

B.O.A.T.

A Software Exposé

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Summary



What is B.O.A.T.?

- Drone-sized aquatic autonomous GPS waypoint tracker
- Determines position, orientation, and heading using GPS, accelerometer, and magnetometer
- Stores waypoints and position logs on 8MB on-board flash
- Waypoint and log transfers over Bluetooth

Tools



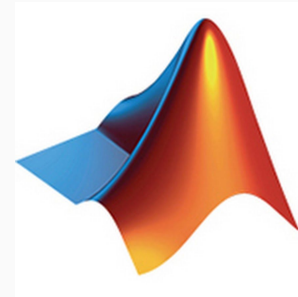
Coding: Code Composer Studio, MATLAB

Debugging: Code Composer Studio

Flash Programming: TI XDS110 JTAG debugger

Revision Control: Git

Testing: Tektronix MD03024 oscilloscope,
Fluke DMMs, field tests



MCU Resources



Required RAM: 26KB

Required ROM:

- *Internal:* 110KB
- *External:* 2MB



- **UART**
GPS: 56000 baud
Bluetooth: 115200 baud
- **SPI:** 16Mbps
- **GPIO**
- **PWM**
- **I²C**
100KHz SCL
- **ADC**
20KHz battery level sampler
- **RTC**

Kernel



- μ C/OS III Real Time Operating System
- Expandable
- Reliable
- Familiar

μ C/OS
by Micrium

Navigation Task



- Handles all calculations and communications related to navigation
- Reads Accelerometer, GPS, and Magnetometer data to calculate heading and control motors
- Handles fault ISRs and safe shutdown procedure
- Execution Period: 1s
- Execution Time: 100ms
- CPU Load : 10%

Data Logger Task



- Controls the periodic storage of GPS data to ROM
- Execution Period (minimum): 5000ms
- Execution Time: 20ms
- CPU Load: 0.4%

Bluetooth Task



- Controls wireless transfer of data to and from user
- Exclusive execution while in Sync mode

Idle Task



μ C/OS system task to be used to enter low power modes.

- Execution Period: N/A
- Execution Time: N/A
- CPU Load: 0

Total CPU Load



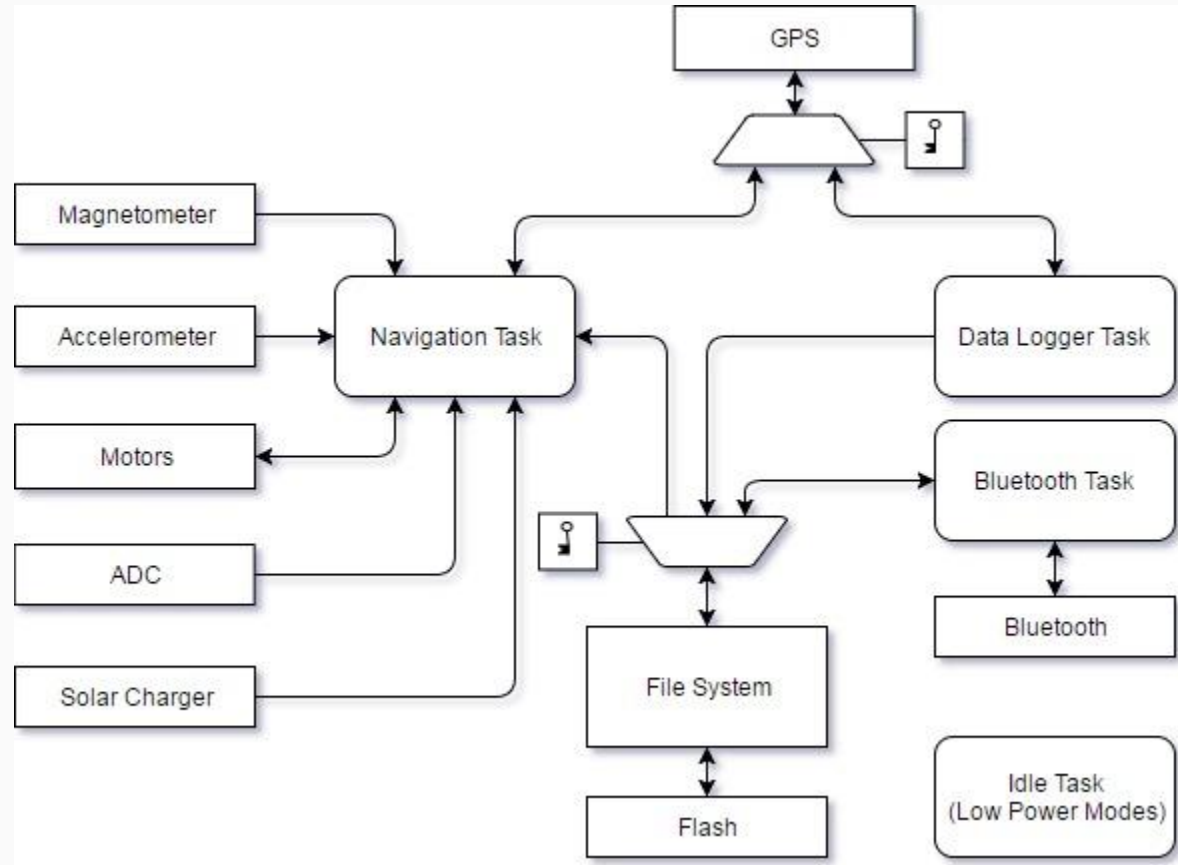
$$10\% + 0.4\% = 10.4\%$$

Module/Library Description



Module	Tasks	Functions	Data	Licenses
BOATmain.c	Navigation Task Data Logger Task Bluetooth Task		GPS waypoints Battery voltage	Micrium μ C/OS III
GPS.c		GPSInit() GPSRead() GPSOff()	GPS text data	ti Driverlib (BSD)
Mag.c		MagInit() MagRead() MagOff()	Direction data	ti Driverlib (BSD)
Motor.c		MotorInit() MotorStart() MotorChangeDuty() MotorStop() MotorISR()		ti Driverlib (BSD)
Flash.c		FlashInit() FlashTransmit()	GPS waypoints	ti Driverlib (BSD)
Accel.c		AccelInit() AccelISR()		ti Driverlib (BSD)
ADC.c		ADCInit() BatteryISR()	Battery Voltage	ti Driverlib (BSD)

Inter-Task Communications



Test Plan



3 phases of testing:

1. Bench testing
2. Controlled environment testing
 - a. Will it float?
 - b. Basic operation
3. Maiden voyage: Lake Whatcom
 - a. Full scale tracking test circumnavigating Reville Island in Lake Whatcom
 - b. Monitor B.O.A.T.'s behavior

Verification Plan



Based on 3 phases of testing:

1. Do all peripherals work properly
2. Make sure B.O.A.T. is buoyant and can perform basic movements
3. Can B.O.A.T. handle more treacherous waters and successfully navigate

Questions

