The six dots of the braille cell are arranged and numbered:	$\begin{array}{c}1\\2\\3\\0\\6\\6\end{array}$
The capital sign, dot 6, placed before a letter makes a capital letter.	1 4 2 5 3 ● 6

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# Braille Alphabet

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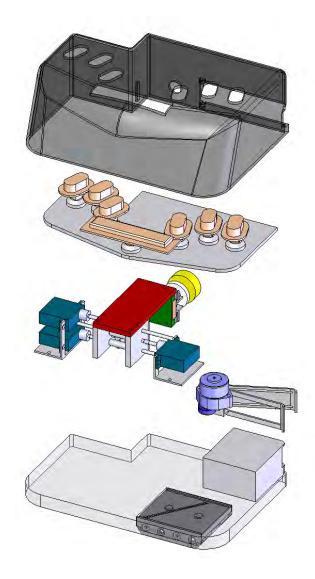
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We at Team Blue introduce **DOT it**– the next generation of Braille label makers! Engineered by a team of 15 MIT seniors, **DOT it** is an electromechanical system that closely resembles the six-button (plus space bar) design of the Perkins Brailler, the standard for Braille typewriters.



Instead of having to turn and line up a rotary dial with 26+ symbol options, as with the 3M Braille Label Maker, **DOT it** offers a more convenient solution.



"Why would I carry a huge gun-shaped device... especially one that doesn't contain all the Braille cells needed for writing standard contracted Braille? And that takes a million years to find letters on its obnoxious dial?"

- Anonymous Survey Respondent

# **Features**

Simply insert a roll of Dymo Tape into our device, and voila! You are ready to label nearly anything... anywhere...at any time!

With **DOT** it, the user simply punches any combination of the six keys to make the desired braille character.

- Loads standard Dymo Tape automatically
- Makes labels as fast as you can type
- Low force buttons are easy on the hands
- Ergonomic shell and button layout minimizes wrist abduction during use
- Sized to label on the go! From the grocery store to the home, label anywhere!
  - Long battery life! Uses four AA batteries
- Labels trimmed to size, no need for scissors
  - Label ends scored for easy peeling



designed with the blind in mind

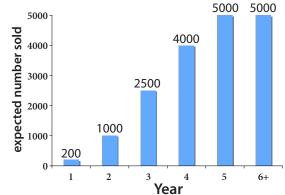
# **Business Plan**

We plan to introduce **DOT it** in the following manner:

Target Market: 10% of the 1-million US blind population who know Braille

<u>Cost</u>: \$80

## Sales Volume Forecast:





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