

# Introduction to embedded systems

## Embedded systems, microprocessors and microcontrollers

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They may fundamentally have components that many other embedded systems have, but they, in contrast to how themselves in the past, have not just the purpose of communicating people via voice calls or messages, they are also entertainment devices, and have many more functionalities.

