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DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF DROPPING MECHANISM ATTACHABLE TO A DRONE

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ABSTRACT

Traffic congestion in increasingly congested urban areas has increased the travel time and delivery of goods and foods. Hence, attention is being paid to upgrading the goods transport network by reducing the traffic and ultimately improving the travel time. Delivering the objects is not just relying on roads and rails because these two modes of transport are not able to deliver the goods on time. Therefore, we need air routes as an alternative option to solve this issue. This project develops a complicated deployment based on the drone flyer, allowing the drone fleet to deliver items accurately. This power transmission means has the theoretical maximum load-bearing capacity of 5 kgs; it can be used in a wide range of applications. The Raspberry Pi used in this system is a very important element as it is the one responsible for better and more efficient object detection, which is necessary when aiming to identify target objects precisely. Automated dropping is attained via the object detection system while manual dropping is made possible by the servo motors. This proves perfect in operation because of the amount of control these aids have during operation. This duality of superior technology and comprehensive control renders this drone with the dropping mechanism fully fit for the use of tasks like cargo shipping, surveillance jobs, or local disaster responses.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

Pound	lb
Kilogram	kg
Volts	V
Current	Ι
Density	Р

Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The project core consists of a technically advanced and adaptive hexacopter aircraft which from agricultural use was modified as a base model. The water carrier in this drone was facilitated by the 6 powerful engines and propellers, which were mainly used to capture the operations of the program effectively. Hexacopter's overall performance is extruded by the its facilitate structure and flexibility. All these factors, from transporting emergency supplies to our main task now, make it the best platform.

1.1.1 Introduction to the Hexacopter

The built of hexacopter using high strength carbon fiber may look deceptive to observers about its amazing strength and durability, but these qualities are the output of the long-running carbon fiber build. With this quality degree and strength, the drone has long life span and gives multi-functional performance and maneuverability. Yet, it is the drone's six engines that provide amazing stability and load capacity. Despite an average lifting weight of 48 lb, the drone can reach heights of 100 ft. The integrity of the storage container is mainly defined by the payload capacity, which has a decisive role in the proper delivery of goods. These properties working together will display a hexacopter's capabilities in many areas, the use extends from the field of emergency to agriculture.

1.1.2 Technical Specifications and Capabilities

The six-propeller seems a little heavy, but it is tough and durable which is made from tough carbon-fiber. The drone will be made from strong durable material, which will increase its lifetime at the same time, the flight performance, and maneuvering capabilities, this will enable it to be used in future missions. Six rotors of drone constitute superior stability and power while 10 kg payload capacity is an essential advantage when it comes to efficient transportation of the goods in our part. All these elements taken together contribute to a realistic example of the possibilities of the hexacopter in a wide range of situations, starting with emergency cases and ending with agricultural applications.

1.1.3 Adaptation for New Applications

The modification of the hexacopter from being a farming implement into a rapid reaction delivery drone indicates increased engineering capability and more versatility. In this text,

the use of our specially designed attachment box gives additional opportunities for the drone to take advantage of its existing features. Thus, it gains the capability to make its function more valued than its original intended purpose. The adaptability of the hexacopter is demonstrated correctly through its inter-operability process which provides the end-user with a necessary asset for many situations. With technology fully utilized, we are able to provide solutions for real-world issues and offer creative ways.

1.1.4 Dropping Mechanism:

HEXA Copter provides a highly improved and up to date dropping system to respond efficiently and properly to goods. The system consists of the carrier licensed as regards a camera, control, and circuitry. Providing in both Autonomous and Manual modes, it allows adaptation and adaptability to different scenarios.

The hexacopter is the only model among its class that uses a tray-like YOLO (You Only Look Once) payload tray that can be deployed autonomously by the system. This is a classifier model trained to recognize certain classes of symbol that are strongly correlated with the mission's goals. The target sign is detected via the camera in the Hexacopter's field of view, the YOLO model will be taking it into consideration and make a quick decision. The automation produces the rotation of servo mechanism to achieve a specific angle without error, hence actuating the servo movement. When the payload is released or when its transporter has to be moved, the Coordinate Measuring Machine will guide and track the payload to the launcher's nose.

However, it is important to note that this controller being remotely controlled cuts down the difficulty of the manual operation process using the dropping mechanism. They can thereby monitor and direct the process of payload deployment in real-time, which is beneficial. Operators, by linking PI-4 and the controller, can monitor the mission progress very carefully. They can thus view live feed full of the environment that is around the UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle). In the context of unmanned systems, operators can physically adjust servo functions to achieve efficient target deployment based on their awareness of the present situation; hence, they can be programmed to align accurately with their mission. The optimal performance of the Hexacopter in various mission goals is ensued by its high level of precision, reliability, and flexibility. It can be used as an autonomous robot or remotely controlled.

1.2 Motivation:

Troops do not have to become accustomed to living in a different and harsh environment,

but they also need to make sure that they are well-equipped and have all essential supplies like food, medical care, and ammunition in the challenging conditions of the Siachen Glacier. Think about this situation: wanted is a timely delivery of the medical stuff for a military battalion at Siachen, however, the trucks are either being halted while refueling or there are other hurdles on their way. It is a fact that in critical conditions like flooding where other forms of land transportation are not applicable, drones can be the only rescuer to deliver the food and the medical aid reliably and safely to the afflicted areas. Our proposal is to make the delivery mechanism of the drone a core feature of the solution that is customized within the drones to deal with this issue. These drones envisage carrying delivery boxes that would help in delivering the stuff to assigned locations in emergency like that of the unit stationed at Siachen Glacier. After the packages are delivered, the drone will automatically travel to the base while continuing streaming video of the outside area.

1.3 Problem Statement:

Ensuring timely delivery of packages to specific destinations has been challenging, resulting in delays. Moreover, various critical situations demand urgent delivery of solution packages. However, Pakistan currently lacks a drone delivery system, leading to significant losses.

1.4 Novelty/ Contribution:

Before, packages were equipped with a hook to attach with the drone delivery systems, causing challenges with loading, unloading, and ensuring package safety. Typically made of cloth, these packages were prone to being harmed by the nearby trees and birds. Our solution addresses these issues by designing a durable sheet metal box with internal padding to ensure the safety of packages. This advancement significantly reduces the risk of damage during transportation, ensuring that the items arrive safely at their destination without any harm. Moreover, our system includes manual loading and automatic unloading functionalities, making the delivery process easier and enhancing user safety and convenience.

Chapter 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

Drone technology is revolutionary, offering fresh possibilities and inventive answers across various industries. Drones, also called UAVs, are aerial vehicles that fly without a human pilot on board. Human operators or onboard computers can control them from a distance. Drones come in different forms and sizes, from small recreational drones to large industrial-grade drones used for aerial photography, agriculture, deliveries, and surveillance. The crucial components of a drone include the frame, motors, batteries, flight controller, propellers, sensors (such as GPS, gyroscopes, accelerometers, and cameras), and communication systems. These parts work together to enable the drone to soar, travel, collect information, and link up with base stations. This technology has caused significant changes in numerous sectors.

Drones are employed in agriculture for the purpose of overseeing crops, administering pesticides, and assessing crop health to enhance production and sustainability. Drones increase the level of safety and efficiency in the sector of infrastructure inspection by exploring the different types of accessible such as buildings, pipelines, electricity lines, bridges, communication towers, and transmission lines. Drones can be deployed in emergency and rescue missions, to navigate through steep inaccessible areas as well as search for those stranded. They can also be used to monitor site incidents. Drones are being employed in the film and photography industries to provide breathtaking aerial pictures that amplify the effect of storytelling and are cinematically as well. The logistics sector is finding drone technology useful for algorithms of quick transportation, in other words, as a tool for more efficient transportation of goods for e-commerce businesses. Drones are used for such purposes as surveillance and security, they scan events, seas, borders, and key installations to improve situational awareness and speed up emergency responses. Drones may be employed to track wildlife, forests, etc. Surveys of these ecosystems can contribute to research and conservation for environmental monitoring. Through the installation of drones mapping and survey work becomes simplified, allowing us to make the best maps available that are accurate, effective, and detailed in their reporting. Drone platforms carry multiple benefits, but the poor sides like privacy, airspace restrictions, safety concerns, and other wrongful conduct also cannot be neglected. Safety, security, and intelligent behavior in the skies are unconditionally guaranteed by the majority of countries by means of enacting laws that forbid the misuse of drones. Consequently, with technological advancement, more

emphasis is expected to be put on drones that, in turn, promote new strategies, properties, and surrounding benefits in the industries.

2.1 Applications

2.1.1 Delivery Drone and Payload Delivery with Drone

Payload delivery drones are the most sophisticated implementation of applying drone technology to deliver cargo in an expedited processing and speedy manner. The hulls are sturdy and with the design comprising many props for flight and hang time, the bots are useful for exploring unseen areas of an asteroid. The drones designated for delivery are also equipped with high-tech navigation solutions like GPS and obstacle avoidance systems that give them the ability to precisely navigate, do the maneuvers overcome the obstacles, and end the flight at the designated destination. The process of drone payload distribution is carried out with a high level of precision and a specific set of methods. Firstly, the order processing phase where the system treats the product for handing over and chooses the drone for delivery is performed. After that, the drone utilizes sensors to avoid obstacles and controls movements or adherence to flight schedules based on GPS coordinates or predetermined flight routes for navigation to the designated drop-off point. After being sent, the drone headed to the cargo location and went through the landing platform, winches, anddrop systems to safely unload the cargo. The procedure is the finalized stage by sending an e-confirmation either to the recipient or courier. Drones automate mapping and surveying effectively by producing high-resolution 3-D maps independently and efficiently. While drone technologies indeed present several advantages, there are several concurrent issues including privacy breaches, airspace usage, and flight safety issues, as well as misuse possibilities. For there to be safety, security, and accountability of the skies, some countriesimpose drone use so as to make it lawful. Along with the progress of technology, drones areanticipated to have more use in numerous industries, contributing to advanced efficiency, innovation, and positive influence among them. Perspectives from all these sides, delivery drones boast a lot of prospects in Internet sales and logistics and could be what the transportation of goods has always needed. Whereas this development in e-commerce and logistics, which is delivery drones has strong potential to change how the things transported will be in the new times.

2.1.2 Disaster Management

In [1], the assessment of the UAV-captured video forest fire detection model is reported.

This work uses chromatin features to identify pixels colored by forest fires and an optical flow method to extract the foreground, which looks at the motion characteristics of a forest fire, in order to increase the detection rate. The findings demonstrate how well our specific model detects forest fires, with a high detection rate of 96.09% and a low false alarm rate of 3.91%. In order to estimate the horizontal wind for forest fire monitoring, Xing et al. [2] suggested a recursive least-squares estimator-based method that uses several UAVs and airspeed measurements made without the need for additional flow sensors. [3] provides information about a distributed control system designed for a fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) that can effectively monitor and track the development of a wildfire in a vast expanse. Saha et al. proposed a quadcopter for disaster management that is both completely autonomous and low-cost, utilizing the Global Positioning System. Milan et al. [5] highlighted the main applications of UAV networks in disaster management and also addressed important research queries related to UAV utilization. The authors supported the notion that integrating the UAV network with cellular and WSN networks had the potential to be a beneficial new technology for disaster relief efforts. A screwed vehicle with a synthetic vision system is being used to search for people, machinery, and other items in a wildfire. [6] has also proposed methods for selecting the UAV's path and altitude while searching for objects on the ground. Using a holistic drone hardware design is advised for efficient navigation in GPS-deprived areas and effective victim identification methods [7]. An Intel RealSense was utilized for local mapping, a Hokuyo lidar for global mapping, and a DJI Matrice 100 for mapping purposes. The collective information shows that combining these sensors could assist rescuers in finding victims of natural disasters in unknown areas, unaffected by changes in lighting. The significance of employing a team of UAVs—UGVs for collaborative forest monitoring and fire detection was examined by Khaled et al. [9]. This is in contrast to deploying UAVs alone, which has a restricted operating duration and payload. They went on to say that pairing with UGVs reduced the amount of communication required between the UAVs and the ground station and enhanced UAV efficiency. Convergent estimation is possible using the suggested approach at a respectable level of accuracy.

2.2 Object Detection System

Object detection systems utilize advanced technology to find and recognize objects in images or video streams. It employs advanced algorithms, particularly Convolutional Neural

Networks (CNNs), that excel at detecting patterns in visual data and acquiring new ones. These systems are trained with labeled datasets in order to recognize different types of objects. While in the deployment phase, they detect objects, outline them with bounding boxes, categorize them into predetermined groups, and accurately determine their location within the image or video screen. They additionally examine pictures or video frames, prepare the data to enhance quality, and identify features with deep learning methods. Examples of object detection systems include YOLO (You Only Look Once), Faster R-CNN, and Single-Shot Detectors (SSD). In every case, speed, accuracy, and real-time scalability are seen as advantages for the other media. A technique called HOG (Histogram of Oriented Gradients), breaks the images into many small square cells; the gradient histogram is then computed in each cell. Next, the results are normalized taking into account the cell blocks separately, and then provide a descriptor for each block [10]. It is only recently that the performance of RCNN has gained considerable success in the field of object detection; however, its excessive speed in recognizing objects remains one of the reasons why it is not quite practical to apply it. Even before selective searching, it is necessary to cut out almost 2,000 regions. In this chain, we have as much feature extraction, objects identifying with the SVM method, and bounding boxes created with the regression method. These systems are used in many sectors including - the analytics of autonomous vehicles, security systems that monitor, retail for detection of anomalies and management of inventories, and medical imaging for identification of abnormalities in scans [11].

Although it may be still a useful technology, object recognition faces difficulties in the following matters: complex backgrounds, low light, and occlusions. While the accurateness, speed, and reliability of these systems are all lagging and are still undergoing continuing improvements by advances in deep learning, sensor technologies, and computing power [12]. This enables multiple areas of application; Automation, Security, Safety, and Intelligence of visual data analysis included.

2.3 Automation and AI Algorithms

Automation provides for fewer operational problems, like expenses and accessibility. Its very complicated for the number of reasons that only in chosen regions people can get behind the wheel of a car or fly aircraft. Modern technology like AI algorithms combined with automation technologies are only two of the building blocks of the innovative solutions leveraged for improving decisions and processes in various fields. Automation, which

involves incorporating computerized technology to perform functions without necessitating human involvement, is largely deployed to improve accuracy and simplify the entire process [13]. On the other hand, AI algorithms enable robots to gain automation understanding through data learning, pattern recognition, and the ability to draw logical conclusions. Automation has become increasingly common in the last decade to cut down on labor expenses and save time. The fusion of man and machine has been replaced by computers and machines in automation.

The integration of AI into automated systems yields various benefits such as enhanced precision, increased productivity, adaptability to dynamic situations, and the generation of valuable insights. This refers to the capacity of any program to understand the characteristics of the visual input. The computer constructs the identification or classification process utilizing images as training data. There exist multiple uses for artificial intelligence in automation [14]. From drones to self-driving cars, intelligent automation is utilized. AI-powered automation is seen being used in various practical applications. AI-powered robots improve manufacturing quality assurance, predict issues with equipment, and optimize production timetables. AI chatbots are advantageous in customer service because they can respond to inquiries, handle support tasks automatically, and offer personalized suggestions. Financial institutions utilize AI algorithms for evaluating risks, detecting fraud, and making automated investment decisions. AI-powered diagnostic systems are employed in the healthcare field to examine medical images, develop personalized treatment plans, andtrack illnesses through predictive analysis.

AI and the algorithms integrated raise many problems while cooperating with automation [15]. Tariff aspects that need to be determined at the initial stage of the development of the system include data protection, reduction of tropism, ethical considerations, and openness of decision-making. Nevertheless, there is an abundance of these opportunities to the business due to the confluence of the automation and algorithmic AI in that it helps to enhance the consumer experiences, operate more rapidly, and be more accurately. The development of these technologies is probably expected to increase the influence on different societal matters. Increasing chances and spectrum for optimization of processes and also innovations are not excluded.

2.4 Mechanical Analysis and Simulation

Modern engineering would be boring without modeling and scrutinizing, therefore

mechanical analysis and simulation provide strong procedures for merchanting and improving the performance of mechanisms concurrently. The applications that follow this process include generating geometric features for individual parts or the whole system using CAD software e.g. mass, thickness, and material quality [16]. The scope of these evaluations can range from inertia/time-dependent evaluations considering factors like vibrations and shocks to static assessments which determine the system response to relatively stable actuation frequencies. The spread of thermal analysis and modal analysis give rise to studies done on the temperature distribution and structural dynamics. Modeling is done by means of meshing, applying material properties, setting boundary conditions, and by employing solvers to predict system reactions, whereby numerical representations are produced into physical models. In the postprocessing stage, the simulation findings are what arouse our curiosity with information about stresses, displacements, temperatures, and many more other significant characteristics [17]. This broad application ranges from fluid dynamics modelling for locating pressure distribution and heat transfer to stress analysis and fatigue testing for strength and lifetime check.

Mechanical analysis and simulation do analytically and prove useful in several domains. They lessen the risks by spotting design issues when they are still in the early stages and prove to be economical by getting rid of the need for prototypes that need to be physically revisited. Before the project of a product goes into production, engineers design, test, and validate the performance principles of new designs at work. However, several challenges that include, but are not limited to, modeling credibility, computational capacity, and validation of data are some of the factors whose management is paramount in ensuring accuracy and efficiency of simulations [18]. For engineers, mechanical analysis and their simulation have to be seen as the core methods that let them make the systems of their machines quite strong, reliable and efficient in a wide range of sectors.

2.5 Operational Challenges and Solutions

The operational problems often arise in the companies and organizations that interfere with the processes, and the productivity. Ineffective resource allocation is typically the cause of most issues in resource management which tends to prolong projects and increase congestion. Resource planning entails employing discovery tools and holding regular reviews to guarantee the uniformity of those allocation practices is one of the possible solutions. The details of the supply chain, such as transparency, interconnectedness and risk management will demonstrate how to avoid such bottlenecks as supplier delays and logistical problems [19]. Designing quality management systems, undertaking regular inspections, and taking data analytics action to achieve perfection are all required to address the quality control issues.

Customer satisfaction must be taken care of instead of ignoring it, frontline workers need to be trained, and different CRM systems need to be purchased to avoid slow responses and breakdowns in communication. The most obvious is operational efficiency which has to do with task duplication and manual procedures. Some of these issues can be resolved with the use of workflow optimization, performance evaluation, and automation projects. To ensure homogeneity and adoption in the technology shift, we must set up a tangible roadmap with training and change management efforts included.

Solutions like lack of transparency, frequent audits and fast-changing regulatory frameworks can be helpful in dealing with regulatory compliance issues. To improve resilience and to undermine danger is the need of considering risk management issues, such as financial risks and data loss threats and providing proactive steps, cybersecurity technologies, and staff training [20]. In today's competitive business world, organizations can accelerate their agility, gain market share and grow both financially and substantially by addressing their operational issues and becoming part of the solution.

2.6 Safety and Regulatory Considerations

The contextualization of environmental protection, the health and safety of workers and the compliance with moral standards and legal obligations are taken into account all by the fulfillment of safety and regulatory initiatives. Safety measures is the workplace therefore are a foundation in the creation of a safer environment where employees are less likely to experience accidents and overall their wellbeing is enhanced. The measures include adequate training with trade awareness whether they work, and the health and safety protocols which must always be observed. and creating a safety culture. Forms of eco-friendly technology such as pollution-reducing and waste management techniques are supplemented as well with environmental awareness campaigns that help to conserve the preservation of natural resources as well as ensure for legal compliance.

Health laws that ensure the product's safety are not just pertaining to the health of public but also ethical standards. Thus, regulatory compliance in food, pharmaceuticals, and related industries is critical. To make sure that the confidential data is safe in addition to protecting a stakeholder's confidence, data security and protections, data encryption, program access restriction, privacy rules, and compliance with data protection regulations are used. Workplace hazards risk assessment, ergonomics solutions provision, emergency response plans development, employee wellness issues addressed are to be in a holistic nature thereof a healthy workforce is achieved, and productivity encouraged as a result.

Testing the products, maintaining quality management systems, adherence to quality monitoring in the supply chain, and a fast reaction to product recalls are some of the common tactics used in product safety and quality assurance to comply with the law and assure consumer trust. The leading practice to generate trust and decrease the reputation hazard is incorporating ethical culture and corporate governance into it. This includes the code of conduct development, encouraging moral making, participation in socially conscious projects, and keeping lines of communication open and honest. Organizations may create a socially acceptable sector, which is environmentally conscious and operates on high moral values, thereby improving stakeholder trust and reducing the risk through safety, compliance with regulations, and ethical standards.

2.7 Future Trends and Research Directions

Future developments and areas of study in safety, regulatory adherence, and ethical guidelines will greatly influence various industries and organizations. The combination of automation technology and artificial intelligence (AI) will bring about a transformation in safety protocols, compliance tracking, and risk oversight. AI with machine learning ability provides real time analytics, hence they optimize the distribution of resources and decision making, thus providing early warnings on the likely risks. Moreover, blockchain usage promotes the tracking of supply chain and regulations implementation since the immutable and transparent transaction records, produced by smart contracts are applied. Cybersecurity and data protection are key factors to embark on that should be achieved. As a result of new laws being established in regard to data protection, for instance, CCPA and GDPR, companies are now building privacy requirements at the foundation. Anonymization and encryption provide remedy to issues touching on privacy as it is also a way of safeguarding sensitive data. Furthermore, corporations have to spend serious money for their threat intelligence, incident response, strong cybersecurity measures to counter chances in the dynamic cyber threats landscape. The reduction of waste and related pollutants as well as respect of socio-cultural diversity and the environment with a conscience is an upcoming

practice. Through using circular strategies, sourcing ecofriendly energy, and incorporating eco oriented principles, many businesses are reducing their environmental impacts. In addition to social responsibilities, companies can engage in activities about workers' fair treatment, diversity and inclusion, and others in a responsible way. In line with their expectations, the stakeholders are calling for more business accountability and transparency with regard to their social and environmental impact on society. Novel RegTech solutions are of pivotal importance as they contribute, among others, to maintaining discipline over compliance and management of risks. This includes risk assessment algorithms, regulatory reporting systems, and automated compliance tools which are all included. Risk management models that address, in the first place, reputational, financial, operational, and regulatory risks tend to have priority. Ethical issues of AI and new technologies gain increasing importance by offering solutions concerning the organization, oversight, and constitution of frameworks of law to necessitate accountability, justice and transparency.

Next, international harmonization, standards, safety, and compliance will be affected by collaborating cooperation, as well. The Authorities, the Companies, and other Participants must work for a united world to resolve a cross-border legal problem, align the standards, and also give good advice worldwide. Standards, certifications, and frameworks for the specific sectors or departments help organizations in terms of meeting the required regulations and implementing the best practices. The given research explicates that the corporate sector and its leaders are undergoing tremendous changes due to such factors as ethical leadership, innovative technology platforms, the opening of new surrounding markets globally and sustainable operations.

Conclusion and Summary

As a final note, the safety, rules following, and ethical beliefs that have been mentioned above affect all industries and organizations. Unfolding events and new strategic interests will drastically redefine the principal challenge areas that businesses will need to address. Integration of block chain with AI and automation allows for the elimination of risks in real time, adherence to give regulations, and increase in occupational safety thus improved security. Companies are still coming up with strong cyber-security measures like Privacy-Enhancing Technology and robust strategies that guarantee both private data and resilience to cyber threats. Through the growing use of environmental responsibility, socially assessable management techniques and ethical governance, signs become manifest of a new

expectation of social and environmental concerns as being important in companies. Regulating technology products, as well as fraud management principles with ethical AI regime, are indispensable elements of compliance management and risk reduction. Collaboration across the international arena and the acceptance of existing standards are complementary to the industry standards and the market regulations. To conclude, the growth of innovation, teamwork and an infatuation with ethical business practice will shapethe trend of security, compliance and ethics in future. If companies apply these trends and this research, they will be capable of addressing issues of complexity, fostering trust with stakeholders, and pursuing sustainable progress in the new business environment after each change.

Chapter 3: METHADOLOGY

3.1 Design Iteration for Drone Attached Box

3.1.1 Introduction

The primary objective of constructing the attachment box for drones was to design a simplified, reliable, and practical unit, for the management of payload deployments. The container will accommodate a battery of about 4.25 kgs on the top, while the maximum weight of the payload was limited to 5 kg. Many problems had to be solved during the design phase, for example, from secure attachment to the drone's legs to ensuring a controlled and precise release of items mid-air. In this section, we detail the various design iterations, the rationale behind each, and the reasons for making subsequent changes.

3.1.2 Iteration 1: Box with Slider Mechanism

3.1.2.1 Design Concept

Firstly, the sliding mechanism was one of the fundamental parts in the very first design of the box. This device has solely one purpose, which is, to provide easy-to-use and practical means to get into the box.

Key Features:

- An easily accessible horizontal sliding door.
- A sturdy construction meant to safely support the weight while in flight
- An easier way to load and unload.

3D CAD Model:



Figure 1 Box with Sider Mechanism

3.1.2.2 Rationale

Advantages:

- Ease of Use: The sliding feature of the box made it easy to open and close, allowing quick access to the interior of the box. This assisted with the loading and unloading of items.
- Secure Closure: The payload remained safely inside during the flight.

Disadvantages:

- **Incompatibility with Drone** The design of the drone that was given to us was not practicable. The slider mechanism caused issues at the attachment points meant for linking the box to the drone's legs, preventing a successful connection of the box.
- **Structural Weakness:** The attachment's integrity during flight may be compromised by the sliding mechanism's extra complexity and possible points of failure.

3.1.2.3 Conclusion

We chose not to use the slider mechanism due to its incompatibility with the drone's connection points and potential structural issues, opting to explore alternative solutions instead.

3.1.3 Iteration 2: Single-Door Design Attached with Bolts

3.1.3.1 Design Concept

The drone's second model featured a box that could be directly attached to its legs. This design featured a solitary lower door specifically designed to open during flight in order to release the payload.

Key Features:

- Bolted attachment to the drone's legs for secure mounting.
- A single door at the bottom for releasing the payload.

3D CAD Model:



Figure 2 Single-Door Design Attached with Bolts

3.1.3.2 Rationale

Advantages:

- Secure Attachment: Bolting the box to the drone's legs provided a stable and secure connection, reducing the risk of detachment during flight.
- Mid-Air Release Capability: The lower door enabled the release of the payload while the drone was flying, making it ideal for emergency supply drops and other aerial delivery needs.

Disadvantages:

- **Imprecise Payload Release:** The payload couldn't be dropped vertically in a controlled manner due to the presence of only one bottom door. Items tended to roll out instead of falling straight down when the door opened, resulting in imprecise and possibly scattered deliveries.
- Limited Loading Accessibility: The design of the door, which consisted of only one, made it difficult to load items into the box easily, decreasing its practicality for regular use.

3.1.3.3 Conclusion

Despite the improvement in security for the drone attachment from this design, we needed to find a more effective solution due to the challenges of uneven payload release and complicated loading process.

3.1.4 Iteration 3: Double-Door Bottom Design

3.1.4.1 Design Concept

In the third version, a new double door was included at the lower part compared to the previous model. The objective of this iteration was to ensure that objects fall more accurately and intentionally by dropping vertically when released.

Key Features:

- Double door mechanism at the bottom for precise vertical release.
- Bolted attachment to the drone's legs maintained from the previous iteration.

3D CAD Model:



Figure 3 Double-Door Bottom Design

3.1.4.2 Rationale

Advantages:

- **Controlled Vertical Drop:** The dual-door configuration enabled a more precise vertical release of the payload, enhancing the accuracy of deliveries.
- Secure Attachment: Maintained the bolted connection to the drone's legs, guaranteeing a stable and secure attachment.

Disadvantages:

• Loading Difficulty: Double doors were added, which made it more difficult to load anything inside the box. For frequent or fast loading operations, the design was unfeasible due to difficult access to the inside.

• **Increased Design Complexity:** The double-door mechanism added to the complexity of the design, requiring additional components and increasing the potential for mechanical failure.

3.1.4.3 Conclusion

Despite improving the precision of the vertical drop, the dual-door layout presented challenges in loading objects due to its complexity.

3.1.5 Iteration 3: Front Door for Loading and Double Bottom Doors for Release

3.1.5.1 Design Concept

The fourth and last iteration retained the two lower doors for dropping payload in mid-air but included an additional front door for loading items. This mix of characteristics enhanced the previous iterations.

Key Features:

- Front door for easy loading of items.
- Double doors at the bottom for precise vertical release.
- Bolted attachment to the drone's legs for secure mounting.

3D CAD Model:



Figure 4 Front Door for Loading and Double Bottom Doors for Release

3.1.5.2 Rationale

Advantages:

- Ease of Loading: The front door provided a convenient way to load items into the box, addressing the accessibility issues of the previous iterations.
- **Precise Payload Release:** The double doors at the bottom guaranteed that payload would drop in a straight line when let go, ensuring the precision of airborne deliveries.
- Secure Attachment: The ongoing utilization of bolts for fastening the box to the drone's legs guaranteed a stable and reliable connection.

Disadvantages:

- **Design Complexity:** Adding both a front door and double bottom doors elevated the overall intricacy of the design. This involved careful analysis of the mechanical parts to guarantee dependability and longevity.
- Weight Considerations: The increased weight of the box due to additional doors and mechanisms needed to be controlled to prevent surpassing the drone's load limit.

3.1.5.3 Detailed Design Considerations

- Material Selection: In order to control weight while maintaining structural strength, lightweight and strong materials like carbon fiber or high-quality aluminum were taken into account. These materials offered the required level of strength without substantially increasing the total weight.
- Mechanism Reliability: It was essential to guarantee the dependability of both the front door and the double bottom doors. This consisted of choosing durable hinges, locks, and actuators that can endure the pressures of flight and frequent use.
- **Testing and Iteration:** Every design iteration was subjected to thorough testing in order to identify possible points of failure and opportunities for enhancement. This involved conducting drop tests to guarantee the payload's proper and safe release, along with flight tests to confirm the box's secure connection to the drone's legs.

3.1.5.4 Conclusion

The final design iteration effectively balanced the ease of loading with the need for accurate payload release. We developed a functional attachment box for drones by combining a front-loading door with two bottom release doors to meet their requirements. This design met all criteria for a safe and secure attachment, ease of use, and reliable performance during flight.

3.1.6 Summary

Multiple rounds of design were necessary to create the drone attachment box, each

addressing various issues and incorporating enhancements grounded in practical considerations. We started by developing a simple sliding mechanism and progressed to models featuring single and double doors, until we developed a system that was both simple to load and able to accurately deliver payloads from the air. To ensure that the end product meets functional requirements and functions reliably during drone flights, this iterative approach underscores the importance of continuous testing and enhancement in engineering design.

3.2 Material Selection for the Drone Attachment Box

Choosing the correct material for the drone accessory box is essential to meet the rigorous requirements of strength, weight, and cost. Having a maximum drone payload capacity of 10 kg (excluding the 4.25 kg batteries), the attachment box must support both the battery on top and a 5 kg payload inside. Ensuring that the box's weight does not exceed 5 kg is crucial for optimizing the drone's performance. This section examines the meticulous selection of materials, assessing the suitability of various options and their performance in varying conditions.

3.2.1 Carbon Fiber

3.2.1.1 Overview

Well-known for its outstanding strength relative to its weight and its long-lasting characteristics, carbon fiber is a top choice for weight-sensitive uses like in the aerospace and automotive industries.

3.2.2.1 Advantages

- **High Strength-to-Weight Ratio:** Carbon fiber offers unmatched strength while being significantly lighter than traditional metals.
- **Durability:** Its excellent resistance to corrosion, fatigue, and impact ensures long-term reliability.

3.2.1.2 Disadvantages

• **Cost:** Carbon fiber's significantly higher cost compared to metals makes it impractical for projects with budget constraints.

- **Manufacturing Complexity:** The specialized equipment and expertise required for carbon fiber fabrication contribute to increased manufacturing costs and longer lead times.
- **Repair Difficulty**: Repairing carbon fiber components can be challenging and costly due to the need for specialized skills and materials.

3.2.1.3 Conclusion

Although carbon fiber has impressive characteristics, we decided not to use it for our project because it is expensive, has a complicated production method, and is not widely accessible. Moreover, the necessary skills and tools needed for production would have also increased project expenses and schedules, making it unfeasible given our limitations.

3.2.2 Aluminum

3.2.2.1 Overview

Aluminum, a lightweight and versatile metal, finds widespread use in various industries due to its excellent strength-to-weight ratio, corrosion resistance, and affordability.

3.2.2.2 Initial Testing with 2mm Aluminum

In the preliminary testing phase, we evaluated aluminum with a thickness of 2 mm.

Weight and Cost:

- Weight: The box, including all rivets and bolts, weighed approximately 2 kg.
- **Cost:** Estimated at around PKR 10, 000.

Performance Analysis:

- **Static Analysis:** Using ANSYS software, the 2 mm aluminum box underwent testing under the combined load of the battery and payload.
- **Results:** Significant bending was observed under the applied load, indicating insufficient strength to support both securely.

ANSYS Simulation



Figure 5 Static Analysis of 2mm Aluminium

Revised Testing with 4mm Aluminum

To address the bending issue, we increased the aluminum thickness to 4 mm.

Weight and Cost:

- Weight: Approximately 4 kg.
- **Cost:** Estimated at around PKR 15,000.

Performance Analysis:

• **Static Analysis:** Re-running the analysis revealed that the 4 mm aluminum box could withstand the combined load without bending, indicating improved structural integrity.

ANSYS Simulation:



Figure 6 Static Analysis of 4mm Aluminium

3.2.2.3 Conclusion

Aluminum showed effectiveness, particularly at a thickness of 4 mm, achieving a good balance between weight, strength, and cost. Still, the increased weight did lower the amount of weight that could be carried, so more research on materials was needed.

3.2.3 Sheet Metal

3.2.3.1 Overview

Sheet metal offers robust structural properties, cost-effectiveness, and ease of fabrication, making it a suitable choice for various applications.

3.2.3.2 Testing with 18-Gauge Sheet Metal

Our evaluation commenced with testing 18-gauge steel.

Weight and Cost:

- Weight: Approximately 5 kg.
- **Cost:** Estimated at around PKR 13,000.

Performance Analysis:

• **Static Analysis:** ANSYS simulations demonstrated the 18-gauge sheet metal box's ability to carry both loads effectively without exhibiting bending.

ANSYS Simulation:



Figure 7 Static Analysis of 18-Gauge Steel Sheet

3.2.3.3 Testing with 20-Gauge Sheet Metal

Subsequently, we assessed 20-gauge sheet metal, which is thinner and lighter than the 18gauge variant.

Weight and Cost:

- Weight: Approximately 2.7 kg.
- **Cost:** Estimated at around PKR 10,000.

Performance Analysis:

• **Static Analysis:** Verified that the 20-gauge sheet metal box can withstand loads effectively without bending, providing a notable weight advantage compared to the 18-gauge alternative while still preserving structural integrity.

ANSYS Simulation:



Figure 8 Static Analysis of 20-Gauge Steel Sheet

3.2.3.4 Conclusion

Both 18-gauge and 20-gauge sheet metal options yielded promising results. While the former provided sufficient strength and load-bearing capacity, it incurred higher weight. Conversely, the latter offered a significant weight reduction without compromising structural integrity, making it favorable for our application.

3.2.4 Final Material Selection

The most accurate customer satisfaction tant that unwinding a cost-efficient and reliable solution for cost-effective dependable solution is the 20-gauge sheet metal which is the material for the drone attachment box after a thorough examination and testing process. As it was very light but also very sturdy coupled with the cost-effective budgeting, it located in the requirements and metal bottom efficiently did the job safely but at no extra weight or costs.

3.2.5 Summary

The final and crucial stage of this process was the thorough review of carbon fiber, aluminum, and sheets of metal of 20-gauge where the 20-gauge sheet of metal was chosen

as the attachment box. Among several other complexities in selecting building materials, a precarious balance between weight, durability, and costs is shown through this choice.

Material	Thickness	Weight	Static Analysis Result	Estimated Price
Aluminum (2mm)	2 mm	2 Kg	Bending under load	10,000
Aluminum (4mm)	4 mm	4 Kg	Able to withstand load	15,000
Sheet Metal	18-gauge	5 Kg	Able to withstand load	13,000
Sheet Metal	20-gauge	2.7 Kg	Able to withstand load	10,000

3.2.6 Comparative Table of Material Properties

This table provides a comparative overview of the tested materials, including their thickness, weight, static analysis results, and estimated prices, aiding in the decision-making process.

3.2.7 Final Decision and Rationale

Following extensive analysis and evaluation, the final decision to opt for 20-gauge sheet metal as the material for the drone attachment box was based on several factors:

- 1. Weight: The 20-gauge sheet metal offered a favorable weight-to-strength ratio, ensuring minimal additional weight to the drone while providing sufficient structural integrity.
- 2. **Strength**: Static analysis confirmed the ability of the 20-gauge sheet metal box to withstand the combined loads of the battery and payload without bending, ensuring the safety and security of the cargo.
- 3. **Cost-effectiveness:** With an estimated price of 10,000 units, the 20-gauge sheet metal option provided a cost-effective solution, aligning well with project budgetary constraints.
- 4. **Manufacturability:** Sheet metal fabrication processes are well-established and widely available, ensuring ease of manufacturing and timely project completion.

3.2.8 Summary and Conclusion

Material selection is one of the focusing parts for the design of the drone attachment box, thus a comprehensive analysis was carried out on materials, including carbon fiber, aluminum, and sheet metal. In spite of having their own meris in addition to demerits, 20-gauge sheet metal still proved to be most suitable for the project as it excellently satisfied the budget, weight, and strength prerequisites. Using attention-to-details, a qualified test

team transforms a reliable and scalable drone case that accomplishes its designated objective staying within a cost-effective budget and weight constraints.

3.3 Dynamic Analysis

The results of the dynamics analysis for the dropping mechanism model offer valuable universal knowledge of the model performance under different operating conditions. This study uncovers the strength of resistance by examining how the mechanism responds to forces when the direction is changing, speed acceleration, and speed deceleration are involved. Within the analysis framework, the dynamic analysis found some main points on the system's natural frequencies, mode shapes, and dynamic properties. Through identifying these features, engineers appraise the likelihood of the dropped mechanism subjecting to undesired vibrations, resonance, and dynamic forces, which are, in turn, must be considered for ensuring a safe and reliable work setting.

Also, dynamics analysis may reveal any problems that might arise due to impact pressures when falling objects hit, changes in mechanical parts' nature under transient loads, or responses of construction elements to sudden orientation changes. Perceiving these rapid changes in conduct is necessary at this point for improving the structural strength of the falling device and making it perfect while running the least risk of being damaged in the dynamic conditions where it is used.

3.3.1 Weight and Center of Gravity

The dropping mechanism adds weight to the drone, increasing its total weight. It investigates how the added weight affects the drone's ability to carry cargo and how long it can fly. The slight shift in the center of gravity of the entire system (drone + dropping mechanism) may be a result of the increased weight at the bottom. However, if the box is placed in the center, this difference would be insignificant. Examining the CG ensures optimal practices, even though a small change may not greatly impact stability.

3.3.2 Aerodynamics and Drag

While flying, the enclosed container acts as a bluff object, having a blunt or flat shape. This design has a higher drag compared to a sleeker design. We determine the additional motor power required for maintaining level flight by examining the rise in drag. This could decrease the cargo weight or reduce the length of the flight.

3.3.3 Stability

Despite not greatly affecting stability, the enclosed box alters the drone's moments of inertia, which affects its resistance to angular acceleration, according to our analysis. The drone might tilt slightly while performing maneuvers because of the weight of the box. Investigating this potential incline and modifying the aircraft's control system so that the stability won't be affected as our target point reaching will be impossible.

3.3.4 Impact of Air

The direction of the flight, whether it is in the same direction or the opposite, will have a significant effect on our model. The wind, air currents, updrafts and downdrafts may cause sudden changes to drone control as it depends how it reacts either flying into the wind or flying with the wind directly extends the flight time.

3.3.4.1 Wind

Wind resistance affects the drone with the additional weight and drag from the box. Wind conditions play a significant role; headwinds require the drone to use more power to maintain speed, reducing flight time, while tailwinds can extend flight time by aiding propulsion. Crosswinds, on the other hand, can cause the drone to drift off course, necessitating constant adjustments by the flight control system.

3.3.4.2 Updraft and Downdraft

Updrafts and downdrafts, which are abrupt variations in air currents, will impact the drone's height. We see that the drone's reaction to these air currents is influenced by the box added weight but designing it in a way that will give us good flight time.

3.3.5 Result and Analysis

The results we get after performing the CFD (computational fluid dynamics) analysis will show us what necessary materials should be used to carry the payload easily. It also describes how to design in a compatible manner to occupy more space with less dimensions.

3.3.5.1 Drag Forces

The drag force acting on the drone and the dropping mechanism as a whole during flight will be computed using the CFD simulation. This will calculate the additional drag brought on by the box. High-pressure zones signify areas that are suffering more drag. It is carried out in a way to minimizes the drag forces as the drone will have a longer flight time and won't be affected by drag forces.

3.3.5.2 Moments

The weight of the box and the aerodynamic forces acting on the drone are calculated by the simulation and verified that sheet metal can withstand loads effectively during flight time with bending providing a notable weight advantage. This will make it easier to determine how much the box could impact the drone's maneuverability and stability.

3.3.5.3 Lifts and Efficiency

Through the examination of drag forces and pressure distribution, the CFD simulation which calculated the total lift produced by the drone's propellers where the rotor is the main component of the drone to be able to lift loads, especially in its main task as lifting heavy loads of 10 kilograms. The selection of electronic components such as flight control, ESC, rotor, battery, receiver, and power distributor is also considered so as not to increase the weight of the drone later. Then determine the fixed point of the support restraint in the form of a nut-bolt-ring and the distributed force comes from the motor propeller pair then determine the point of force experienced on the workpiece, in this simulation the point is at the end of the pipe frame (motor mount) given the magnitude of the thrust force of 116.699 Newtons. This aids in calculating the power needed to sustain altitude and overcome drag. Because of the box, there will be a greater drag, requiring more power and perhapsshortening the flight duration or cargo capacity.

3.3.5.4 Visualization

The CFD results are frequently shown as vector plots or colored contours. We comprehended the airflow patterns surrounding the drone and box by using these visualizations. Turbulent flow areas may be a sign of possible stability problems. Based on the above calculation, each motor must produce a thrust of 5,012.23 grams with the assumption that all motors have the same thrust. The motor and the type of propeller used in this research are HobbyWings Xrotor X6 120KV and Propeller with a diameter of 584mm or 23inch.

3.4 Fabrication Process

3.4.1 Material Selection and Considerations

In our analysis, Great care was taken in the initial phases of the production of the drone attachment box to ensure careful material selection. The main material chosen, a 20-gauge

plain sheet of metal, was necessary to support the payload of 5 kg while balancing strength and weight. Additionally, to maintain the structural integrity and withstand the force of being connected to the drone, 16-gauge sheet metal was chosen specifically for the side elbows. To ensure the durability and performance of the attachment box, a thorough evaluation of material properties such as tensile strength, flexibility, and corrosion resistance was conducted during the selection process.



Figure 9 Metal Sheet

3.4.2 Component Construction

Having already selected the material from a range that was available for the required purposes, the manufacturing process started by cutting and shaping a single metal sheet that followed the dimensional parameters shown on the CAD model exactly. The reason why the process became fast was because the developer used industry-standard cut and fold technology to quickly and easily process the three sides of the box that created foundation for the construction of a box. For the reinforcements, welding was used. As welding is the most favored method to join the seams of the box. This construction phase being crucial, uniformity and precision were taken as major points to be fully integrated in the assembly which will be important to the interaction of parts and delivery of efficient parts into the real-world scenario.



Figure 10 Cutting of sheet



Figure 11 Door Fabrication

3.4.3 Door Fabrication

In the meantime, when the features progress was proceeding, special attention should be paid especially to the lower and side doors, for they are important parts. The steel that made side door was of 20 Gauge, The side door possess important characteristics of easy loading and strong balance. The combination of hinge system (2-inch hinge) and lock (3 inch lock) allows easy and safe closing, so that the users pleasure and satisfaction becomes infallible. For the lower door, in which we are using 18-gauge steel sheet metal. The hinges and lock



Figure 12 Door Fabrication

mechanism went through meticulous process to ensure the hinges and lock mechanisms operate in sync with each other thus giving them optimum performance and reliability. By installing another sheet metal of 3 mm as an add-on stopper to one door, the stability became even more robust. The fact that deformation reduced was assured and the mechanism proved its steadiness particularly in different loading situations.

3.4.4 Aesthetic Enhancement and Finishing Touches

The post-production process takes aesthetic factors into account with a view to making upgrades that will be both attractive and of high quality for the attachment box. In addition to the contemporary look, the matt black sprayed metal also served as tough against corrosion and environmental damage. Considerable efforts were made to ensure that everything went as normal; for example, no coloring was added to hinges and locks to guard against any problem that may affect the moving parts or resulting in damage to the house. Through the painstaking care to detail, we provided a sneak peek into our commitment mind-set that is based on excellent craftsmanship and design standards that prioritize the user experience and, as a result, indicates the strong connection between stylishness and usability.



Figure 13 Finishing

3.4.5 Testing and Integration

3.4.5.1 Rigorous Testing Protocols and Performance Evaluation

After the production of the attachment box, it was taken for testing for an extended period to measure its efficiency as well as duration in our real life. The testing phase involved looking into the environmental wear resistance, about the vibration stability, and about determining the load-bearing capacities under the simulation of possible scenarios. Detailed analysis of the prototype has been done to pinpoint possible weak points and limitations of design; these defects have since then been eliminated to provide functional resolution in real world operation.

3.4.5.2 Integration with Drone Platform

One of the most important factors to the wiring's success is having a smooth interface with the drone vehicle. The attachment box was meticulously designed and made to be fitted with 4 bolts at 3mm diameter each surely would fit under the drone precisely. This secure way home in the connection trusts the drone to perform delivery tasks actually and truly such as assisting in efficient delivery of payload and ensuring stability during flight.

3.4.5.3 Conclusion and Future Considerations

The creation of the attachment box for the drone was the product of thorough planning, precise execution, and thorough testing. A reliable and robust delivery system has been created to meet the needs of real-world use with top-quality materials, advanced manufacturing techniques, and a commitment to top-notch craftsmanship. Continual innovation and enhancement could offer opportunities for further optimizing and improving performance capabilities down the line. The attachment box is strategically situated to grow alongside advancements in drone technology through ongoing collaboration and incremental design improvements. This ensures that the attachment box remains useful and effective in the ever-changing field of unmanned aerial delivery systems.

3.5 Opening Mechanism of Box

3.5.1 Initial Iteration: Servo Motor with Fish Thread Catch

On the design phase the team worked on a servo gearbox fish thread clamping mechanism that used a servo motor and a fish thread-operated capture mechanism. This approach's main target is to provide the servo motor with the simplest yet most effective input for opening the attachment box's doors.

3.5.2 Issue Identification: Elasticity Challenge

The intense quality check-up shed light on a huge blunder. When the payload was placed into the box and servo motor was turned on by the image detection using PI-4, letting the package fall through, one key problem arose, since the thread was flexible. Extending itself by the weight of the package but the catch withstands its position, and the servo motor finished its motion. This way bottom doors remained closed, and the dropping of the payload couldn't be done.

3.5.3 Iteration 2: Introduction of Metallic Rod

A proposal was floated for coming up with a better design version that would remove the flaw mentioned earlier. This change was meant to ensure the catch had a consistent infinite friction when operated by the servo motors, so we replaced the rectangular catch with a thinner metal rod instead.

3.5.4 Unforeseen Obstacle: Wire Entanglement

Although the metal rod was part of our system, the system encountered something beyond our expectation after testing was completed. Using a servo motor, the fishing line was extended, and the metal rod got stuck in the lock bar of the latch. Therefore, the doors yield when forced to open in coordination, thus stalling the mechanism's functioning.

3.5.5 Iteration 3: Transition to Metal Wire and Pulley System

We started to work on the third draft of the artwork after the latter's failure to pass the test to meet perfection. The new type of model used metal wire instead of the fish string, and additionally there was a pulley system that was added which was meant to improve the mechanism's stability as well as reliability.

3.5.6 Rationale for Design Selection: Durability and Stability

The pull was dictated by the fish line's unyielding nature, it's poor flexibility, and the mere flimsiness of the fishing wire. A pulley system was added to the chassis as the coordination between wire and motor was designed via wrap path that was stable and protected from entanglement.

3.5.7 Final Implementation: Optimal Functionality

Following the analysis and testing, the design with the rectangular catch opening with metal wire and pulley system was found to be the optimal one to put practice in it happened. That produced final version has shown that it is more stable and valuable, that enables the ring to freely fall when the servo motor activates.

3.5.8 Performance Evaluation: Reliability Under Stress

An in-depth performance assessment was carried out to check the impact of final functionalities on the efficiencies relative to different applications. Moreover, under the simulated environment for handling payload, the mechanism of opening still demonstrated great reliability that remained consistent through repeated trial operation. As the design has

been proved to be suited for use in the real world, this validation has been established.

3.5.9 Future Enhancements: Continuous Improvement

However, if the problems were solved at the time of the final phase, the team will remain as part of it and offer its support to it. Alternative pursuits may lie in trying to find the supplemental materials which would increase the load-bearing quality and economic usefulness of the boom. Moreover, implementing smart sensing technologies would help improve the accuracy and grant an adjustable range of control to the opening mechanism.

3.5.10 Conclusion: Achieving Project Objectives

From idea to reality, the attachment boxes' opening mechanism was done in the same way though iteration design, and rigorous testing, evaluation, and improvement. The completion is all creative abilities overcome early inconveniences and possibility of bug in the program whilst achieving the goal with well thought of and functional product.

3.6 Object Detection

3.6.1 Introduction to Object Detection

Object detection goes beyond image classification because it is not just assigned categories to all parts of an image which includes people, animals, vehicle, etc. Detection of objects is used in a range of purposes including those of autonomous driving, robotics, surveillance and even image retrieval. Also, it gives out the most precise information about the location of each object on the frame. Achieving the high precision and real-time detection of objects is a serious challenge, in particular, when fast and accurate detection in some scenarios is the priority. While researchers and professionals are already working on making accent reduction algorithms more precise and efficient, they may also need to enhance it more for particular life areas. Eventually, object detection as a whole aids the vision of machine and helps it more thoroughly perceive and learn from the visual environment by using these applications in various domains.

3.6.2 Overview of YOLO

In 2016, the team of Joseph Redmon and co-authors published You Only Look Once (YOLO), the unique system, which utilized the object detection for objects detection. YOLO did a significant turnaround in the research on computers vision, and it is the first technology that offers a real-time solution for object recognition and classification by using only one

neural network to anticipate bounding boxes and class probabilities directly from the whole images on a single step. Compared to the traditional methods that have lots of stages and a lot of calculations for every object detection.

3.6.2.1 Key Features of YOLO (You Only Look Once)

3.6.2.1.1 Single step Detection

YOLO by means of the CNN can provide the distribution of class probabilities and areas of interest symmetrically with respect to multiple objects. YOLO differs from traditional two-stage detectors in architecture, which means that the architecture has one stage which produces fast inference times.

3.6.2.1.2 Unified Prediction

Subject to YOLO (You Only Look Once), the whole image-wide neural network jointly calculates all the bounding boxes and class probs., which in turn yields integrated prediction. In other words, it is versatile for handling global data and geographic location.

3.6.2.1.3 Grid Based Prediction

YOLO gives the bounding boxes predictions by dividing the input image into the grid and using the cells to make data calculation. In every cell of the grid, every prediction is an array of multiple coordinates and class probabilities. The grid method, in this case, is rule base and hence it helps to avoid repetitive prediction scenarios. This also ensures accurate positioning of objects.

3.6.2.1.4 Real Time Performance

A simple but powerful architecture, YOLO has proven its competence in image annotation by its ability to handle images in almost real-time (45 frames per second), showing an impressive processing speed and efficiency. Thanks to its real-time kernel operation, YOLO can be deployed in various areas, ranging from augmented reality and surveillance to autonomous driving systems, where quick object detection matters the most.

3.6.2.1.5 Strong Performance

YOLO can be argued to have better accuracy and that are times faster than the conventional objects recognition techniques. This is one of the key reasons multi-label object detections has become so popular. The method gives top performance in identifying and classifying objects while maintaining high speed from the requirements standpoint.

3.6.2.2 Evolution of YOLO Versions

3.6.2.2.1 YOLOv1 (2016)

What the first YOLO (You Only Look Once) did with its single-stage object recognition architecture was to get real-time performance at 45 frames per second (FPS) by directly making both bounding box prediction and classification from whole photos without putting the photos through a step-by-step process.

3.6.2.2.2 YOLOv2 (2017)-YOL09000

Different from YOLOv1, YOLOv2 or YOLO9000 took the advantage of multi-scale training to turn the system robust against picture sizes irregularity, put batch normalization in the module for stability purpose, and kept accuracy of localization upon using anchor boxes. It could join 9000 of item types or look at various items to be detected.

3.6.2.2.3 YOLOv3 (2018)

YOLOv3 implemented multi-scale predictions and a fresh deeper backbone network named Darknet-53, thus not only did it improve the object detection accuracy but also made it possible to detect objects in the various size ranges.

3.6.2.2.4 YOLOv4 (2020)

Through the utilization of several optimization techniques, including usage of improved data informative augmentation algorithms, mosaic informative augmentation and the use of CSPDarknet53 backbone, YOLOv4 managed to achieve the state-of-the-art performance with both speed and accuracy.

3.6.2.2.5 YOLOv5 (2020)

YOLOv5 including from the original creators didn't create but gained popularity in terms it was user-friendly, integrated with PyTorch and enhanced performance through its good architecture design and training methods.

3.6.2.2.6 YOLOv6 and YOLOv7 (2021-2022)

Every release between them let expand this capability in precision, as well as detection of targets, were vital for the equipment with light packaging for edge equipment deployment.

3.6.2.2.7 YOLOv8 (2023)

Because of its considerable changes in model architecture and integration of the newest deep

learning algorithms, which greatly boost real-time detection efficiency and accuracy, YOLOv8 is the most dependable version to date.

3.6.2.2.8 YOLOv9 (2023)

The most recent model in the YOLO real-time object identification model family is called YOLOv9. It brings about notable improvements in productivity, precision, and flexibility, establishing new standards in the industry.

3.6.3 Object Detection using YOLOv8

We decided to use the YOLOv8 version after conducting research and doing some preliminary work since it is more effective and has fewer issues than similar older and newer versions.

3.6.3.1 Key Features of YOLOv8

3.6.3.1.1 Enhanced Backbone Architecture

To effectively extract high-level characteristics from input photos, YOLOv8 uses a cutting-edge backbone architecture, usually based on deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs) like Darknet or CSPDarknet. The model's accuracy in object recognition is mostly dependent on the backbone network.

3.6.3.1.2 Feature Pyramid Network(FPN)

To enhance the model's capacity to identify objects at various sizes and resolutions inside the picture, it may integrate a Feature Pyramid Network (FPN) or a comparable multi-scale feature fusion method. FPN improves YOLOv8's overall detection performance by assisting it in capturing both coarse- and fine-grained information.

3.6.3.1.3 Efficient Object Detection Head

With the help of convolutional layers, it makes use of an effective object detection head that predicts bounding box coordinates, objectless scores, and class probabilities for every grid cell in the picture. Because of its simplified design, YOLOv8 can make inferences quickly without sacrificing accuracy.

3.6.3.1.4 Advanced training Techniques

Highway data augmentation, transfer learning, and mix-up regularization are the most beneficial training methods that can be applied with YOLOv8 to enhance its performance on multiple datasets and for generalization ability. By using these train methods, there emerges a robust object representation and adaptation to context in the YOLOv8 system.

3.6.3.1.5 Post processing Mechanism

Filters reduce uncertainty and make sure only the 'certainty boxes' pass though by discarding redundant bounding box predictions using post-processing techniques such as non-maximum suppression (NMS). As NMS diminishes false positives in the resultant end detection and increases localization precision of objects, it is beneficial.

3.6.3.1.6 Scalability and Customization

The model's scalability through domain-specific data, adjustment of its detection thresholds, and model parameter tuning can be modified by the users to suit particular use cases and applications amidst overall improvement of the system accuracy and results. Due to its cord ability Yolov8 could find a large number of areas of applications, ranging from the fields of social welfare, medicine, security, and so on.

3.6.4 Creating Customized Symbol

Designating a particular emblem or category of objects that will be used to meet our project's objectives is the initial exercise in training our model to be responsive to the stated needs. Through the elimination, the possibility of being mixed with routine phenomena and therefore the client's identification failures are diminished.

3.6.4.1 Designing the Symbol

We create this rendering through the process of creating a symbol which hosts all of the features of our desired artwork. The purpose of such method is to spot the object easily when the item is displayed over other objects and avoid future misclassification by the model. The final looks of the design is presented in the image given below.



Figure 14 Symbol

3.6.4.2 Naming the Class

Constructing a core proposition for the brand is the next move after the symbol has been created. In order to start modeling the YOLO, that is the first requirement, the term is very critical to the YOLO system. The catchy name TARGET strikes people spontaneously and in the public mind.

3.6.5 Custom Object Detection

The objective of the computer vision specialist role of targeted object detection is to identify and distinguish objects that are distinctive to the specific industry, application, or dataset given to the user and trained. Custom object detection models are tailored to discover items that could be scarce or atypical in a particular environment and shrubbery respected, by opposed to generic object detection models that have been trained on frequently occurring object categories such as people, machines, and animals.

3.6.5.1 Collecting the Dataset

As we are creating the symbol ourselves, we utilize that to spawn multiple images which will go into our dataset. Such flexibility allows our AI model to be up to the challenge of anyeven very complicated situation. It involves taking photos from various situations which provide the model the diversity wings. This variation plays a key role in the scheme's abilitynot only to respond to known problems but also to demonstrate the capacity for unknown malfunctions. With every additional diversity my dataset has, the machine learning algorithm learns to handle real situations even better. Consequently, we make sure that our AI model is equipped with a comprehensive training framework so that it can guarantee good performance through proper capturing and recognition of pictures. The dataset included 700 photos with the unique perspective served for highlighting differences in height and angles of captures. Thus, we were able to build a highly rated data set and provide our model with a platform where it could have the best training possible. What we aim to do is to maximize the model's performance in the practical field as well as include multifaceted perspectives by enlarging the scope of our dataset. In doing so we hope to use this massive dataset with our model to provide the robustness and tendency for customization that it needs for successful object detection activities.



Figure 16 Dataset Collection

3.6.5.2 Annotation of Dataset

The dataset was tagged through annotation being the next step in our implementation procedure.



Figure 15 Annotation 1

Our team is accounted for this by the process of annotation meaning that we specify the position and existence of our custom technology on each image. By doing this, during training, the AI model is making sure that it evolves the skill of accurately defining and spotting what it is exactly. Through careful annotation, we offer the model corresponding accurate ground truth data from where the machine learning process can be carried out. As a result, the model becomes an expert in what it carries out. The training of this AI comes about through the use of annotated data shows, which enable precise and unfailing recognition of personalized products. Above mentioned Labeling tool is used to annotate our dataset.

By annotation, we mean the process of accurately describing the location and class of objects that are in the photos with labels. Various note-taking tools can, thereby, be utilized to achieve this goal. When annotation had ended, the image folder directory contained a .txt file that has since been created. This data used for training is the crucial directional labels which contain coordinates of the object and its class. The model, through this laborious process, acquires very accurate object identification proficiency and localization. This trained model becomes knowledgeable for further use.



Figure 17 GUI

3.6.5.3 Data Preprocessing

Altering size, normalization, and adding extra information are some of the many technologies used for image preprocessing in data enhancement where data is made more detailed and varied. By transforming the values of pixels with the normalization method and resizing the images with a consistent size, model training can be made more standardized. Reorganization and mutation of the datasets are two augmentation processes that are aimed at adding more diversity into the model while making it more robust. Another action is processed to compensate for the bias in the dataset that the class distribution of the dataset

creates. Balancing the class representation is a major challenge for oversampling and under sampling, which are two methods used to tackle the issues of imbalanced training datasets. Adaptive sampling and simulation of synthetic data are used to help generalize models and prevent overfitting to improve data augmentation approaches. Synthetic data creation process: reverse engineering fake data samples, enriching the dataset, and diversifying it. Adaptive sampling methods are designed to challenge the cases that are handled with poor performance and adjust the sampling technique with reference to the model's efficacy. Through the complex augmentation methods, we not only change the characteristics of the data but also make it more resilient that, in the long run, raises the accuracy of the score in different cases and reduces the possibility of over fission.

3.6.5.4 Model Configuration

To make the process of training a model more efficient, we need to define key parameters that can help to increase the performance by such methods. Therefore, the YOLOv8 architecture design exclusively to identify unique objects is taken as imperative. The implementation of this procedure to ensure the system at the sum requires a set of actions to be followed.

3.6.5.4.1 Selection of Backbone Network Architecture

Regarding feature extraction it is very important the selection of the proper known backbone network. YOLOv8 mostly involves sophisticated designs such as CSPDarknet or Darknet which convolutedly and effectually isolate hierarchical features from a given picture.

3.6.5.4.2 Determination of Feature Extraction Layers

Besides this, we have to establish feature extraction layers presence in selected backbone architecture. The presence of these layers is very valuable since that is how the photo detection devices determine what objects they see.

3.6.5.4.3 Hyperparameter of Fine tuning

Achieving high-performance of such metrics necessitates fine tuning the model's hyperparameters. Training parameters such as batch size, learning rate, and input size have considerable impact on their effectiveness, therefore, more efficient parameter selection is critical in order to achieve better results. Fast model convergence and higher precision in our system is achieved by keeping the network hyper-parameters sensitive to the data from experiments and validations.

3.6.5.5 Training the YOLOv8 Model

The model must now be trained using the annotated dataset you have generated. Thus, there are a few actions that need to be taken in order to train the model effectively.

3.6.5.5.1 Training Iterations

Having the right optimization method, the Adam or stochastic gradient descent (SGD) method, finally trains the YOLOv8 model on the dataset that has been annotated. Keeping in mind model convergence and efficacy, monitoring advancement, including loss curves and performance indicators.

3.6.5.5.2 Validation and Fine Tuning

The validation set that could be segregated from another work would be the means through which to evaluate the trained model to check the generalization ability. To improve accuracy and model robustness further, apply validation input-based changes.

3.6.5.5.3 Evaluation

Evaluate the correctness and reliability of the YOLOv8 model with a specific test dataset different from the training dataset. To ensure the good performance of the model, administer the assessment tools such as Intersect over Union (IoU) and mean Average Precision (mAP).

3.6.5.5.4 Model Optimization

To boost performance and efficiency through the hyper-parameters and model parameter adjustments, adjust the hyperparameters and model parameters of the YOLOv8 as needed. Strategies like weight decay and learning rate scheduling, for instance, can be applied to enhance the model's training.

3.6.5.5.5 Deployment

The YOLOv8 model, which is trained and has been trained, should be deployed to achieve the feature of real-world operation. This feature will be in the form of inference executed from unseen new data. The model should be tested for its effectiveness and reliability over real-world operations, and the deployment validation should be ensured during the test.

3.6.5.6 Evaluating the Performance through Metrics

To precisely assess the model's performance, evaluation measures such precision-recall curves, mean Average Precision (MAP), and Intersection over Union (IoU) are used.



3.6.5.7 Cross Checking the Results

Systematically validating the results generated during the model's performance check in the training directory is denoted as validation of the results put in the training directory. The stored model checkpoints and training logbooks facilitate the exploration of a number of indicators that are relevant to the functioning of systems, among them are accuracy rates and loss curves. Comparative studies of the outcomes with the ones attained empirically facilitate the identification of any misconceptions or shortcomings resulting in further improvement. Furthermore, the obtained findings would provide more estimations on the generalization capability of the model, given the validation set inputs. The model can probably be improved by training processes which are being repeatedly evaluated and optimized with the obtained insights. Recording comprehensive information guarantees openness, and in addition makes it easy to make informed decisions for the upcoming rounds.



Figure 19 Cross Checking

3.6.5.8 Predicting using Training Model

The model's efficiency and correctness will be tested through predicting on another dataset that has not been used in learning. This output from the trained model plays an important role when assessing its effectiveness. Adopting the model to be able to analyze new data collection we ensure its effectiveness and applicability in various real-life scenarios. Particularly, instead of only looking at the accuracy of predicted classes, also looking at the confidence scores associated with these predictions helps to assess a model's detection capabilities. Higher scores of confidences mean higher level of confidence in the predictions of classes, that one's indicating



Figure 20 Prediction using Trained model

that a model has learned the classes well. Prediction analytics helps in determining the overall effectiveness of the model, particularly, the zoning which is to be further optimized.

3.6.5.9 Challenges and Future Decisions

We encountered several problems when training the model as the modification process proved to be daunting as each situation demanded a different model. It was necessary to overcome some difficulty with the data preparation as well. Varied and accurately labelled sample being one of the main challenges. Other issues included handling class imbalances, dealing with the subjectivity of the annotators, optimizing model complexity and training time, fine-tuning hyper parameters, ensuring generalization without over fitting, and improving model interpretability. Despite these difficulties, the custom object identification system's performance improved because of iteratively improving the training procedure.

3.6.5.9.1 Data Quality and Quantity

Ensuring the availability of high-quality annotated datasets remains a challenge, especially for niche or specialized object categories. Future efforts should focus on developing methodologies

for efficient data collection, annotation, and augmentation to address this limitation.

3.6.5.9.2 Model Generalization

Enhancing model generalization to diverse environments and object variations is essential. Research efforts should explore novel architectures, regularization techniques, and transfer learning strategies to improve model performance across different scenarios.

3.6.5.9.3 Real Time processing and Efficiency

One major difficulty is to provide real-time processing capabilities without sacrificing model efficiency, especially for devices and applications with limited resources. To allow effective real-time object identification, future research should look into hardware acceleration, optimization methods, and lightweight designs.

3.6.5.9.4 Domain Adaptation and Transfer Learning

Pre-trained model adaptation to new tasks or domains is still a difficult undertaking. To successfully support knowledge transfer across domains, this problem calls for breakthroughs in domain adaptation approaches, transfer learning methodologies, and domain-specific fine-tuning procedures.

3.6.5.9.5 Interpretability and Explainability

Knowledge interpretation and explainability of models poses makes them trustworthy and transparent. This leads to a better understanding of the decision process in the models. Subsequently research should focus on how to create comprehensible verbalization, integrate domain expertness to model analysis, as well as how to demonstrate model predictions.

3.6.5.10 Conclusion

The implementation of the custom object identification model was not an easy task monitoring the loops of challenges and estimating the possible learning opportunities. Consequently, gathering the dataset, running learning the model, and streamlining it are formidable challenges that as our perseverance pays off, we have achieved tremendous upscaling in the model's precision as its elasticity. We trained a robust object recognition model that can recognize objects in diverse environments no matter what annotation, class imbalances, data collection, and complexity is the issue. In order to boost claamodel's competence with time we have to keep optimizing the methods, innovative approaches as well as tackle new challenges. As well, diligence to ethical standards such identifying and resolving bias, and measures of privacy preservation in using object detection algorithms are highly important. For instance, this expedition showcases the significance of consistency, creativity, and teamwork in forestalling the restrictions in the field of computer vision as well as improvement of the personalized object detection. We can turn the wheel of revolutions in various fields and thereby carve out new beginnings by unceasing labor and unification.

3.7 Real Time Integration of Camera with YOLO Trained Model

3.7.1 Introduction

In recent years, the research community has made some incredible progress in computer vision and machine learning which has advanced to the point where object detection using deep learning models YOLO in real time is rapidly gaining in popularity. YOLO, which is one of the most widely used and fast object detection techniques, is known by that name and represents acronym for You Only Look Once. Yolo is fast and sustainable, justifying its use in applications, where accuracy and speed are important. YOLO models when trained with already created input, query, and go output from the video feed provide immediate identification and tracking of objects within the video feed. The ways this ability may find practical use are in augmented reality, driving cars without people, and in surveillance. The objective of this project is to demonstrate the integration of a YOLO model with the medium of live video streaming for the consecutive purpose of quick object identification in real time. We will cover splitting a YOLO model into folders, its dependencies, video recording and inference in real time to find objects. On the other hand, we will supply the project with an integration template and a general tone, which will help to better explain every stage. It can be used as the beginning of availability the object recognition in an instant course of various real-life situations.

3.7.2 Setup and Dependencies

Preprocessing has to be done before implementing YOLO into the real world tasks and a few things, the requirements, have to be finished. First of all, we configure a number of hardware and software dependencies, including open-source programming languages and frameworks such as C and PHP. Thus, the procedure completes in a smooth process of the integration therebyfast and successful object recognition yiiui/apec is performed on the Pi Camera V2 with a YOLOModel.

3.7.2.1 Hardware

- Raspberry Pi 4 (4gb)
- Pi Cam V2
- MicroSD with Raspbian OS installed

3.7.2.2 Software

- Python 3
- Ultralytics
- Numpy
- PIcamera Lib
- OpenCV

3.7.3 Performing Real time Object Detection

Our setup is complete after all required dependencies have been downloaded. Now, let's get started with real-time object detection. There are a few distinct phases in the procedure, which we shall carefully go over. The steps to accomplish our goal are as follows:

3.7.3.1 Loading the Trained YOLO Model



Figure 21 Loading The Trained YOLO Model

3.7.3.2 Accessing the Pi Cam Feed

	import cv2
	from picamera2 import Picamera2
	import cvzone
	import numpy as np
	picam2 = Picamera2 <mark>()</mark>
	<pre>picam2.preview_configuration.main.size = (640,480)</pre>
	<pre>picam2.preview_configuration.main.format = "RGB888"</pre>
10	<pre>picam2.preview_configuration.align()</pre>
11	<pre>picam2.configure("preview")</pre>
12	picam2.start()

Figure 22 Accessing the Pi Cam Feed

3.7.3.3 Class Detection

1	import cv2
2	from picamera2 import Picamera2
З	import pandas as pd
4	from ultralytics import YOLO
5	import cvzone
6	import numpy as np
7	while True:
8	<pre>im= picam2.capture_array()</pre>
9	count += 1
10	if count % 3 != 0:
11	continue
12	<pre>im=cv2.flip(im,1)</pre>
13	<pre>results=model.predict(im)</pre>
14	a=results[0].boxes.data
15	<pre>print(results[0].boxes.cls)</pre>
16	<pre>px=pd.DataFrame(a).astype("float")</pre>
17	<pre>for index,row in px.iterrows():</pre>
18	<pre>x1=int(row[0])</pre>
19	y1=int(row[1])
20	<pre>x2=int(row[2])</pre>
21	y2=int(row[3])
22	<pre>d=int(row[5])</pre>
23	c=class_list[d]
24	<pre>cv2.rectangle(im,(x1,y1),(x2,y2),(0,0,255),2)</pre>
25	<pre>cvzone.putTextRect(im,f'{c}',(x1,y1),1,1)</pre>
26	cv2.imshow("Camera", im)
27	<pre>if cv2.waitKey(1)==ord('q'):</pre>
28	break
29	cv2.destroyAllWindows()

Figure 23 Class Detection

3.7.3.4 Performing Trigger Function after Detecting Class



Figure 24 Performing Trigger Function after Detecting Class

3.7.3.5 Complete integration of Script

After completing each component, such as loading the trained YOLO model, accessing the Pi Camera stream, implementing class identification, and configuring the trigger function, we will seamlessly merge them into one script. This integration will enable us to identify objects in real-time with the Pi Camera stream and perform a certain action when a specific class is detected as desired. The aforementioned parts cooperate to form a system that is able to an instantaneous identification of any object that also triggers an action when it identifies a particular category to highly certainty. The core element of our project would essentially be the non-code software which would provide in this fashion the opportunity to collect desired information.

3.7.4 Explanation and Integration

- Model Loading: Loads the YOLOv8 model using Ultralyitcs.
- Camera Initialization: Initializes the Pi Camera and sets the resolution and frame rate.
- Frame Capture and Processing: Continuously captures frames from the Pi Camera, processes each frame for object detection, and overlays bounding boxes and labels on detected objects.
- **Display and Cleanup:** Displays the processed frames in a window and cleans up resources upon exiting the loop.

• **Trigger Servo Action:** Upon detection of the target class servo is triggered to the required angle in order to drop the payload.

Chapter 4 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

4.1 Conclusion

Summing it up, a powerful and flexible framework for a large variety of applications is going to be displayed using the combination of YOLO model with Pi Camera feed for real-time object detection, including the activation of some specific cases when certain objects to have been detected. For instance, the combination of newest deep machine learning applications with the flexibility and accessibility of Raspberry Pi apparatus makes it possible to build autonomous smart systems which identify and respond to people's habits without any interference. The system, which is an amalgamation of many applications that are suitable to different sectors, including robotics, industrial monitoring, home automation and surveillance, is employed in the field. Controlled by the system in real-time, the object or event detection will generate a pre-planned reaction including alerts, pictures, alarming, or triggered the connection of all the linked devices. The user now gets specific applicable data from the live video streaming which increases situation awareness, performs tasks more efficiently and delivers tight control to the user.



In future it will be for use when customer will use this by using some application and will place order. After placing the order it will give the command and the drone will deliver the product to the given location provided by the customer. The main advantage will be autonomous delivery for which there will be no requirement of the pilot. It will easily deliver the products in short time and will be of great use for places where the transportation issues are a lot like hilly areas. Also for emergency cases it will be used to handle the situation as soon as possible.

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