

EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

Class Test – 01
(Oxygen)

Design Process Explained

What is Design Process?

- ❑ A **“Design Process”** is a process followed for designing an Embedded System.
- Abstraction, Modeling, Hardware and Software Architecture, Extra functional Properties, System Related Family Designs.
- Modules.
- Mapping.

Abstraction

- ❖ Each problem component first abstracted.
 - ⇒ **For example**, Display picture and text as an abstract class.
- ❖ Robotic system problem abstraction in terms of control of motors in different degrees of freedoms.
- ❖ Application software abstracted as concurrently running multiple threads and interrupt service threads.

Modeling

- Procedure Oriented.
- Objected Oriented.
- Sequential processes.
- Concurrent processes.
- State machine.

Design of Hardware and Software architecture

- Assumed to consists multiple layers.
- Each architectural layer be well understood before a design.

Design for Extra functional Properties

- Extra functionalities required in the system being developed be well understood from the design.

System Related Family designs

- Families of related systems developed earlier taken into consideration during designing.

Modular Design

- **“Modular Design”** refers to decomposition of software into modules that are to be implemented.
- Modules should be such that they can be composed (**coupled or integrated**) later.
- Effective Modular design should ensure effective
 - (i) function independence.
 - (ii) cohesion.
 - (iii) coupling.

Modules

- ❖ Be clearly understood and maintain continuity.
- ❖ Appropriate protection strategies are necessary for each module.
- ❖ A module is not permitted to change or modify another module functionality.
- ❖ For example, protection from a device driver modifying the configuration of another device.

Mapping

- Mapping into various representations done considering the software requirements.
- **For example**, data flow in the same path during the program flow can be mapped together as a single entity.

Transform and transaction mapping

- **For example**, an image is input data to a system; it can have a different number of pixels and colors of each pixel.
- The system has to store or process each pixel and color.
- Transform mapping of image is done by appropriate compression and storage algorithms.
- Transaction mapping is done to define the sequence of the images.

Testing, Verification and Validation

- ❑ **Testing** – to find errors and to validate that the implemented software is as per the specifications and requirements to get reliable product.
- ❑ **Verification** – refers to an activity to ensure that specific functions are correctly implemented.
- ❑ **Validation** – refers to an activity to ensure that the system that has been created is as per requirements agreed upon at the analysis phase, and to ensure its quality.

Abstraction of Design Process Steps

- ❖ A design process bottom-to-top design if it builds starting from the components.
 - ❖ A design process top-to-down design if it first starts with abstraction of the process and then after abstraction the details are created.
- ⇒ Top-to-down design approach is most favoured approach.

Software Design Cycle

- ❖ Activities for Software Design during Software-Development Process.

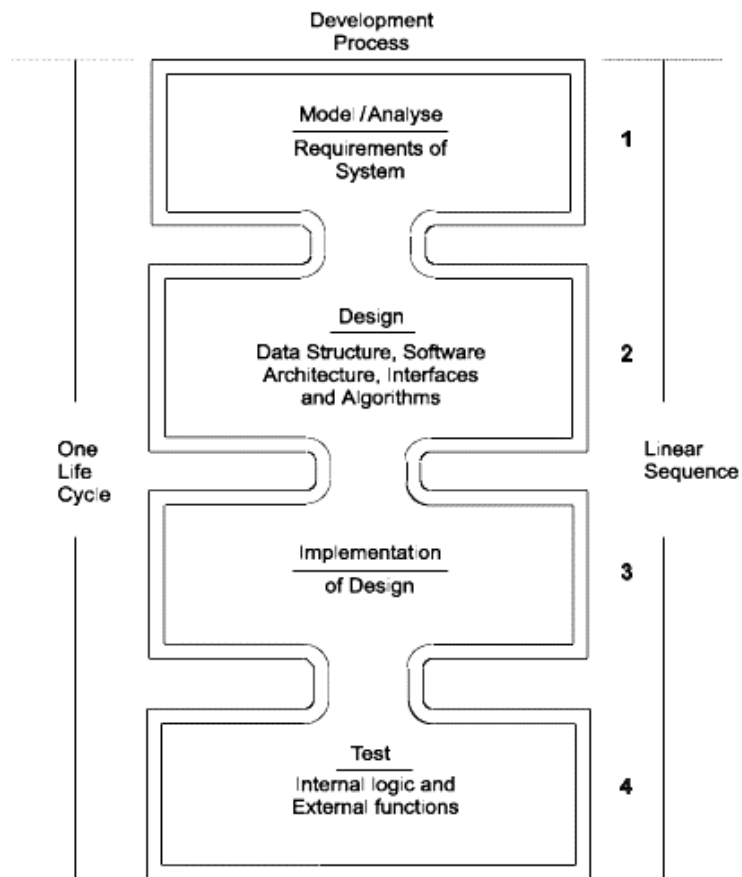


Figure: Software Design Cycle

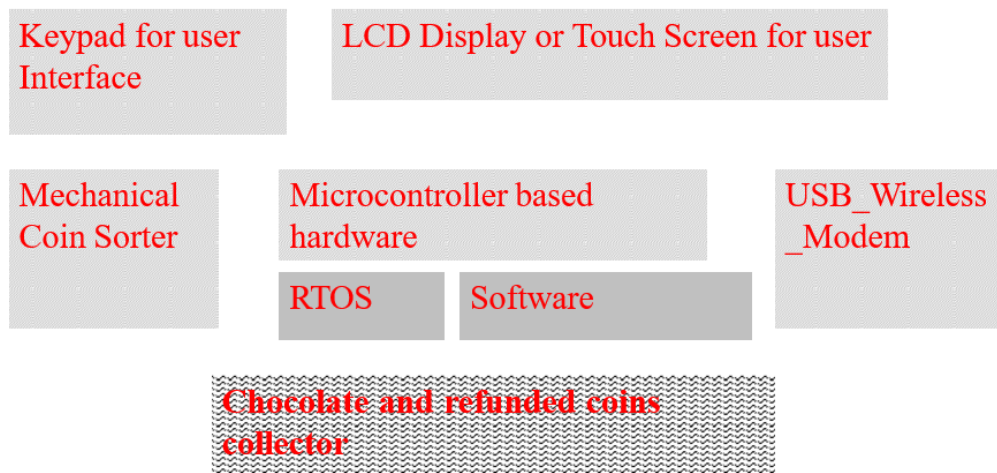
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Design Process Examples

❑ We will learn two examples in this section.

1. Automatic Chocolate Vending Machine (ACVM).
2. Smart Card.

Diagrammatic representation of ACVM



Automatic Chocolate Vending Machine (ACVM)

- ❖ Coin insertion slot.
- ❖ Keypad on the top of the machine.
- ❖ LCD display unit on the top of the machine. It displays menus, text entered into the ACVM and pictograms, welcome, thank and other messages.
- ❖ Graphic interactions with the machine.
- ❖ Displays time and date.
- ❖ Delivery slot so that child can collect the chocolate and coins, if refunded.
- ❖ Internet connection port so that owner can know status of the ACVM sales from remote.

ACVM Hardware units

- Microcontroller or ASIP (Application Specific Instruction Set Processor).
- RAM for storing temporary variables and stack.
- ROM for application codes and RTOS codes for scheduling the tasks.
- Flash memory for storing user preferences, contact data, user address, user date of birth, user identification code, answers of FAQs.

ACVM Hardware units (Contd.)

- Timer and Interrupt controller.
- A TCP/IP port (Internet broadband connection) to the ACVM for remote control and for getting ACVM status reports by owner.
- ACVM specific hardware.
- Power supply.

ACVM Software components

- ✓ Keypad input read
- ✓ Display
- ✓ Read coins
- ✓ Deliver chocolate
- ✓ TCP/IP stack processing
- ✓ TCP/IP stack communication.

Smart Card

- ❑ **Smart card**– a plastic card in ISO standard dimensions, 85.60 mm x 53.98 x 0.80 mm.
- Embedded system on a card.
- SoC (System-On-Chip).

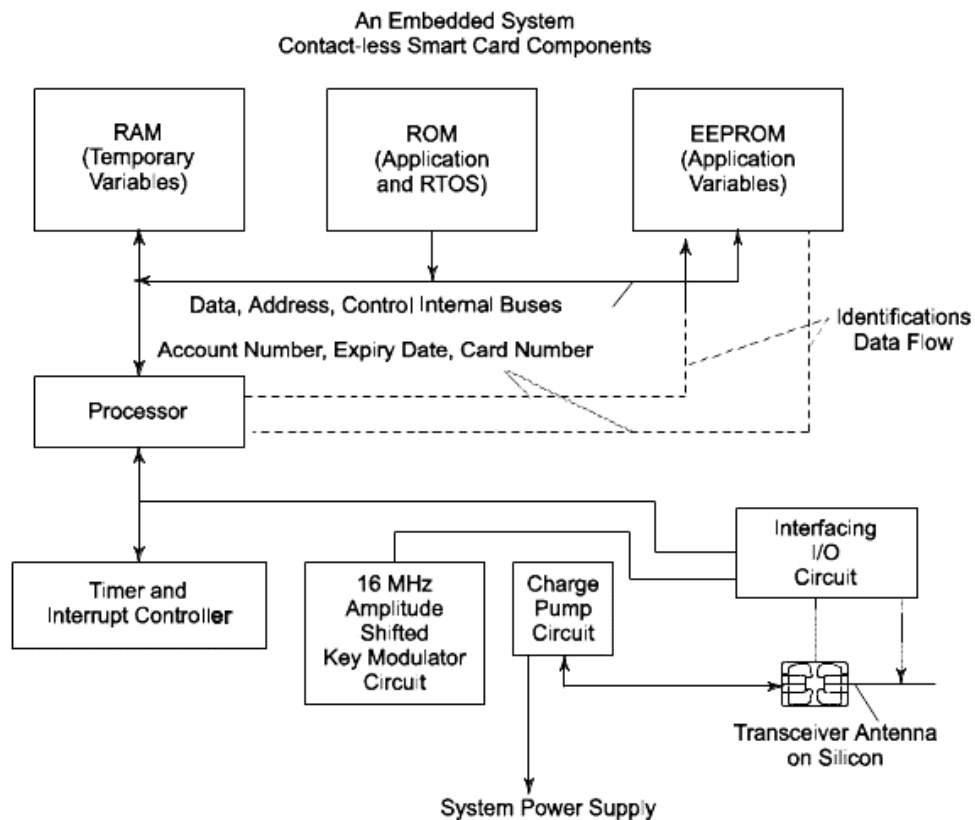


Figure: Embedded hardware components in a contact less smart

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