# ETIA06 Electrical Engineering: Possibilities and Limitations 

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- Docent in Radiosystems
- How to design and build a radio that works.
- Applications ranging from brain implants to particle accelerators (uW to Mw).

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## Anders J Johansson, cont.

- Develops material for and educates teachers in embedded systems and electronics in order to get more engineering into basic education.
- Works with getting rapid prototyping and digital design methods into Swedish slöjd education.
- Previously antenna designer at Sony Ericsson.
- Worked closely with industrial designers and mechanical engineers.


## Course outline

- A couple of lectures
- Two labs
- One project
- Two persons per group
- Final report, video and demo!

| 4/9 Tuesday | Lecture Course information and introduction to concepts. |
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| 7/9 Friday | Moved |
| 11/9 Tuesday | Laboration LittleBits |
|  | Lecture Electronics and embedded systems. |
|  | Register project groups. |
| 14/9 Friday | Laboration Arduino |
|  | Register project name. |
| 18/9 Tuesday | Lecture Programming |
|  | Meeting Project groups present their ideas and propose material list. |
| 21/9 Friday | Not in schedule!? |
| 25/9 Tuesday | Lecture Programming part 2 |
|  | Delivery of parts for project. |
| 28/9 Friday | Lecture Content to be decided |
| 2/10 Tuesday | Moved |
| 5/10 Friday | Project group meetings (All groups have one meeting this week) |
| 9/10 Tuesday | Project group meetings (All groups have one meeting this week) |
| 12/10 Friday | Lecture Design for manufacturing |
| 16/10 Tuesday | Project group meetings (All groups have one meeting this week) |
| 19/10 Friday | Project demos. |
| 2/11 Friday | Deadline for the report and video. |

## Course requirements

- Needed to pass course:
- Attend two labs.
- Attend and give project demo.
- Project report (Details later, but necessary parts include: parts list, estimated cost, block and circuit diagram, photos of quick and dirty, functional, and final prototypes.
- Project video (1 minute)
- Hand back parts


Electrical engineering basics


## Embedded basics



## Programming basics



## Prototype basics

## Prototypes

- Different kind of prototypes
- Quick and dirty
- Functional (Proof of concept, Working)
- Look and feel (Visual/Tactile)
- Integrated (User experience/Functional)
- Production

Where prototyping would have been good:


## Interior space



## Quick and dirty



## Quick and Dirty

- The quick and dirty prototype
- Facilitates communication
- Gives a first idea of look and feel
- Test/roleplay experinece



## Quick-and-dirty prototype



Functional electric prototype

(Not my kitchen, found the picture on the web....)

## Functional (electrical) prototype

- All electric components present
- Test functionality
- Does motors, lights etc. turn on and off as intended?
- Does displays give the right message?
- Do the inputs and sensors work?


## Forgotten-kid-in-car-seat-alarm



## Next steps

In some order:

- Look and feel
- Handmade
- CAD/3D-printed mockup
- Etc.
- Possible to "fake" functionality
- Integrated prototype

Then:

- Production prototype
- Refinements...


"They slow us down to speed us up. By taking the time to prototype our ideas, we avoid costly mistakes such as becoming too complex too early and sticking with a weak idea for too long."
- Tim Brown


## "THE FIRST ONE IS ALWAYS A PROTOTYPE"

## First assignment:

- The project will be done in pairs, find a partner before Tuesday!
- Start thinking about ideas, but don’t get stressed / locked in yet: the labs are intended to give inspiration!

