if it can complete the task	See which components could be improved or if the whole thing works perfectly and doesn't need to be changed

8 Conclusion

The updated prototyping/test plan helps with identifying key milestones, potential risks, and contingency measures, so that the team can proactively address challenges and maintain project momentum. The scheduled prototype tests will validate the design's functionality, allowing for iterative improvements before design day.

9 Trello

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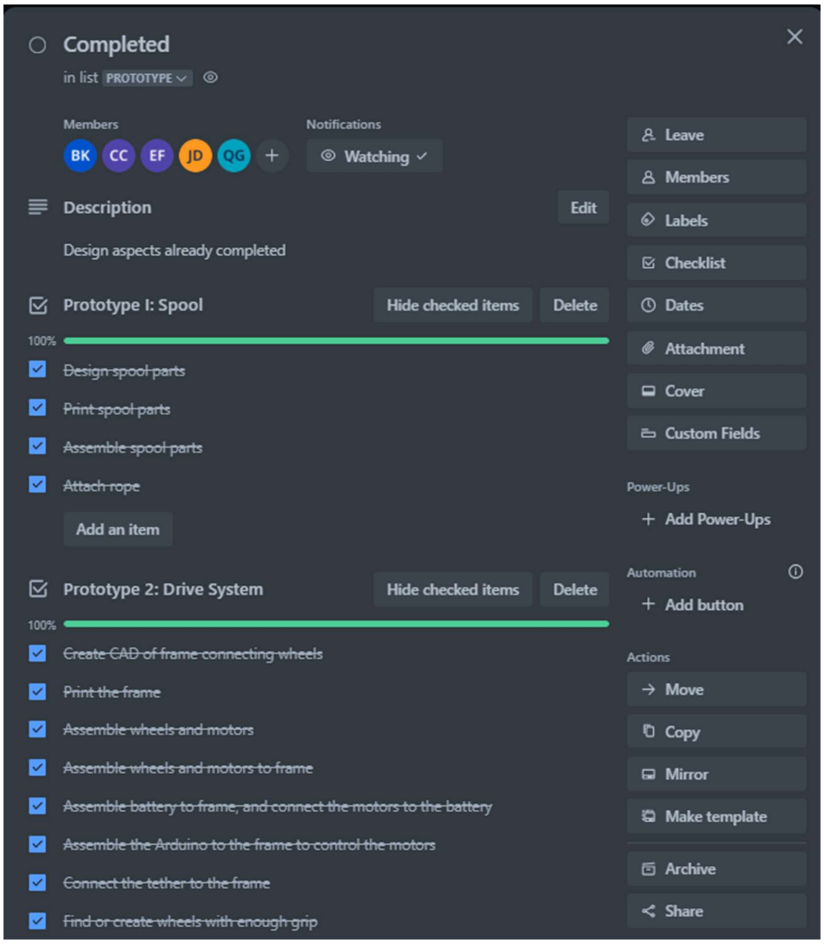
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Print spool parts
Assemble spool parts
Attach rope
Add an item
Prototype 2: Drive System
Hide checked items
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Create CAD of frame connecting wheels
Print the frame
Assemble wheels and motors
Assemble wheels and motors to frame
Assemble battery to frame, and connect the motors to the battery
Assemble the Arduino to the frame to control the motors
Connect the tether to the frame
Find or create wheels with enough grip
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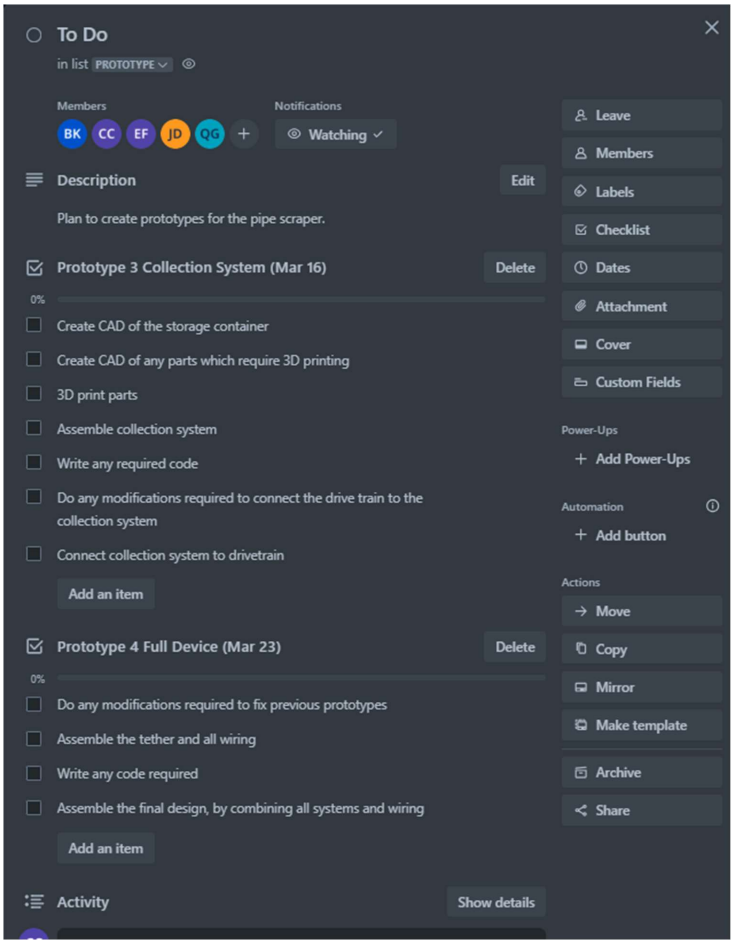
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Create CAD of any parts which require 3D printing
3D print parts
Assemble collection system
Write any required code
Do any modifications required to connect the drive train to the collection system
Connect collection system to drivetrain
Add an item
Prototype 4 Full Device (Mar 23)
Delete
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Do any modifications required to fix previous prototypes
Assemble the tether and all wiring
Write any code required
Assemble the final design, by combining all systems and wiring
Add an item
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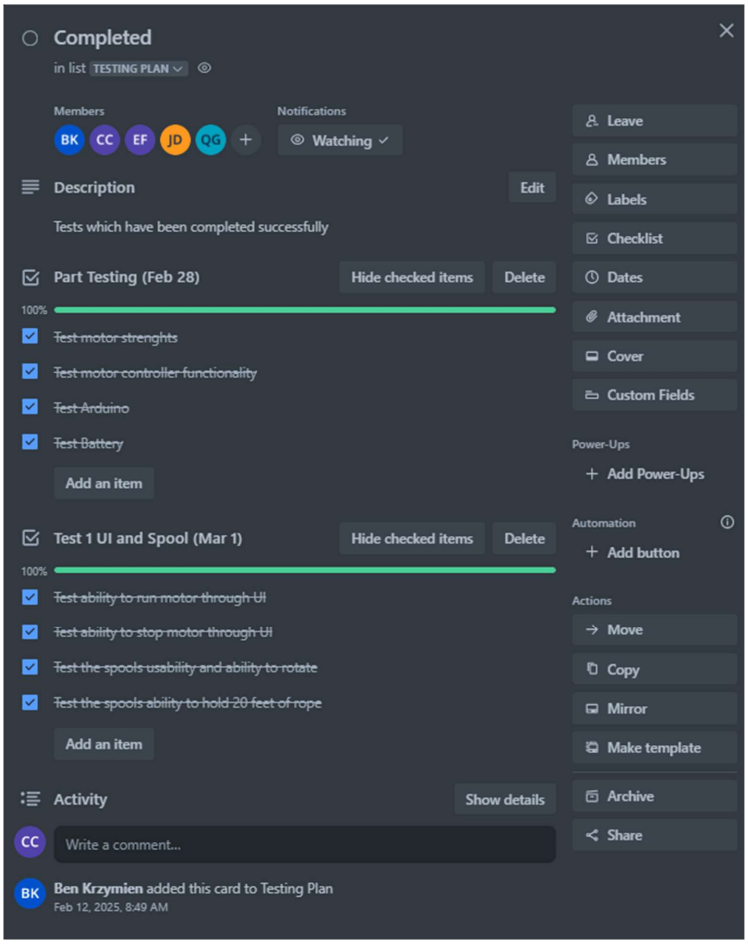
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Test motor controller functionality
Test Arduino
Test Battery
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Test ability to run motor through UI
Test ability to stop motor through UI
Test the spools usability and ability to rotate
Test the spools ability to hold 20 feet of rope
Add an item
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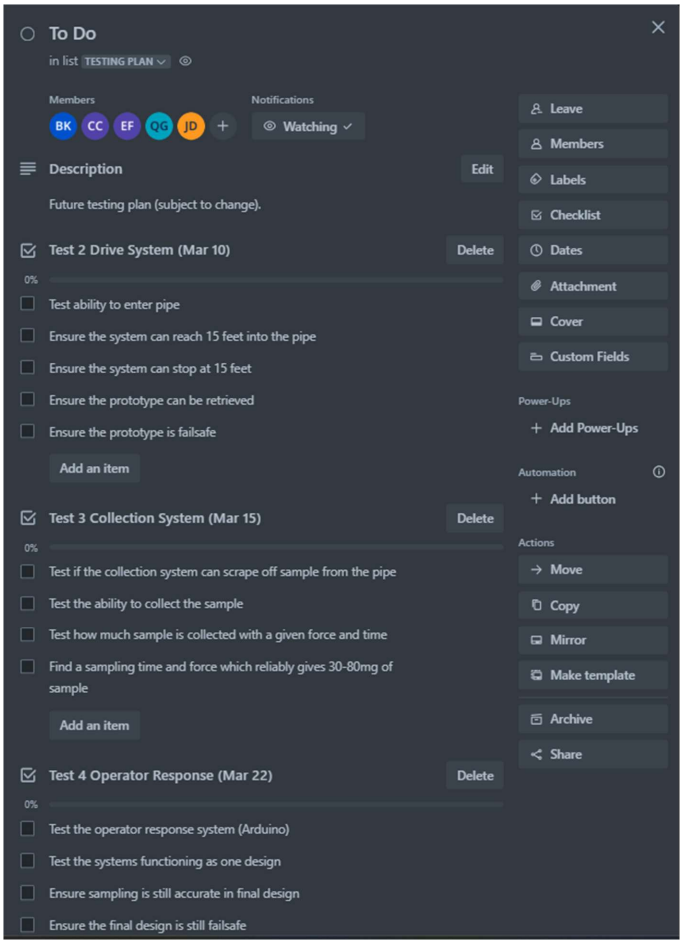
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Ensure the system can reach 15 feet into the pipe
Ensure the system can stop at 15 feet
Ensure the prototype can be retrieved
Ensure the prototype is failsafe
Add an item
Test 3 Collection System (Mar 15)
Delete
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Test if the collection system can scrape off sample from the pipe
Test the ability to collect the sample
Test how much sample is collected with a given force and time
Find a sampling time and force which reliably gives 30-80mg of sample
Add an item
Test 4 Operator Response (Mar 22)
Delete
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Test the operator response system (Arduino)
Test the systems functioning as one design
Ensure sampling is still accurate in final design
Ensure the final design is still failsafe
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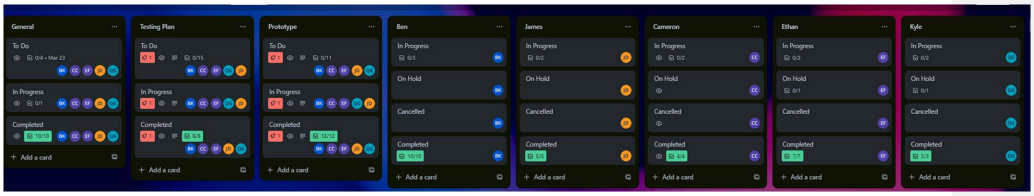
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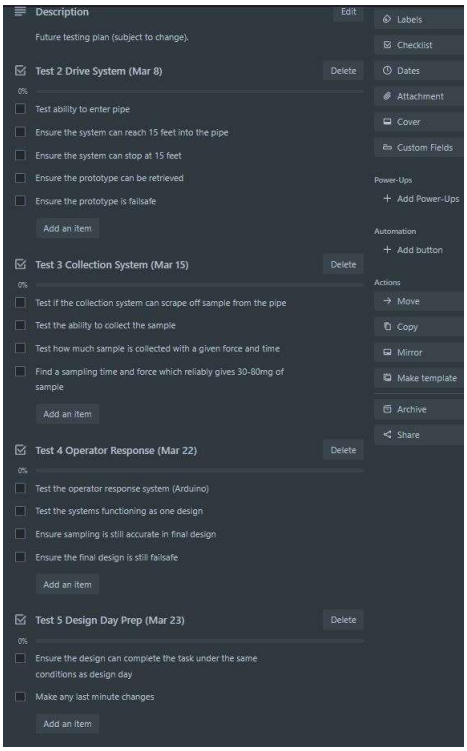
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Delete
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Test the systems functioning as one design
Ensure sampling is still accurate in final design
Ensure the final design is still failsafe
Add an item
Test 5 Design Day Prep (Mar 23)
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Ensure the design can complete the task under the same conditions as design day
Make any last minute changes
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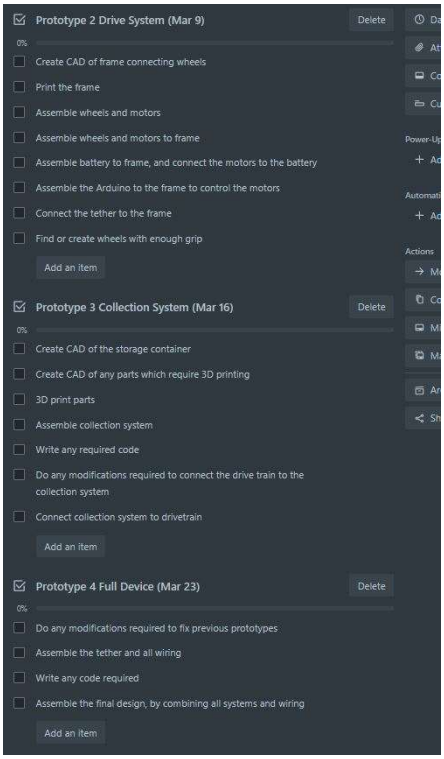
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