CLU – Connected Locking Unit

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Problem

People need access to scalable, modular locking systems for…

- Public storage
- Handoff solutions
- Private delivery

Solution – Main Features

CLU is a smart lock. It is special because of its "collective awareness" – users can locate and control different locking units, or CLUs, on the app.

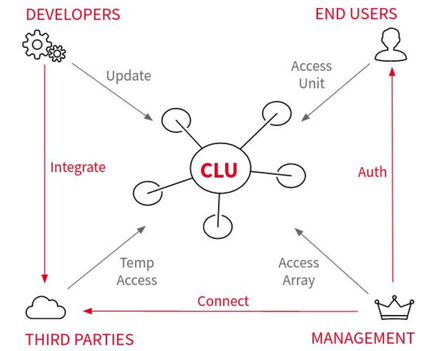
It is connected: via a mobile app and is controlled by users and monitored by admins.

It is modular: it is intended to be used and scaled as a collection of multiple units by the same customer.

Components List & Budget

Fixed Costs	Price
Cloud Server (est.)	$ 100.00
Open Source Software	$ -
Google Play Store Registration (est.)	$ 25.00
Total Fixed Costs	**$ 125.00**
Variable Costs - Electronics	
Beaglebone Black Wireless	$ 81.50
Electric Door Lock	$ 12.11
GPS Antenna	$ 16.00
GPS Breakout	$ 42.75
GPS Connector Adapter	$ 4.23
Reed Switch	$ 1.45
Magnetic Ring	$ 0.95
LCD Screen	$ 18.95
Total Variable Costs per Unit - Electronics	**$ 177.93**
Total Cost for 2 Units Manufactured	**$ 480.86**
Container Options (Purchased 1 each)	
Iron 16"x12"x23" Storage Locker	$ 63.89
12V 4L Mini Fridge	$ 47.91

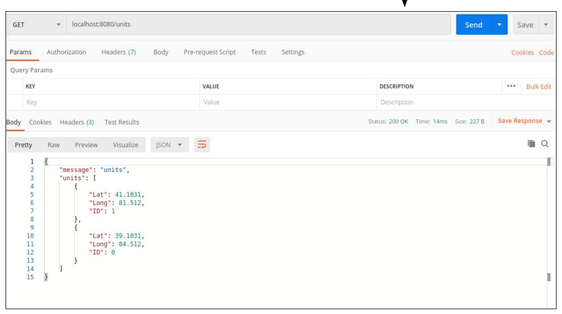
User Diagram / Flow Chart



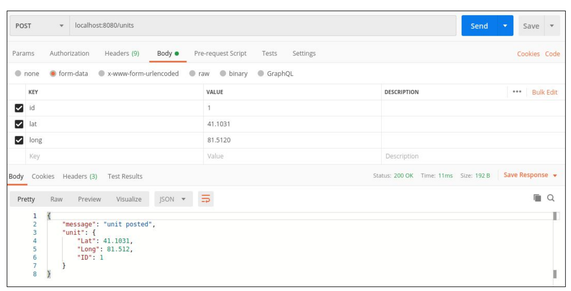
User Interface

Emulated Android app showing two CLUs (red pins) on Google Maps

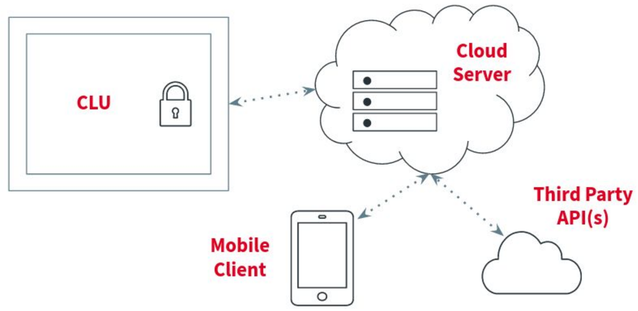
API call to list CLU records



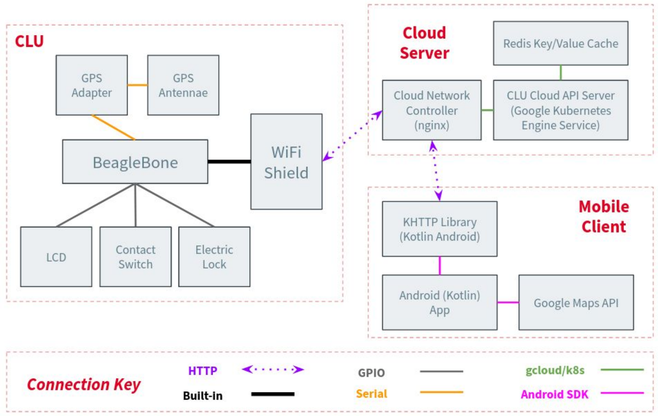
API call to create a CLU record



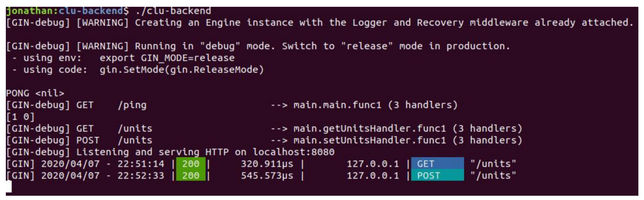
Black Box Diagram



White Box Diagram



Live API Server



Standards

- RoHS
- Data encryption
- SSL verification (Future)
- UL (Future)
- IP67 Waterproofing (Future)

Challenges

Design

- Originally proposed a locking refrigerator. By making scope more specific, simplified project and broadened possible uses.

Hardware Prototyping

- Purchased multiple parts that didn't work – it was good that we tested them individually!
- COVID-19 delayed shipment of many needed parts and restricted our access to prototyping tools we needed (e.g. 3D printing)

Software Development

- Needed to reduce complexity for POC, not able to implement SSL verification or 3rd party integration

Conclusion & Future Work

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- The goal of designing a connected, modular, scalable locking system was achieved.
- The goal of prototyping the system was not achieved due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Future Work

- Integrate hardware after parts received
- Deploy Android app to Play Store
- Move from test stack onto paid GCP cloud service (enables Redis and cluster networking)
- Retrofit containers (3D printing) and affix locks and sensors
- Achieve desired standards