Software Architecture

Data Flow Software Architectures

# Process Control Architecture Style

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- Pipe and Filter
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### Process control software architecture

### Synopsis

- suitable for the embedded system software design where the system is manipulated by a process control variable data
- Process control architecture decomposes the whole system into subsystems (modules) and connections between subsystems.

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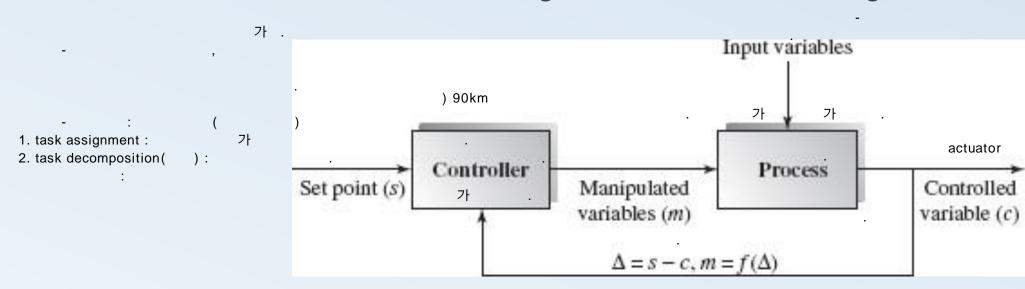
## Process control: Applicable Domains

- Applicable domains
  - Embedded software systems involving continuing actions
  - Systems that need to maintain an output data at a stable level
  - The system can have a set point: the goal the system will reach at its operational level.
- Examples
  - Car cruise-control systems setting
  - Building temperature control systems

### Process control: Structure

#### Structure

- decomposes the whole system into subsystems (modules) and connections between subsystems.
- There are two types of subsystems:
  - an executor processing unit for changing process control variables and
  - controller unit for calculating the amounts of the changes.



### Process control: Structure

- input variable

- Structure(Cont'd)
  - Controlled variable: variable.
    - a target controlled variable such as speed in a cruise control system or the temperature in an auto H/A system.
    - It has a set point goal to reach.
    - The controlled variable data should be measured by sensors as a feedback reference to recalculate manipulated variables.
  - Input variable:
    - a measured input data such as the temperature of return air in a temperature control system.
  - Manipulated variable:
    - can be adjusted by the controller.

### Process control: Benefits

- Benefits of close-loop feedback process control architecture over open forward architecture:
  - It offers a better solution to the control system where no precise formula can be used to decide the manipulated variable.

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Summary of Data Flow Software Architectures





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## Summary of DFA

#### Structure

- decomposes a system into a fixed sequence of transformations and computations.
- There is no direct interaction between any two consecutive subsystems except for the exchange of data through data flow links.
- No data sharing occurs among subsystems in data flow architecture.
- It is not suitable for interactive business processing.

## Summary of DFA

- Three Variants
  - pipe and filter
    - an incremental data transformation processing model and runs concurrently.
    - The data is pipelined streamed
    - The data flow and the control flow are implicit
  - batch sequential
    - The data is batch sequential.
    - Reading and writing I/O files drive the data flow explicitly.
    - cause bottlenecks because it requires batched data as input and output.
  - process control
    - · the data is neither batched sequential nor pipelined streamed.
    - The mechanism to drive the data flow comes from a set of variables that controls the process execution.

## Summary of DFA

### Design Guidelines

- Decompose the system into a series of process steps; each step takes the output of its previous step.
- Define the output and input data formats for each step.
- Define the data transformation in each step.
- Design pipelines if concurrency is necessary.