

Team B21 : Waterproof hearing aid

Project Deliverable E: Project Progress Presentation

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Project Outline



Problem statement: To design and produce a functional set of waterproof hearing aids while still optimizing the functionality and user experience for people who suffer from hearing loss



Customer Needs

Metric #	Needs	Metric	Importance	Units
1	1	Battery life	5	Hours
2	3	Water resistance	3	IPXX
3	4	Rechargeable	5	Binary
4	5	High quality microphone	5	kHz
5	6	Hearing aid size	4	cm ³
6	8	User satisfaction	5	Subjective
7	2	Easy to clean	4	Subjective



Benchmarking

Company	Philips Hearlink	Phonak Brio 4	Kirkland Signature 9.0	Starkey Livio
Cost	\$1249.99	\$1249.99	\$1499.99	1580.00
Water Resistance	IP68	IP68	IP68	IP58
Weight	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Battery	Disposable	Disposable	Disposable	Rechargeable
Estimated Battery Life	18 hours	18 hours	18 hours	16 hours
Fit	Behind the ear (BTE)	BTE	BTE	BTE



Target specifications

	Metric	Units	Marginal Value	Ideal Value
1	Cost	CAD\$	100	<100
2	Water resistance	IPXX	<IP58	IP68
3	Weight	Grams	>150	>145
4	Battery	Type	Disposable	Rechargeable
5	Estimated Battery Life	Hours	<16	<18
6	Fit	BTE or ITE	BTE	BTE

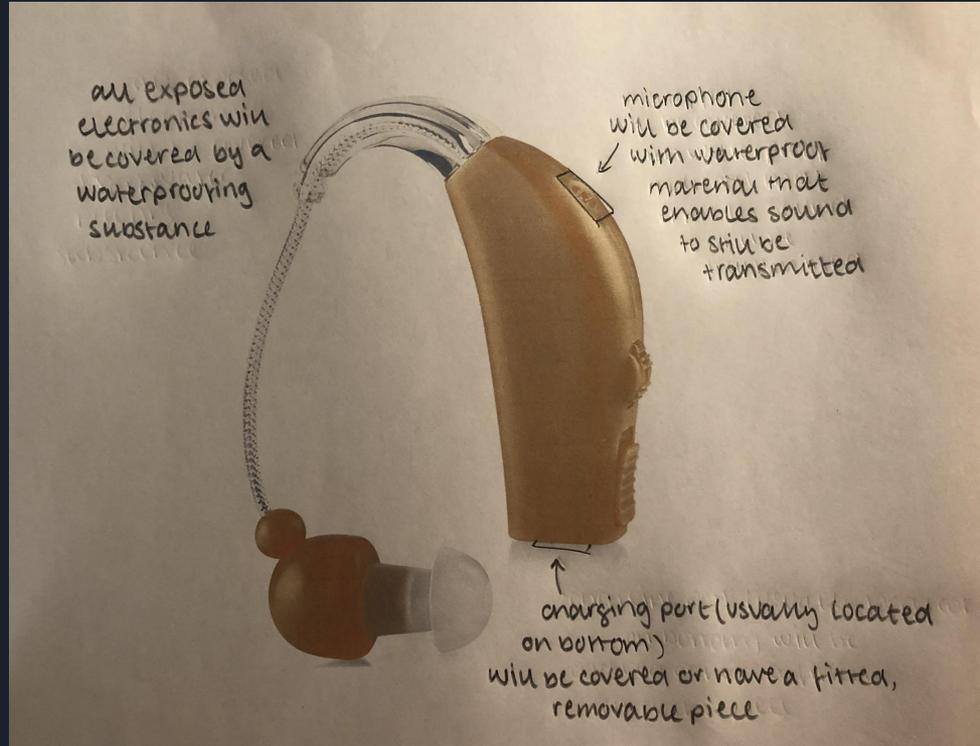


Product Concept

Top 3 choices:

1. Waterproof the electronics with clear nail polish or a hydrophobic spray and make a silicon piece to waterproof the charging port and cover the microphone with a water resistant fabric
2. Take off the original casing of the hearing aid and, using a 3D printer, produce a casing to replace the original
3. Produce a 3D printed case to go over the hearing aid to block off all ports where water can enter and can be removed for charging

Proposed concept





Feasibility study

Is the project technically possible?

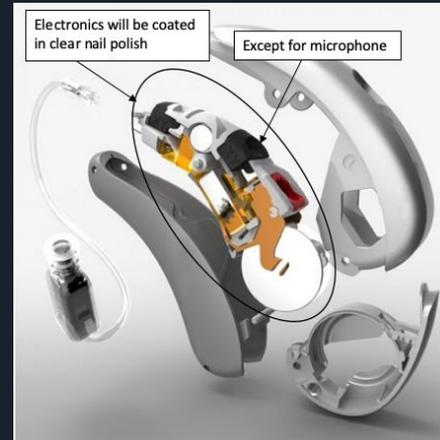
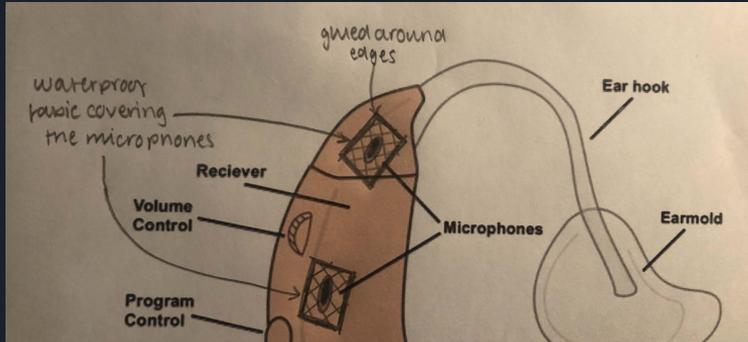
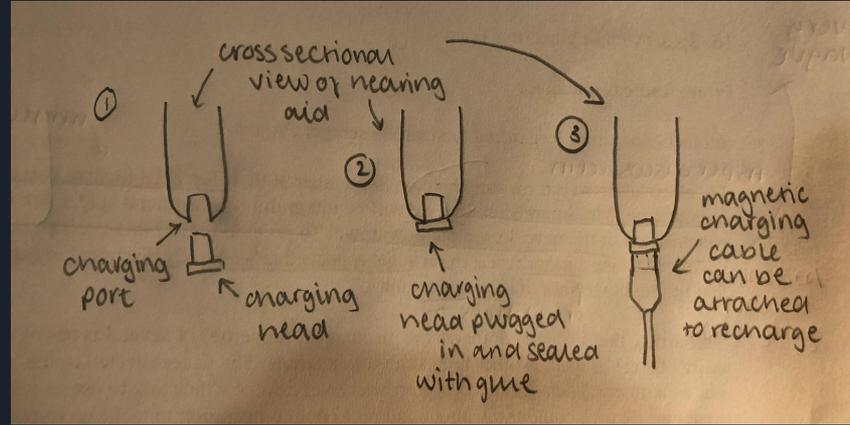
Can the project be afforded?

Is the project legal?

What are the organizational constraints and other factors?

Can the project be done in time?

Prototype Development





Client Feedback

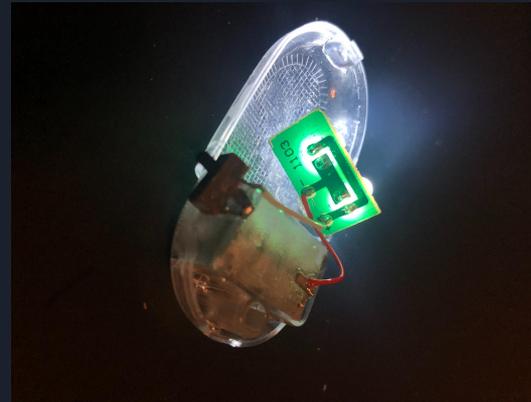
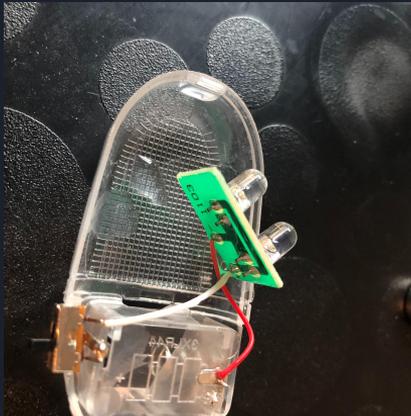
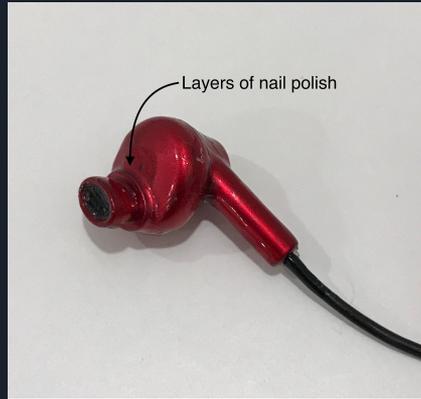
Key points:

- Batteries expensive, rechargeable better
- Will not wear them for swimming
- Good ideas so far

Solutions:

- Keep constructing them as if she were going to wear them to swim
- Maintain progress on rechargeable design, think of more possibilities to make this work

Prototype development and testing



Prototype Development and testing





Next steps

- Purchase hearing aid
- Assemble prototype
- Test for waterproofing



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