

## Embedded systems Mobile phones and forensics

## Embedded system definition: A computer that is not perceived as such



#### Real-time system - definitions

A definition: Real-time systems (RT-Systems) are those computational systems that

• offer an assurance of timeliness of service provision

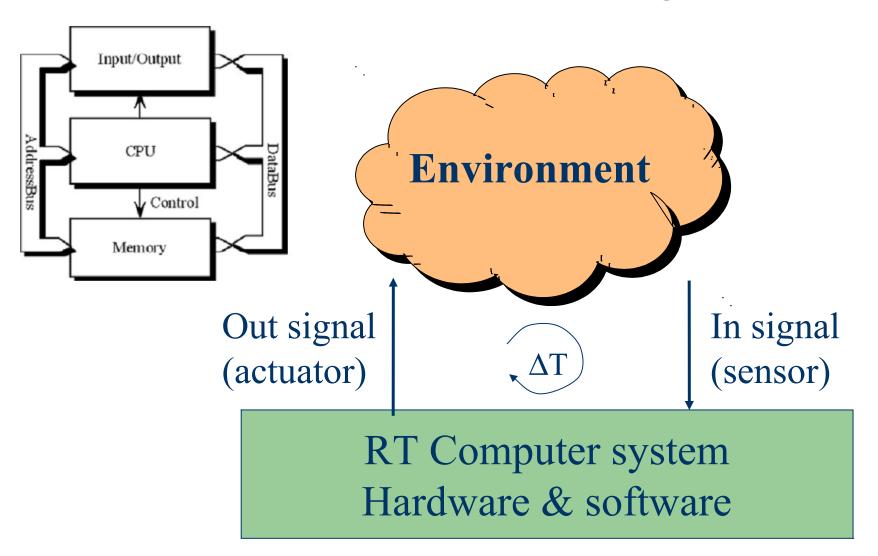
Another definition: RT-systems are those where the correctness of the system behaviour depends

- on the logical results of the computations, and also
- on the <u>physical time</u> when these results are produced

Yet another definition: RT-systems are those that

 have to be designed according to the <u>dynamics of a</u> <u>physical process</u>

## A simple real-time system



#### **Further RT System Classifications**

- Fail-Safe vs. Fail-Operational
  - -Error detection coverage critical
  - Often use watch dog, heart-beat signal
- Resource-Adequate vs. Resource-Inadequate
- Event-Triggered vs. Time-Triggered
  - Dynamic vs. static scheduling
  - Presence of global time base

## Summary

#### Real-Time Systems:

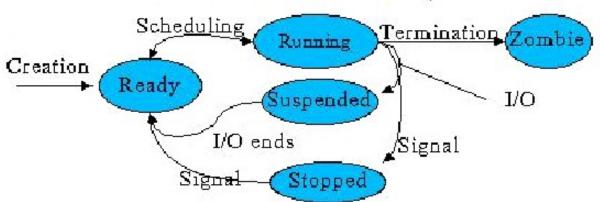
- Focus is predictability not performance per sec.
- Correct behaviour = correctness + timeliness of results
- Must consider dynamics of physical process

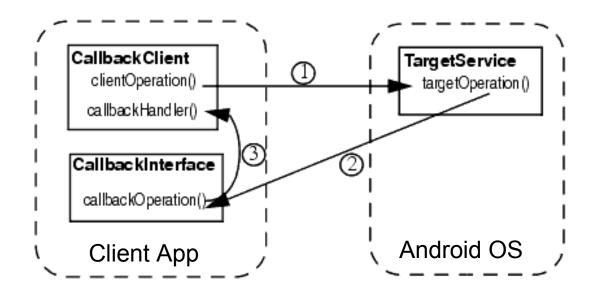
## Real-Time Systems is usually used in Safety-critical systems

- Humans, environment or property can be damaged
- Safety vs. Security
- Two types
  - Safe state exists if everything goes wrong, the system can transition to a safe state
  - Safe state is the working state high availability
- Safety critical software Dependable (reliable and safe)

## **OS** concepts

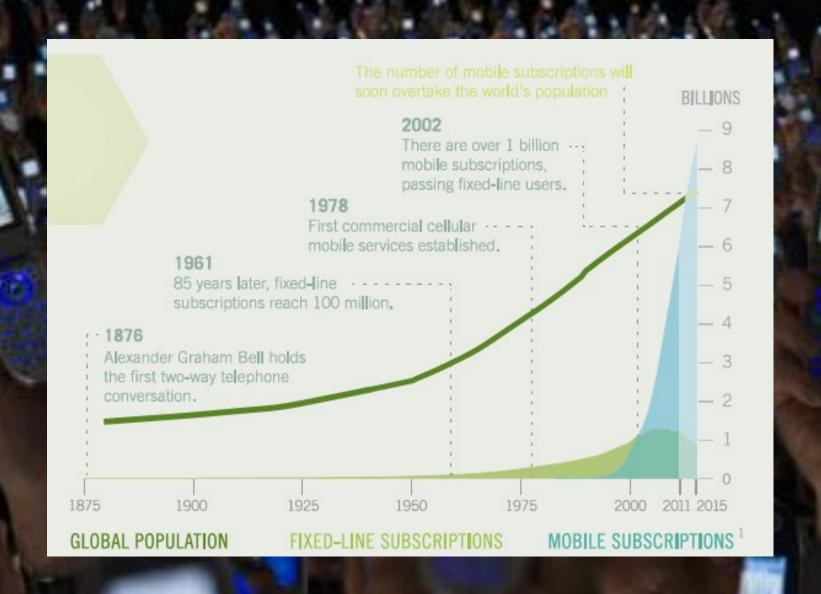
- Threads/tasks
- Priorities
- Scheduling
- IPC and signals
- Locks
  - Semaphores
  - Mutexes
- Callbacks
- Asynchronos
- Synchronos





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Samsung	103.0	120.1
Nokia	82.9	64.6
Apple	26.9	33.8
LG	14.4	18.3
Huawei	12.1	14.6
Others	151.1	166.4
Total	390.4	417.8
Global Mobile Phone Vendor Marketshare %	Q3 '12	Q3 '13
Samsung	26.4%	28.7%
Nokia	21.2%	15.5%
Apple	6.9%	8.1%
LG	3.7%	4.4%
Huawei	3.1%	3.5%
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Global Smartphone Operating System Shipments (Millions of Units)	Q3 '12	Q3 '13
Android	129.6	204.4
Apple	26.9	33.8
Microsoft	3.7	10.2
BlackBerry	7.4	2.5
Others	5.2	0.5
Total	172.8	251.4
Global Smartphone Operating System Marketshare %	Q3 '12	Q3 '13
Android	75.0%	81.3%
Apple	15.6%	13.4%
Microsoft	2.1%	4.1%
BlackBerry	4.3%	1.0%
Others	3.0%	0.2%
Others		

45.5%

## Sales by mobile computer type

#### Worldwide mobile device shipments

Category	2012 shipments (millions)	2016 shipments (millions)	CAGR
Total	1,936.2	2,614.2	7.8%
Basic phone	122.0	58.0	-17.0%
Feature phone	770.8	660.9	-3.8%
Smart phone	694.8	1,342.5	17.9%
Tablet	114.6	383.5	35.3%
Notebook	215.7	169.1	-5.9%
Netbook	18.3	0.3	-65.4%

Source: Canalys estimates and forecast, © Canalys 2013

CAGR = Compound annual growth rate

#### Why do we do forensic examinations?

- Ask yourself who do you know who doesn't have a mobile?
- Most crimes are committed by one person against another
- Most criminals don't commit crime at home
- Serious Road Accidents now require mobiles to be seized
- Mobile phones are a goldmine of information
- However they present a unique challenge due to rapid changes in technology...





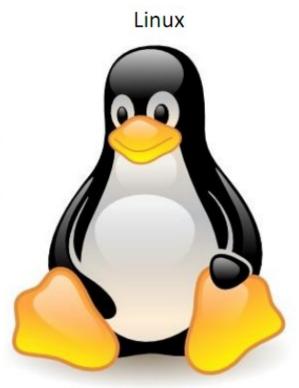


#### **COMPUTER FORENSICS**

#### Operating Systems



Windows





Apple





#### **MOBILE – Operating Systems**















































## 6 runner ups













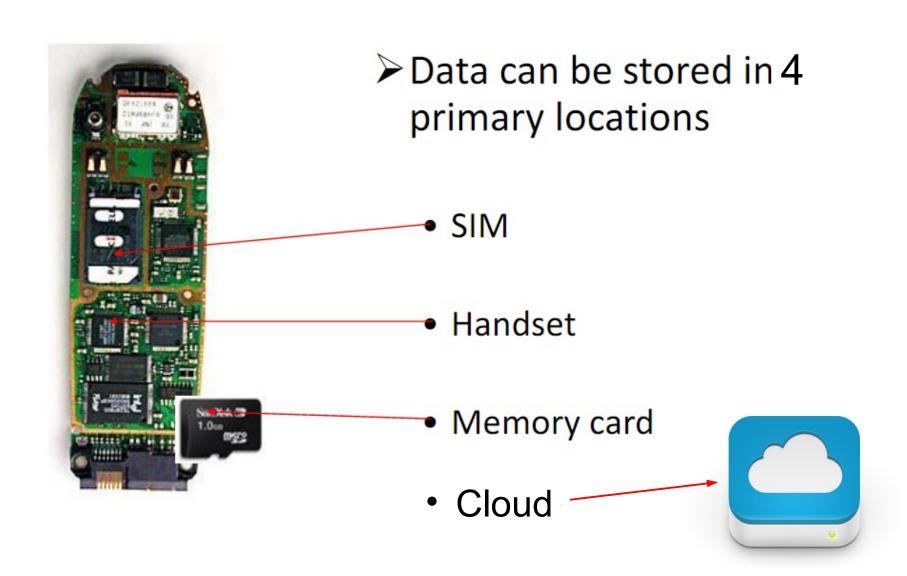


# The history of Meego & Tizen

#### **Mobile Phone Evidence**

- 1. Billing History network time stamped call history
- + Reliable and Accurate
- Takes long time to get from providers
- 2. Cell Site Analysis real time tracking
- + Known suspects tracking
- Only most serious offences, takes time to initiate
- 3. Handset evidence of preliminary activity, drafts,
- + Immediate recovery, draft activity on handset
- Time & Dates can be altered and inaccurate

#### What's on a mobile device?



## What information can we expect in a mobile phone handset?

- Contacts
- Calls (dialled, missed, received)
- Text Messages
- Multimedia Messages
- Drafts...
- Pictures, Audio and Video Images
- E-mail, Browser History,
- Tasks / Notes / Calendars
- Application Files
- Maps, GPS Locations visited
- Time & Dates



#### Forensic Examination Techniques

- Logical acquisition may be sufficient
  - Items from AT(tention) or proprietary commands
  - User backup utilities as iTunes, PC companion tools etc.
- Software agent using device API
- Physical acquisition
  - Hex dump to recover lock code and deleted data etc.
- Whatever can be acquired...
  - Should be complete and accurate
- The complexity and cost rise when moving up in the pyramid

Micro Read

Chip-Off

Hex Dump

**Logical Analysis** 

**Manual Extraction**