DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Problem Definition

Design a team-based robot assignment for freshmen engineering students that will inspire them to pursue engineering.

Stakeholder Requirements

- Reduce Overall Difficulty
- Easy for robot to navigate
- Represent multiple engineering disciplines



Current ENES100 Arena

Design Calculations & Analysis



Prototype A2: Best Arena Design

- Easy for robot to navigate
- Easy for instructors to change and reset



CAD models of Carry Supplies and Stoplight tasks



Team 15 Mission Makers

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Final Design



Contract Based Assignment

• Teams create their own "missions"

- Select from list of Tasks
 - Hard 30 pts
 - Medium 20 pts
 - Easy 10 pts

• Contract must add up to **40** pts

• Opportunity for students to complete extra tasks and earn extra credit

Fabrication:

- items.
- **Testing:**

- **Results:**



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Our final design features 12 tasks of varying difficulty levels and a sample part of the arena.





Prototypes for arena (with tasks & sample robot), detect heat task, move ping pong ball task, and 'surgery' task.

Prototype & Test Results

• Task materials were primarily 3D printed PLA with along with ABS, woodshop parts, machined aluminum, electronics, and other purchased

• An RC robot with an arm was used for testing of tasks and demo purposes. This was chosen as a representation of an OCV students may create. • Tasks were re-analyzed to determine all methods of approach.

• Testing found tasks could be reasonably completed with student designed robots; however, long term testing with actual ENES100 students would be required to determine their true efficacy.





