

Noise-Aware Smart Headphones

Project type: Experimental

Date Started: Dec/28/2025

Schedule:

Week 1- Research and collect all materials

Week 2- Program micro-bit

Week 3- Build model and test

Week 4- Presentation

Project Question:

How can headphones automatically reduce volume to avoid unsafe exposure to sound in noisy environments?

Hypothesis:

If the environmental noise level is very loud then the smart headphone system will automatically lower the volume because the micro-bit is programmed to detect high sound levels and will make the servo motor lower the volume.

Background Research:

- loudness or sound intensity is measured as a decibel
- safe sound levels are sounds below 70 dB
- you could damage your ears if the sound levels are 85 dB or more
- A Micro:bit is a programmable device
- You can program a Micro:bit to do what you want
- A Servo Motor is a device that controls motion
- I have programmed a micro:bit to make a game before with coding

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Materials:

Main system:

- Micro:bit V2
- Micro:bit battery Pack (AAA batteries)
- AAA batteries
- SG90 Micro Servo motor
- Servo horn (comes with servo)
- Jumper wires
- breadboard
- Potentiometer - adapters

Audio & Testing components

- Wired headphones with volume knob
- Music player (audio source)
- Small external speaker (background noise)
- Decibel meter app on phone

Mounting Materials:

- cardboard
- cardboard tube
- Extra cardboard pieces
- Foam or folded cardboard
- hot glue gun
- Tape
- Rubber bands

Experimental procedure:

- Plan:
- Research
- collect all materials
- First Make mounting stand
- Next program Micro:bit
- Then build Model
- Run Trials
- Make adjustments

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Experimental procedure:

Variables:

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Manipulated variable | • Responding variable |
| - Environmental noise level: | - Headphone volume level |
| = Quiet, Medium, Loud | - Servo motor angle: |
| | = amount of volume reduced |

• controlled variable

- Same distance between noise source and headphones
- Same audio each time (use the same song)
- Same room size
- Same headphone volume at beginning (volume starts at same position)

There are 3 trials total

Daily Notes:

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In this part of my project I made a mounting stand to hold the headphones securely to it which allows the servo motor to adjust the volume knob. First I made a strong cardboard base. Next I glued a cardboard tube onto the base vertically and attached two cardboard triangles to the sides of the tube for extra support. At the top of the stand, I placed a slightly curved piece of cardboard to safely hold up the headphones. This stand is designed so the headphones are steady during testing and ensure reliable testing results.

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Daily Notes:

Dec/29/2025

- connected Micro: bit to bread board using alligator clips
- Attached servo Motor to bread board using jumper wires as adapters

Dec/30/2025

- programmed Micro: bit to automatically turn the Servo horn from servo sg90 Motor
- finished Mounting stand

Dec/31/2025

- collected More Materials such as potentiometer and audio cables

Jan/2/2026

- I attached the potentiometer to Servo Motor
- so it can turn the volume down

Jan/4/2026

- connected headphones to Speaker using the audio cables
- did a test trial (not actual trial yet)

Jan/7/2026

- First when I tried the Servo horn did not respond
- After some adjustments the servo shaft turned but did not turn the volume down
- After adding more power it finally worked

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Daily Notes:

Jan/9/2026

- Tested to three different noise-levels (soft, medium, and loud)
- system successfully responded and turned the volume down

Quiet	Medium	Loud
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Response• because it was a low noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still no response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The servo, turned the volume knob of potentiometer and turned volume down of headphones

Jan/12/2026

conclusion-

In conclusion this project helped see if headphones could automatically reduce the volume of headphones when too loud. This will help prevent hearing loss. The results I got supported my hypothesis. My hypothesis was if the noise level is loud then the volume of headphones will automatically decrease because the Micro:bit is programmed to do so, this was reasonable. Overall this project will help solve real-life problems in the world

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Daily Notes

• Jan / 15 - 20 / 2026

- Start presentation
- research
- finish presentation

Jan 21 - 22 / 2026

- adjust wiring and enhance video
- Then Record Video