

Embedded System

An **embedded system** is a combination of **hardware and software** designed for a specific function.

For example - a fire alarm is an embedded system it will sense only smoke.

Embedded system

An embedded system has three components:

- It has hardware**

- It has application software**

- It has a **real time operating system (RTOS)** that supervises the application software and provides a mechanism to let the processor run a process as per scheduling by following a plan to control the latencies. RTOS defines the way the system works; it sets the rules during the execution of application programming. A small scale embedded system may not have RTOS.

So we can define an embedded system as a **Microcontroller based, software driven, reliable, real time controlling system.**

Characteristics of embedded system

Requires less power - Embedded systems don't require much power to operate.

Low cost - The price of an Embedded system is not so expensive .

Task specific - Embedded system performs some specific function or task.

Highly stable - Embedded systems do not change frequently, mostly fixed maintaining stability.

High reliability - Embedded systems are reliable and perform the tasks consistently well.

High efficiency - Embedded system efficiency is so high.

Manual user interface - These systems require less user interface and are easy to use.

Time specific - It performs the task with in a certain time frame.

Types of embedded system

Embedded system can be classified based on ;

- Perform and functional requirement**

- Realtime**

- Hard real time embedded system.

- Soft real time embedded system.

- Standalone embedded system.**

- Network based embedded system.**

- Mobile based embedded system.**

Perform of the microcontroller.

Small scale

Medium scale

Sophisticated scale

Application of embedded system

Some real life application of embedded system are as follows

Consumer electronics - televisions and digital cameras, computers, printers, video games consoles and home entertainment systems like PS4.

Household applications - refrigerators, washing machines, microwave, ovens, air conditioner.

Medical equipment - scanners like those for MRI,CT,ECG machines, devices to monitor blood pressure and heartbeat

Automobiles - fuel injection system, anti-lock braking systems, music and entertainment systems, control for air conditioner.

Industrial applications - Assembly line, system for feedback systems for data collection

Aerospace - Systems for navigation and guidance, GPS

Communications - Routers , satellite phones.