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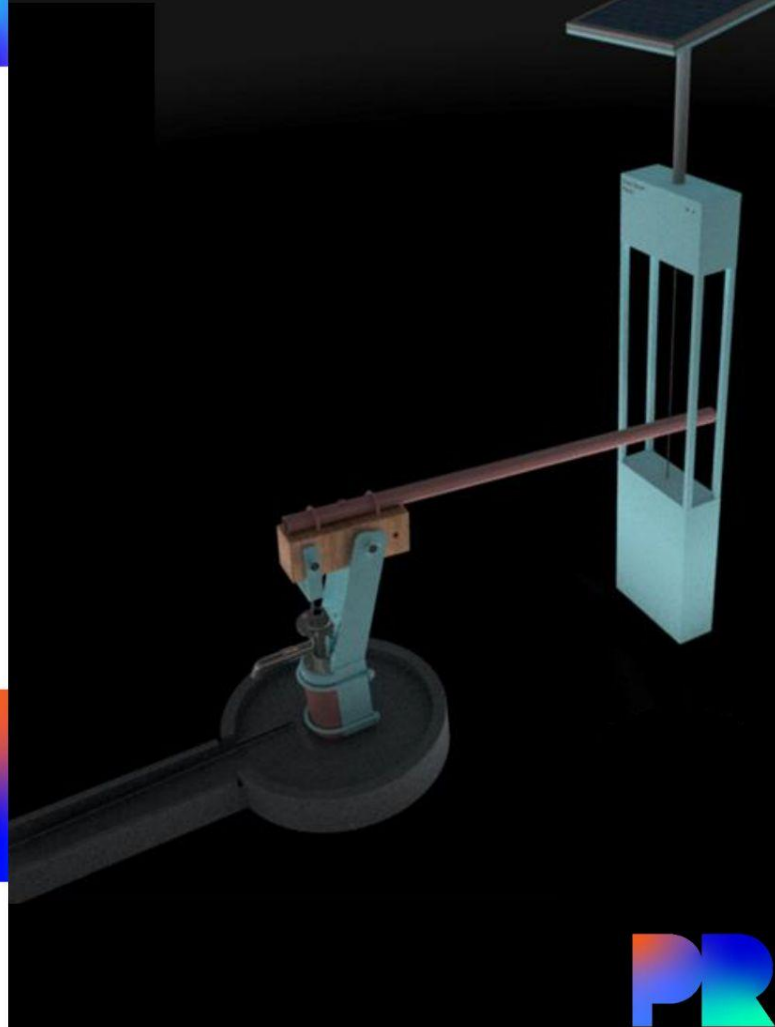
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Project **Roko** is a startup that is geared towards alleviating the **global water crisis** through developing **water technologies** while leveraging **deep learning** in water data.



## About Author

Bongani Ricky Masuku is an industrial designer , passionate about disrupting the agriculture industry for the better. One of the challenges he noticed was the water crisis in both rural and urban areas. To help solve the problem he developed Roko, a solar powered mechanism that automates the required hand powered action for the conventional water pumps in Zimbabwe. As part of this year's H&D Summer Academy edition, he's compiled this workshop proposal in order to foster collaborative efforts in solving the water crisis through working with H&D chapters in other countries. During the workshop event the Roko demo unit will serve as the base technology for participants to explore different ways on how we can solve the water challenge through both virtual & practical sessions.







# Our Journey

Every human being deserves access to clean , safe water. However due to the effects of climate change, fresh water sources across the globe are running dry at a very alarming rate. Project Roko is an open source initiative that seeks to address the global water crisis, through collaborative and hands-on activities, building sustainable water solutions.



– RICK BONGANI MASUKU, LEAD DESIGNER

# Our Challenges



No Aquifer  
Data

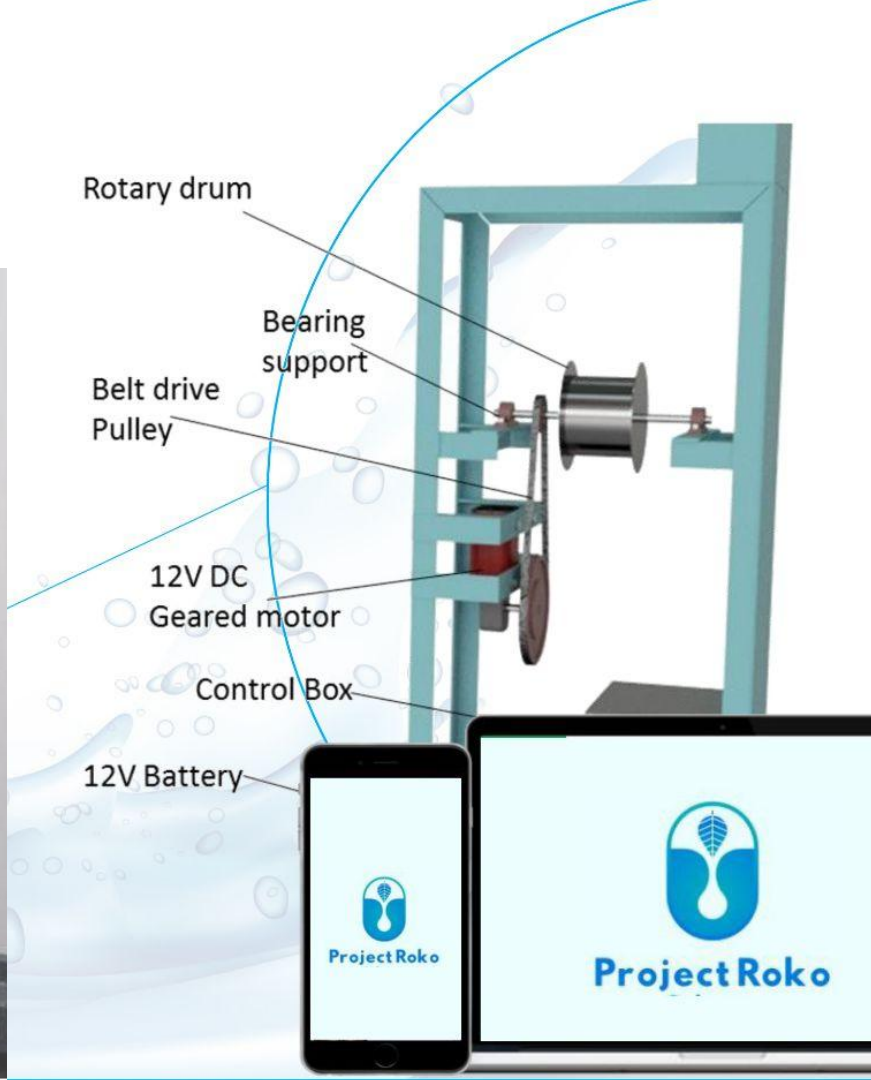
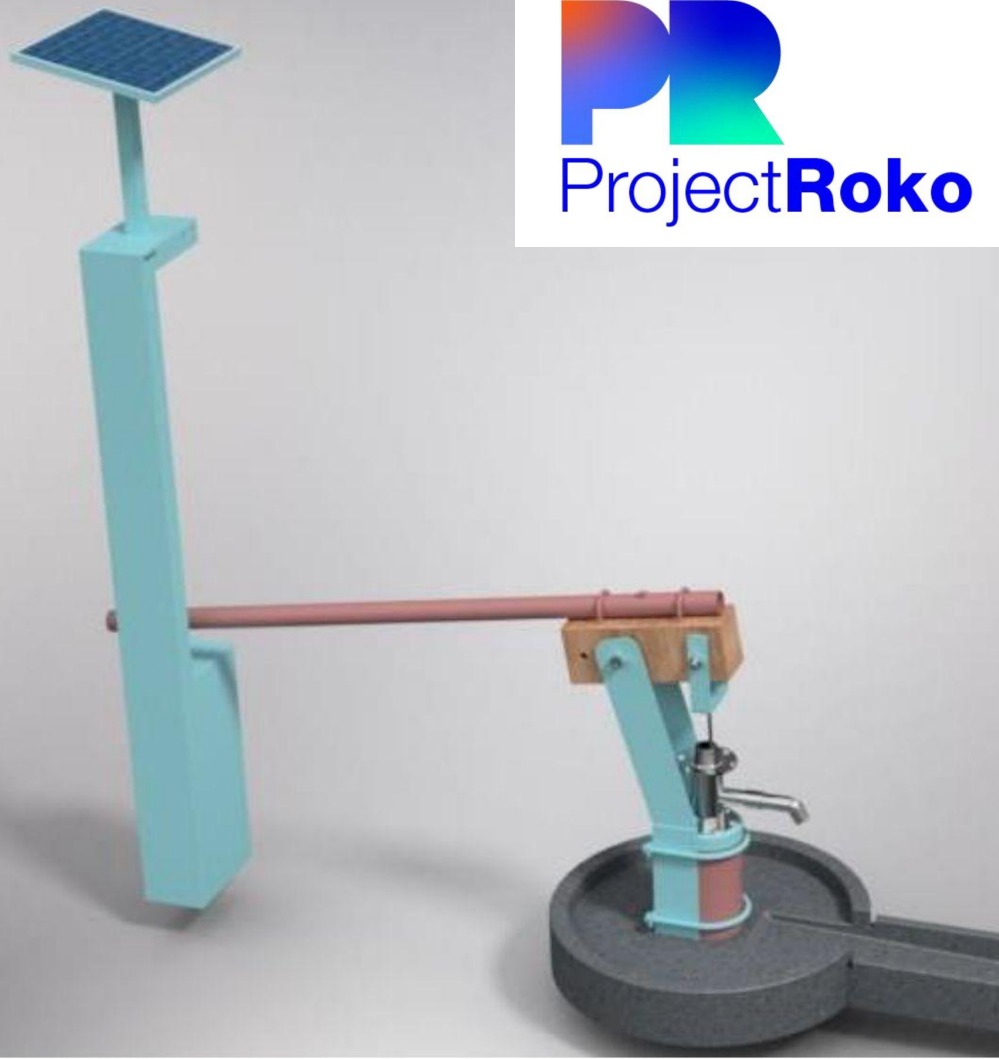


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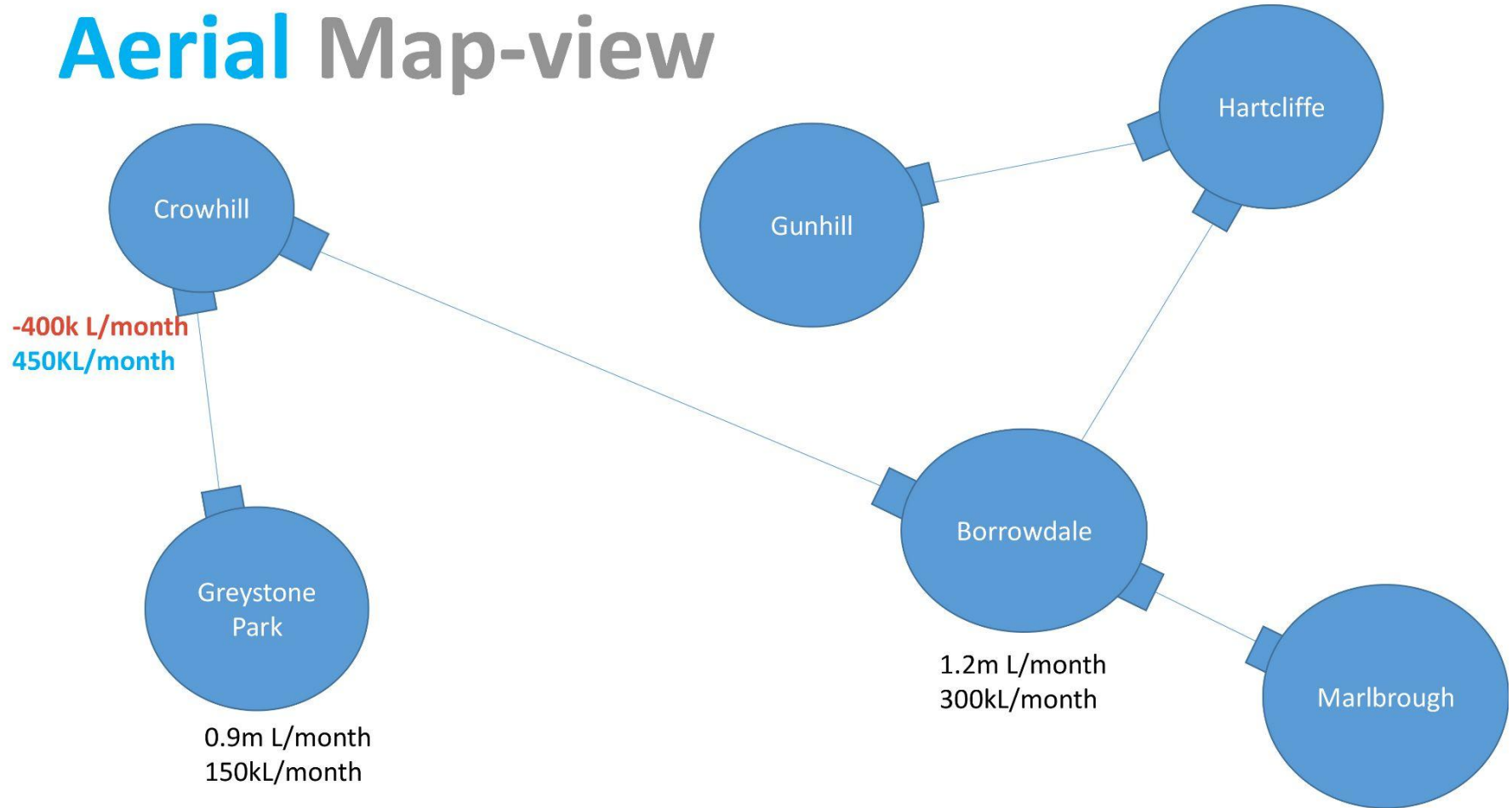


Lack of end-user  
awareness

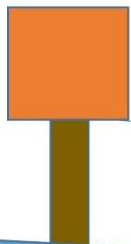
- 50% of the total residents in Harare, Zimbabwe go for months without access to water.
- Harare Municipality has no capacity to meet water requirements of the ever-growing population
- Lack of access of water is causing water sanitation challenges for urban communities with no access to water



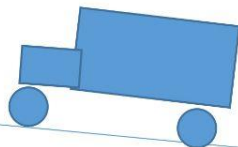
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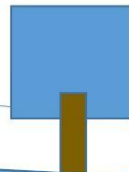
Residents



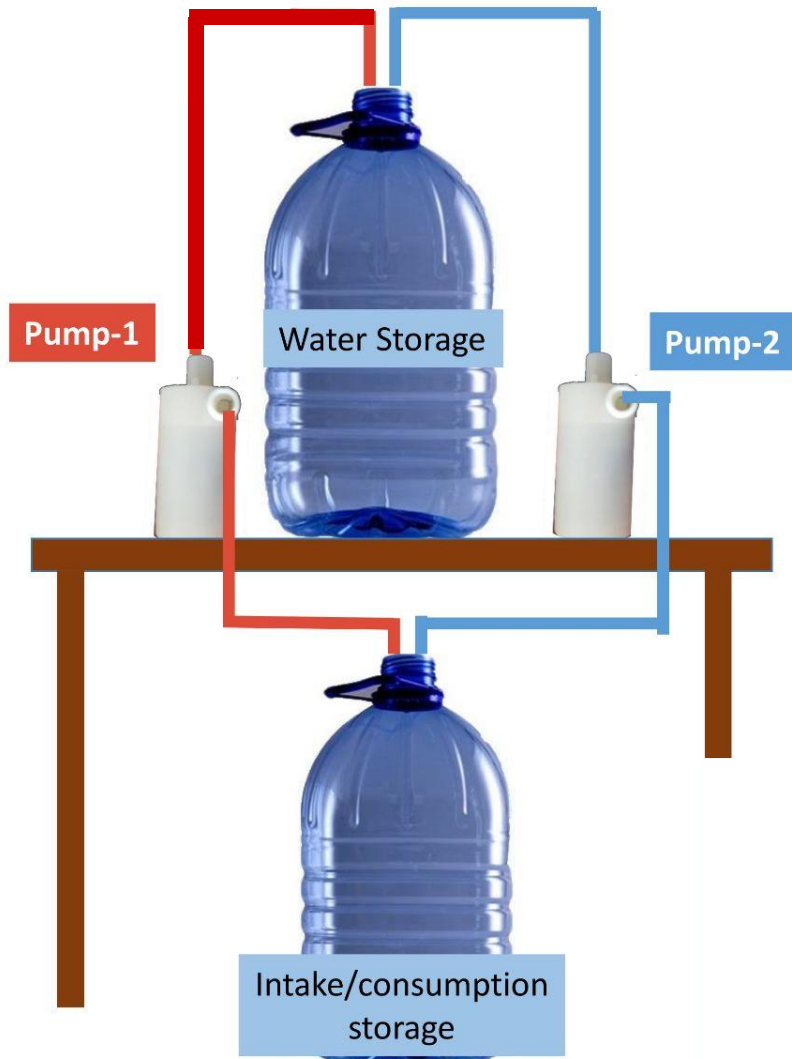
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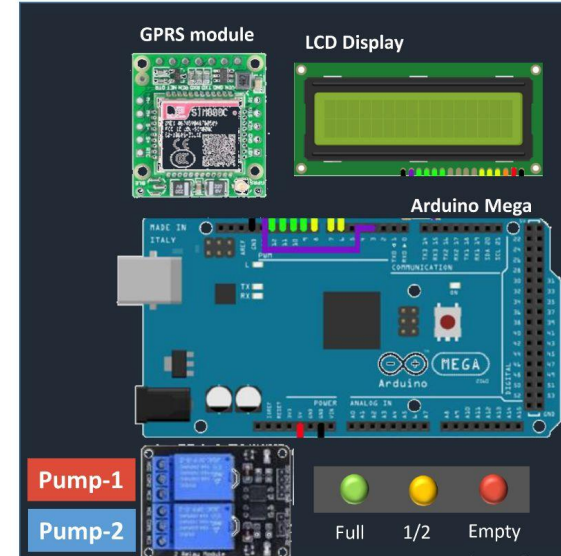
Illegal water source







# How Roko Works ?



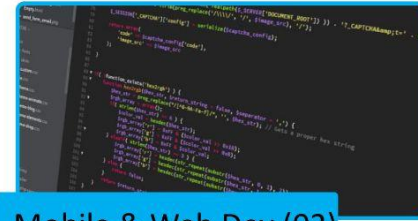
A smart water system keeps track of the water supply and usage in different locations and can distribute water accordingly to make sure water is available on-demand to the different communities.



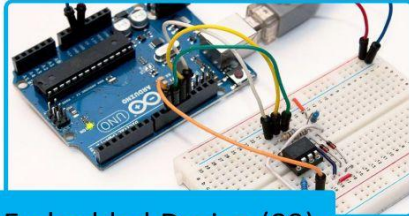
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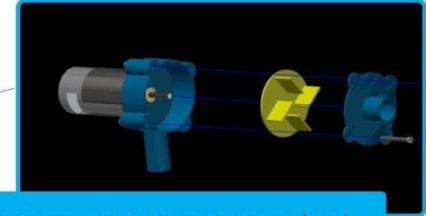
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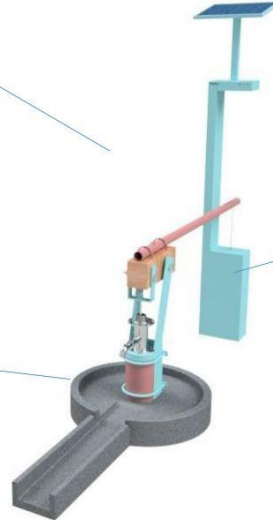
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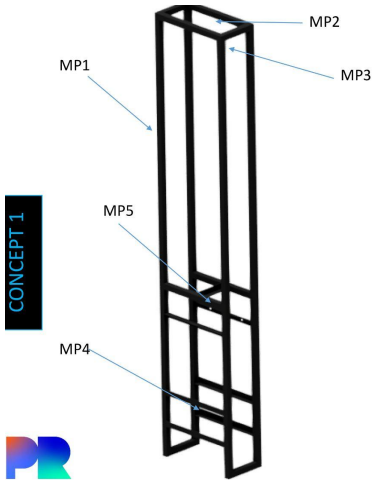
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# The ambition for project Roko

To build an open-source modular system for water management,  
based on use cases developed with local farmers and communities.

*Desired sub-project include:*



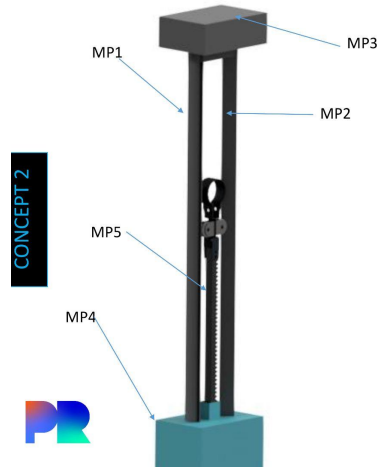
# Framework fabrication

## Required Tooling

	Tooling	Min Qnty
1	Metal Arc Welding Machine	1
2	Hand-held cutting machine	1
3	Hand-held drilling machine	1
4	Drill-bit 8 mm	1

## Bill Of Materials

	Items Required	Qnty
	Angle iron 25 x 25 x 3mm	18 meters
	Flat bar 25mm x 2 mm	6 meters
	Square tube 25 x 25 mm	6 meters
	Bearing support 20 mm	4 units
	Round solid bar 20 mm	3 meters
	Cutting disc	1
	Welding rods	0.5 kg

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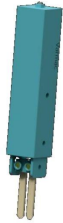
## Smart Water Meter

### Required Tooling

	Tooling	Min Qty
1	3D printer	1

### Bill Of Materials

Items Required	Qty
20 mm solenoid valve	1
20 mm water flow rate sensor	1
LCD 16 x 2	1
Wireless Antenna GPRS	1
Sim800 module	1
Arduino Uno	1
ABS 3d printing material	1 kg



## Portable Soil moisture Detector

### Required Tooling

	Tooling	Min Qty
1	3D printer	1

### Bill Of Materials

Items Required	Qty
Soil moisture sensor probes	1
Arduino uno	1
LED lights	3



## DC Water Pump

### Required Tooling

	Tooling	Min Qty
1	3D printer	1

### Bill Of Materials

Items Required	Qty
5V DC motor	1
Veranda bolts 15 mm x 3mm + nuts	4
ABS plastic material for 3d printing	0.3 kg

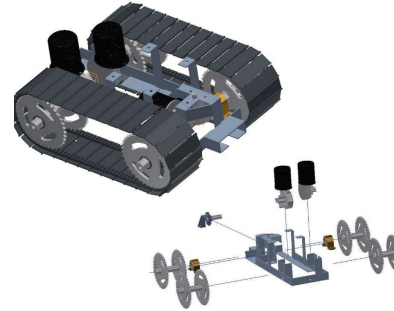
## Water Mobility: AGV Water Tanker

### Required Tooling

	Tooling	Min Qty
1	Metal Arc Welding Machine	1
2	Hand-held cutting machine	1
3	Hand-held drilling machine	1
4	Drill-bit 8 mm	1

### Bill Of Materials

Items Required	Qty
12V Geared motor	2
Bearing supports (8 mm)	4
Sprockets 170 mm	8
Chain drive	4 meters
For metal we use off-cuts from the demo unit	





## Robotic Soil Moisture Detector

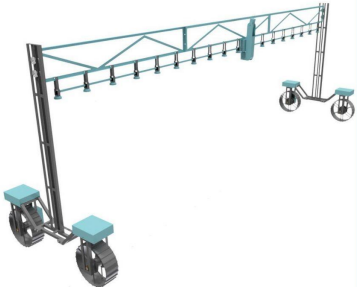
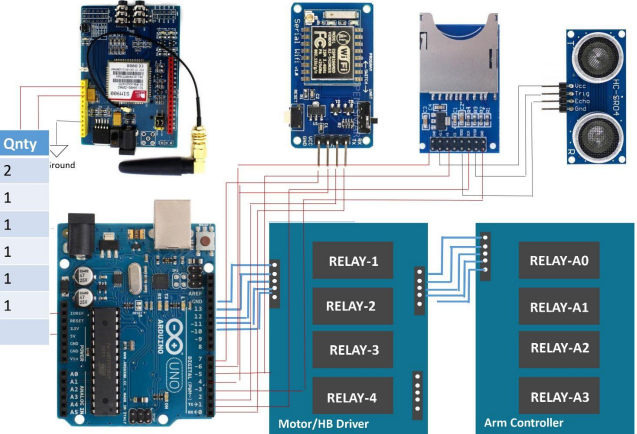
Required Tooling		
	Tooling	Min Qnty
1	3D printer	1

### Bill Of Materials

	Items Required	Qnty
	5V DC geared motor	4
	5V linear actuator (30 mm stroke )	1
	Veranda bolts 40 mm x 3mm + nuts	4
	ABS plastic material for 3d printing	0.3 kg
	Soil moisture sensor	1
	Mini solar panel 10 cm x 10 cm min	1

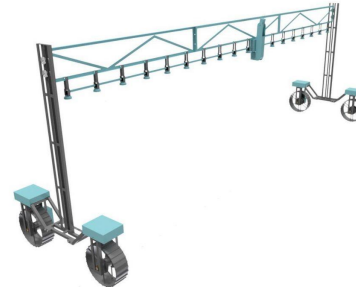
## Robotic Soil Moisture Sensor PCB Layout

	Items to Buy	Qnty
	4 channel relay module	2
	Sim900 module	1
	Wifi module	1
	Sd card module	1
	Ultra-sonic sensor module	1
	Arduino uno	1



## Precision Irrigation

	Items to Buy	Qnty
	4 channel relay module	2
	Sim900 module	1
	Wifi module	1
	Sd card module	1
	Ultra-sonic sensor module	1
	Arduino uno	1
	12V Geared motor	4



## Precision Irrigation

### Required Tooling

	Tooling	Min Qnty
1	Metal Arc Welding Machine	1
2	Hand-held cutting machine	1
3	Hand-held drilling machine	1
4	Drill-bit 8 mm	1

### Bill Of Materials

	Items to buy	Qnty
1	Angle iron 25 x 25 x 2 mm	36m
2	Square tube 25 x 25 x 3mm	18 m
3	Flat bar 25 x 3mm	6 m
4	Galvanized sheets 0.6 mm	1 sheet
5	Gate wheels (Grooved) 60 mm	4
6	Bearing supports 20mm	8
7	Round solid tube 20 mm	2m

# | Universal Workshop

HDSA activity program and workshop script

# Universal Workshop - Harare Chapter

The Harare chapter will work on the hardware building (metal welding etc)



Metal Art Work(03)



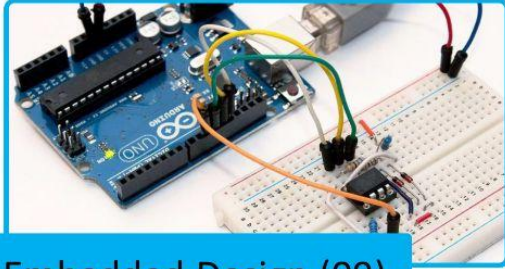


# Universal Workshop - Harare Chapter

The Harare chapter will work on the hardware building (metal welding etc)



# | Universal Workshop - Remote Chapters



Embedded Design (09)

Contribute to project by developing one or more of the subsystems needed to realize the Roko product chain.

Make groups on your location, and **choose** one or more subsystems to develop based on skills level, interest, and materials available to you. You can replace parts with other parts where necessary.

Document your prototypes (hardware set-up, code, resources used) and share them for future development. Please **share on the Zulip channel**

# Universal Workshop

## List of activities for remote chapters

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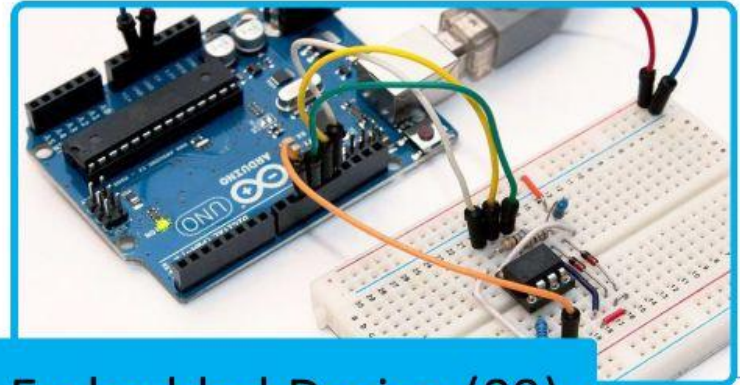
[Activity 5: Fetching water using a real-time clock module](#)

[Activity 6: Building a smart water tap using an ultrasonic sensor](#)

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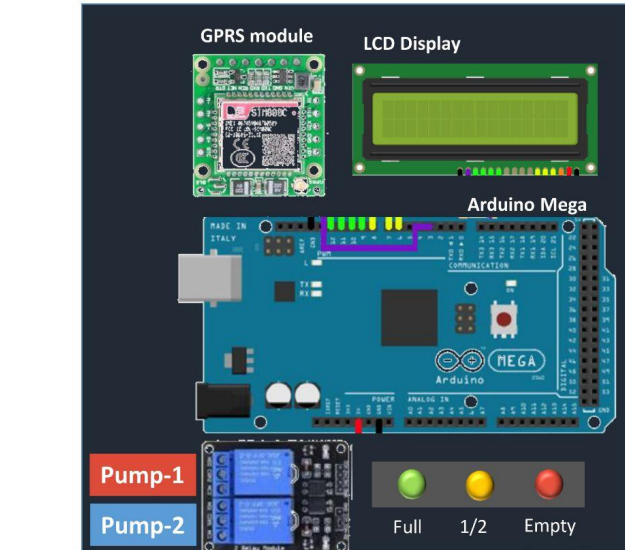
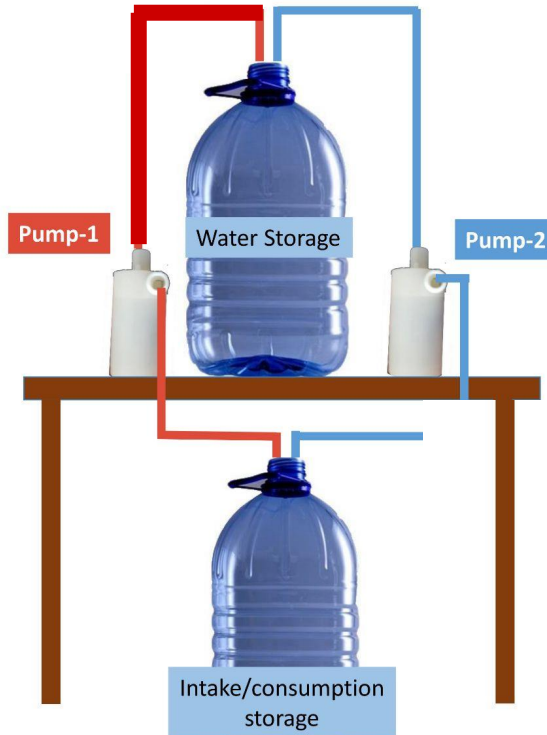


Embedded Design (09)

# Activity 0: Build a water storage simulator

Level: **intermediate**

Resources: <https://ethercalc.hackersanddesigners.nl/i9dygn59a5xq>



# Activity 1: Fetching underground water using a simple button

Level: **beginner**

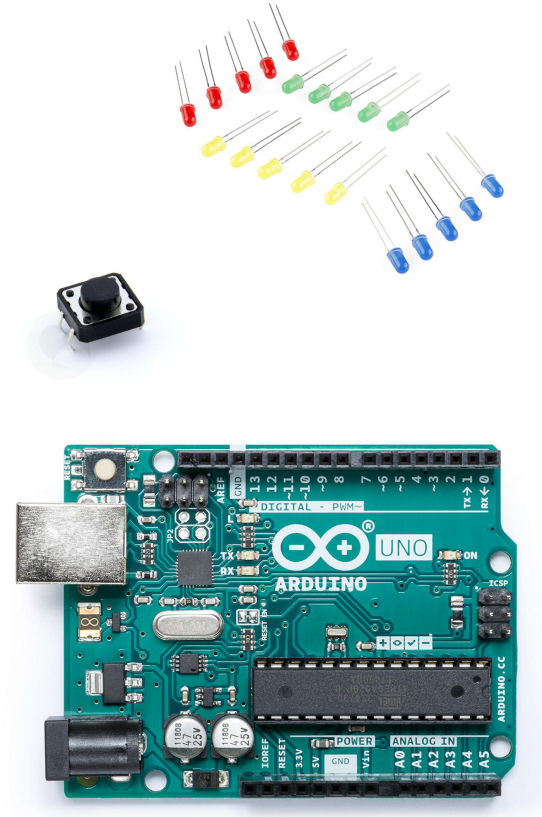
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## Workshop Materials

	Components	Quantity
1	Arduino Uno	1
2	Arduino Male to Male Connectors	10
3	10cm x 10 cm PCB breadboard	1
4	LED 6mm (9 mm optional)	2

## Pre-requisite Softwares

	Software Tools	License type
	Arduino IDE	Open
	Fritzing Virtual Prototyping Bench (Optional)	Open





# Activity 2: Mitigating water usage using soil moisture sensor

Level: **beginner**

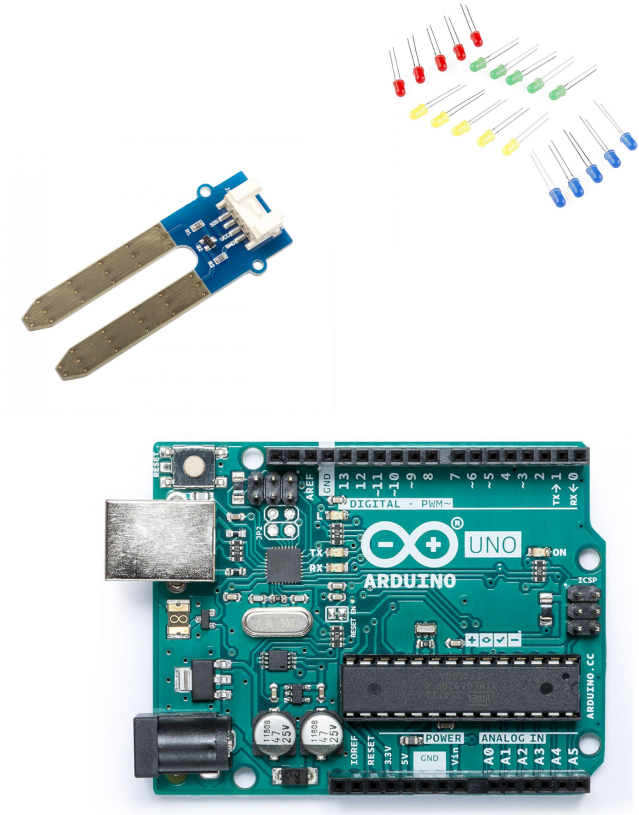
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## Workshop Materials

	Components	Quantity
1	Arduino Uno	1
	Soil Moisture Sensor	1
2	Arduino Male to Male Connectors	10
3	10cm x 10 cm PCB breadboard	1
4	LED 6mm (9 mm optional) 1x red ; 1 x Green	2

## Pre-requisite Softwares

	Software Tools	License type
	Arduino IDE	Open
	Fritzing Virtual Prototyping Bench (Optional)	Open





# Activity 3: Monitoring water usage using an LCD monitor

Level: **intermediate**

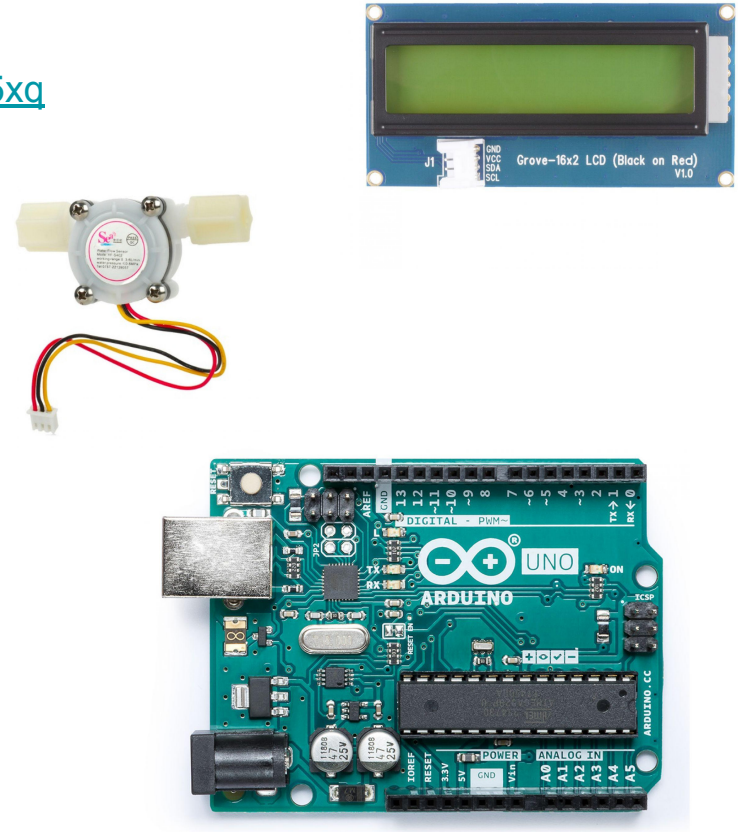
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## Workshop Materials

	Components	Quantity
1	Arduino Uno	1
	Arduino flow rate sensor	1
2	Arduino Male to Male Connectors	10
3	10cm x 10 cm PCB breadboard	1
4	Arduino LCD Output module	2

## Pre-requisite Softwares

	Software Tools	License type
	Arduino IDE	Open
	Fritzing Virtual Prototyping Bench (Optional)	Open



## Activity 4: Securing the community borehole using an alarm system

Level: **intermediate**

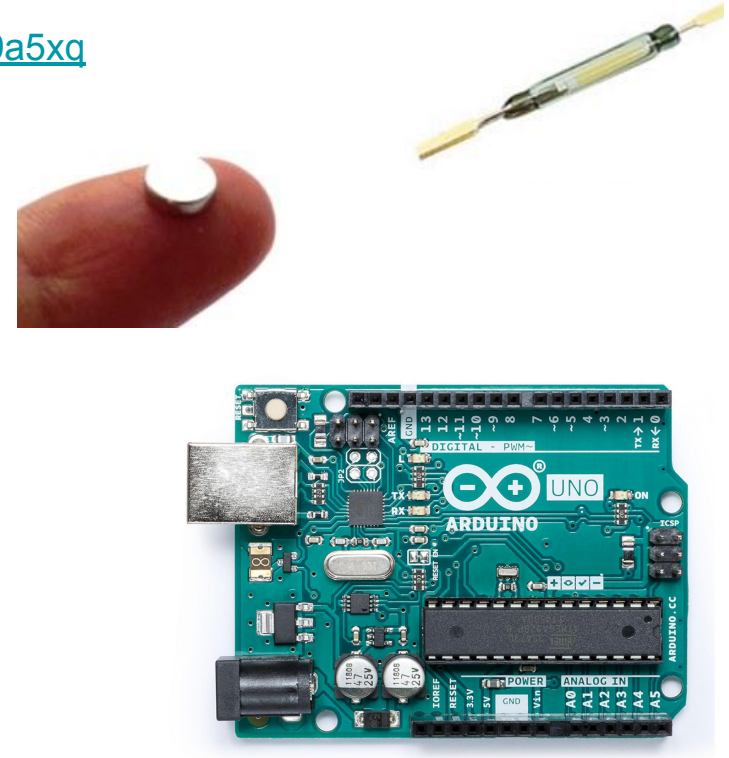
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### Workshop Materials

	Components	Quantity
1	Arduino Uno	1
	Magnetic + Reed Switch Sensor	1
2	Arduino Male to Male Connectors	10
3	10cm x 10 cm PCB breadboard	1
4	Arduino Buzzer Module	2

### Pre-requisite Softwares

	Software Tools	License type
	Arduino IDE	Open
	Fritzing Virtual Prototyping Bench (Optional)	Open



# Activity 5: Fetching water using a real-time clock module

Level: **intermediate**

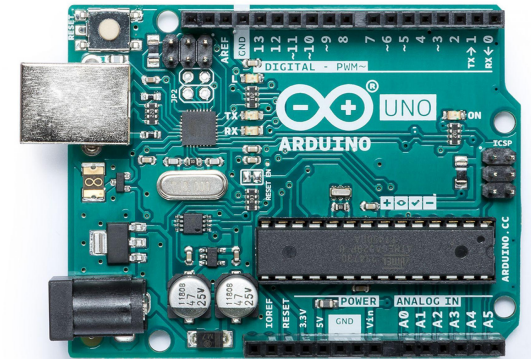
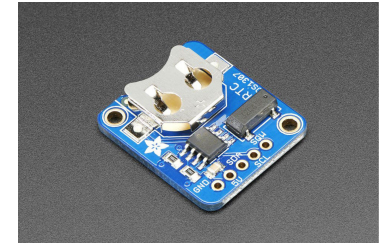
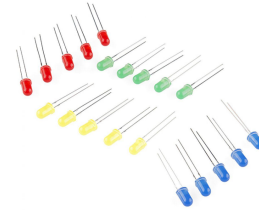
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## Workshop Materials

	Components	Quantity
1	Arduino Uno	1
	Arduino Real-Time Clock Module	1
2	Arduino Male to Male Connectors	10
3	10cm x 10 cm PCB breadboard	1
4	LED 6mm (9 mm optional)	2

## Pre-requisite Softwares

	Software Tools	License type
	Arduino IDE	Open
	Fritzing Virtual Prototyping Bench (Optional)	Open



# Activity 6: Building a smart water tap using an ultrasonic sensor

Level: **intermediate**

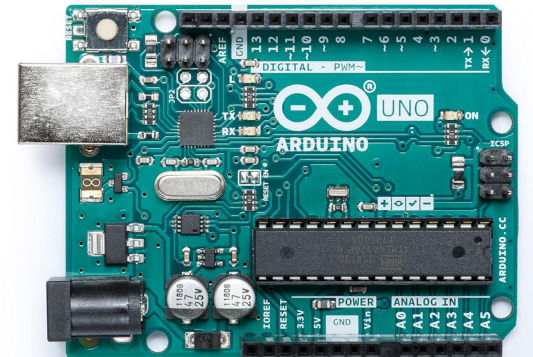
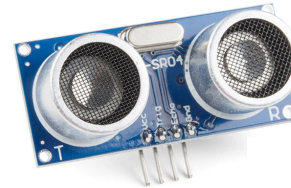
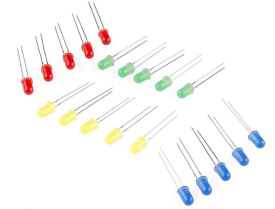
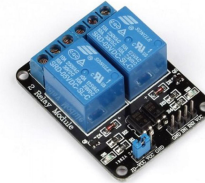
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## Workshop Materials

	Components	Quantity
1	Arduino Uno	1
2	Ultrasonic Sensor Module	1
3	5V DC Solenoid Valve	1
4	Flow-rate sensor (water)	1
5	Arduino Male to Male Connectors	10
6	10cm x 10 cm PCB breadboard	1
7	LED 6mm (9 mm optional)	2

## Pre-requisite Softwares

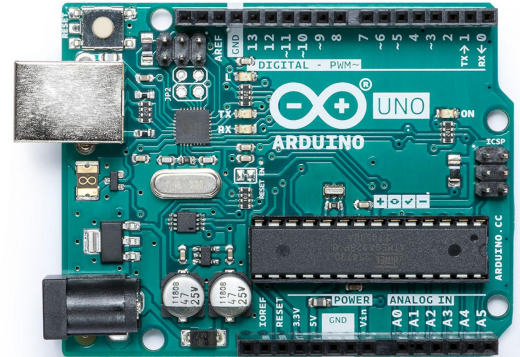
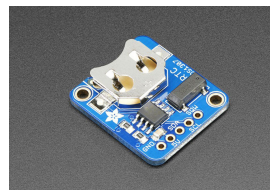
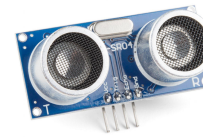
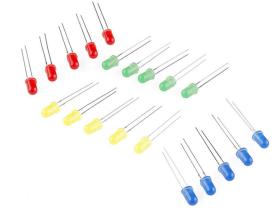
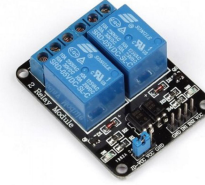
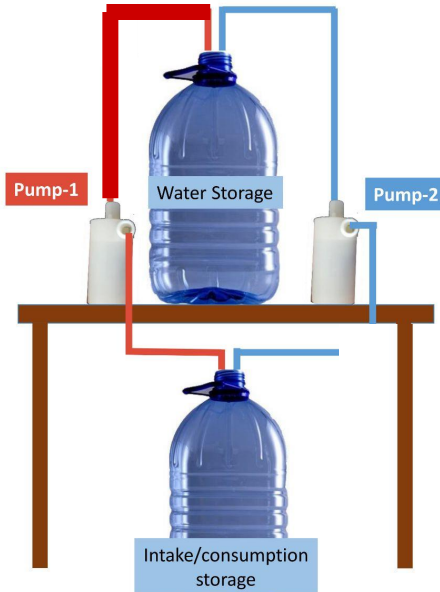
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	Arduino IDE	Open
	Fritzing Virtual Prototyping Bench (Optional)	Open





# Activity 7: Combine all the systems and connect to reservoir

Level: **advanced**



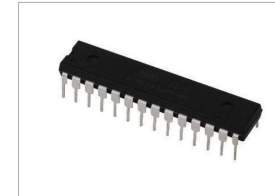
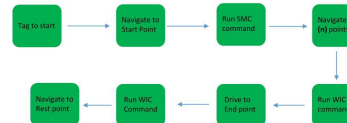
# Activity 8: Build IoT app for controlling devices

Level: **advanced**

Develop an IoT application for web or mobile to control the hardware remotely.



## Robotic Soil Moisture Sensor CONTROL LOGIC



The board is equipped with sets of digital and analog input/output (I/O) pins that may be interfaced to various expansion boards (shields) and other circuits. Arduino is an open-source electronics platform based on easy-to-use hardware and software. [Arduino boards](#) are able to read inputs - light on a sensor, a finger on a button, or a Twitter message - and turn it into an output - activating a motor, turning on an LED, publishing something online. You can tell your board what to do by sending a set of instructions to the microcontroller on the board. To do so you use the [Arduino programming language](#) (based on [C++](#)), and the [Arduino Software \(IDE\)](#), based on [Processing](#).



# Activity 9: Build a robotic soil moisture detector

Level: **advanced**



## Robotic Soil Moisture Detector

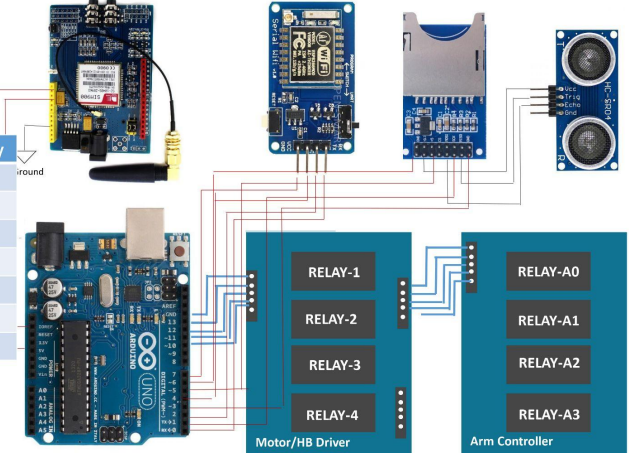
Tooling	Min Qty
1 3D printer	1

### Bill Of Materials

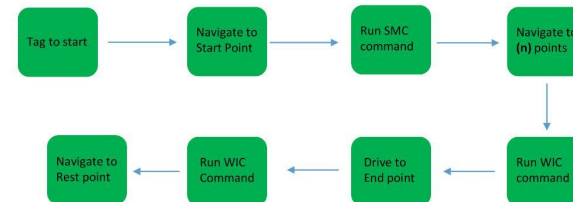
Items Required	Qty
5V DC geared motor	4
5V linear actuator (30 mm stroke )	1
Veranda bolts 40 mm x 3mm + nuts	4
ABS plastic material for 3d printing	0.3 kg
Soil moisture sensor	1
Mini solar panel 10 cm x 10 cm min	1

## Robotic Soil Moisture Sensor PCB Layout

Items to Buy	Qty
4 channel relay module	2
Sim900 module	1
Wifi module	1
Sd card module	1
Ultra-sonic sensor module	1
Arduino uno	1



## CONTROL LOGIC



# Universal Workshop

## Timeline

Activity per location	Day 1: Wed 21 July	Day 2: Thu 22 July	Day 3: Fri 23 July
Harare	Kick-off talk & distribution of resources (collective, online)	Metal work and development of subsystems (locally)	Wrap-up by Bongani after collective presentations (collective, online)
Remote nodes	Each team makes groups based on skills level, interest and available materials and chooses one or more sub-systems to develop this week (locally)	Develop and document one or more of the subsystems (locally)  Optional: build a DIY water pump and connect your subsystems together (locally)	Develop and document one or more of the subsystems (locally)  Finish with collective presentation of prototypes and documentation (collective, online)

## Links and resources

**Parts list:** <https://ethercalc.hackersanddesigners.nl/i9dygn59a5xq>

### **General arduino resources for beginners:**

- Search for “arduino + part name + tutorial” in a search engine
- <https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/HomePage>
- <https://learn.adafruit.com/guides/beginner>
- Instructables, e.g. <https://www.instructables.com/Simple-Arduino-and-HC-SR04-Example/>

## Future steps & invitation to collaborate

The project is open-source and ongoing!

Want to collaborate? I'm interested in connecting with:

- labs with access to precision tooling (CNC machining, metal workshops)
- active open-source communities
- people who want to help attract funding for materials, access to tools & expertise
- etc

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