

# A/C Preference Troubleshooting Device

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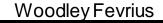
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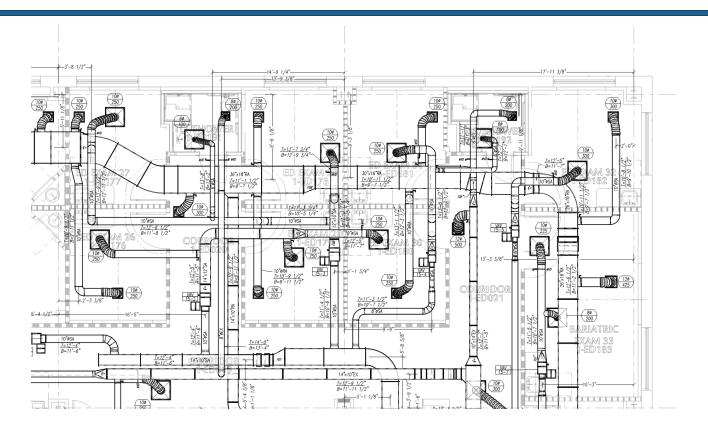
# Introduction

- It is currently extremely difficult to change the thermostat of the rooms at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
- In a lot public buildings, multiple users may occupy the same office at different times with different temperature preferences
- Currently, there are no devices that take in multiple user inputs

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### **Summary of Project Brief**

- Design a control device that caters to multiple user preferences
- Device will take inputs from users and compute their ideal temperatures
- Get to a point where user will not have to input any data



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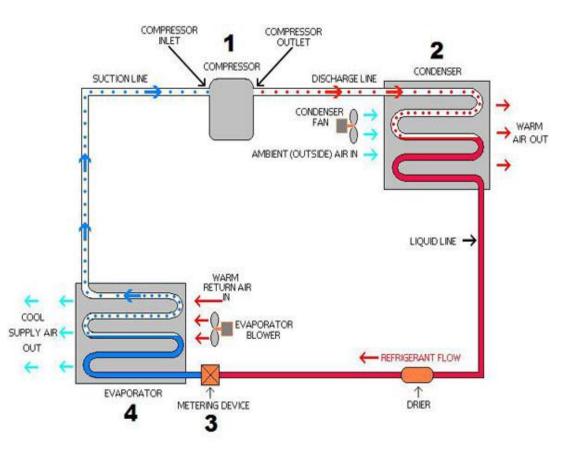
# Background of an A/C

- A/C has roots in second century china where an inventor named Ding Huane crafted a manually powered rotary fan (Varrassi,2011).
- The first modern air conditioner invented in 1902 by engineer Willis Haviland Carrier in Brooklyn,NY (Varrassi,2011)
- Named among the 10 greatest mechanical engineering of the 20th century, according to a survey of ASME members (Varrassi,2011).



# How an A/C Works?

- Cooling in traditional A/C systems is accomplished using the vaporcompression cycle.
- The air conditioner in a central heating and cooling system provides cool air through ductwork inside your home, by providing a process that draws out the warm air inside, removing its heat. (Trane,2019)



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# **Project Scope**

# **Key Goals**

- Optimize environmental conditions
- Design an air conditioning control system
- Satisfy key customer needs while being energy efficient
- Market final design for various real-world applications and uses





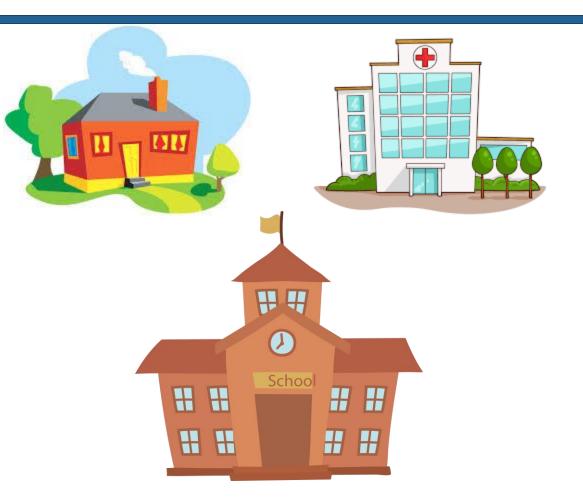
# Markets

#### Primary

- Businesses
- Schools
- Hospitals

#### Secondary Markets

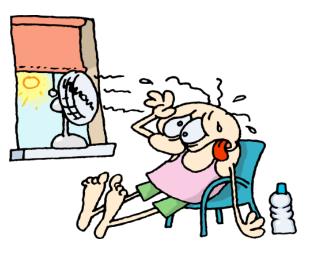
• Residential Housing



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# Assumptions

- All controlled points are assumed to work
- Existing wires is expected to be operational
- No modifications will need to be made to existing air handler equipment or duct work.



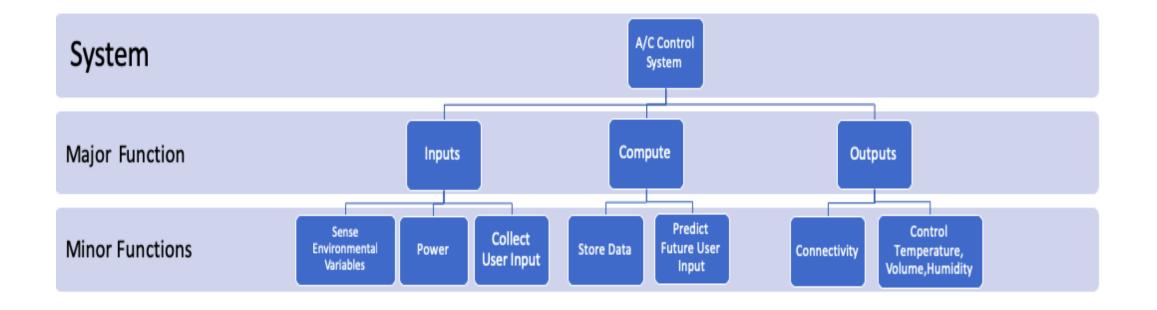
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# **Customer Needs**

- Allow everyone to have their satisfying temperature and air flow.
- To cut out the need for maintenance
- Keep the overall system in place just improve the possibility for everyone to set their preferences
- Allow customers to directly regulate their own temperature.
- Create a device to control the temperature for better comfort
- Allow multiple people to set up their temperature preferences.
- Redistribute to everyone their freedom of choice about the temperature.
- Allow users to manage their own room temperature
- Use an algorithm to determine what times the user is too hot or too cold. From there the unit will autonomously control the room temperature
- Product to be modular for different systems.



# **Functional Decomposition**



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## **Five Most Important Points**

- 1. Personalized temperature in individual rooms is not an option.
- 2. In order to change the room temperature user must go through a process to have it changed.
- 3. Due to variants such age, sex, and medical conditions it is too difficult to achieve an optimal temperature.
- 4. The product should adapt to the user's temperature preference to allow comfortability.
- 5. Having a product that is modular for multiple systems will make it more marketable.

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