

# A Study of Safety-Critical Java and its Specification Applied



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Java is one of the most known and widely used programming languages and several attempts have been made to bring Java into the world of Real-Time systems. Recently, Java has also been targeted the development of Safety-Critical systems with the new standard, JSR-302 Safety-Critical Java (SCJ), to facilitate the development of systems, certifiable with standards such as DO-178B Level A. The SCJ specification is still in draft, and lacks implementations and use cases in order to be thoroughly evaluated. This report presents a study of SCJ and the application of this for two use cases. We examine the draft version of the SCJ specification and an implementation of SCJ on the Java Optimized Processor (JOP). We take the specification and its implementation on JOP and apply this in the development of safety-critical software in collaboration with GomSpace that specialises in cubesat and nano-satellite platforms. We develop an SCJ version of their Cubesat Space Protocol (CSP), a network-layer delivery protocol for cubesats. We take this implementation and develop a Watchdog module in SCJ that utilises the CSP protocol to monitor other modules in a safety-critical environment and analyse the applicability of SCJ from a theoretical point of view with regard to theory in real-time software such as response-time analysis of applications. The result of this study is an analysis and findings on the applicability of SCJ in its current state, for the development of safety-critical systems with emphasis on transitioning ones Java experience to SCJ.



## PREFACE

This project has been developed by five Software Engineering master students from Aalborg University, spring 2012. The report documents the development of a mobile application on the Android platform.

The report consists of five parts, excluding the appendix. The first part is an introductory part, which sets the boundaries and limitations of the project. Next there is a preliminary part in which the target mobile platform is investigated. The third part deals with the requirements and design of the application, before moving on to the fourth part which covers the development and implementation of the end product. Finally the project is concluded in a closing part, which discussed the perspectives and the suggestions on the developed application.

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INTRODUCTION

**Listing 1.1: A sample**

```
1 #include <future>
2 std::map<std::string, std::string> french
3 {{"hello", "bonjour"}, {"world", "tout le monde"}};
4 int main()
5 {
6     std::string greet=french["hello"];
7     auto f=std::async([&]{std::cout << greet << ", "; });
8     std::string audience=french["word"];
9     f.get();
10    std::cout << audience << std::endl;
11 }
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13 def main():
14     hehe
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