
CSCE 4114

Embedded Systems

Class website:

<http://hthreads.csce.uark.edu/wiki/4114>

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Welcome !

- Today we will just cover programmatics and gee-whiz introduction

Office Hours : MWF 3:30 - 4:30

Default Remote Via Blackboard :
F2F per request

-TA: TBD



Programmatics (on wiki)

Grade Breakdown

1. 2 exams (Mid/Final) := 20% each.
2 Exam builds on earlier material but is NOT comprehensive.
2. Homework := 20%
3. Laboratories := 40%

Midterm Tentative Oct 15 will confirm 2 weeks before.

1. Class = Lecture + Lab

1. Lectures: Concepts and theory
3:1 rule applies (Three hours study for every hour lecture)
2. Labs: Application of the Theory
Frustrating but satisfying and fun ! You get to build stuff !



Programmatics

- Homework: Assignments given in class
Usual due date is 1 week later.
 - Gives you a chance to read, try and then ask questions in next class.
 - Due at Beginning of class thru Blackboard.
 - Each late day costs 25%
 - Will waive for valid reason presented before due date



Programmatics

- Labs
 - TBD but probably ~6 Labs during semester.
 - Will use Xilinx Arty Boards. You need to pick them up this week.
 - Week #1: Prelab you do at home.
 - Lab writeups + Grading explained in more detail in lab (Week 2)



Programmatics

- Textbook:
"Programming Embedded Systems"
Vahid, Givargis, Miller
- 1. Sign in or create an account at:

learn.zybooks.com
- 2. Enter zyBook code:

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- 3. Subscribe
\$58 Open August 10th -> Dec 23rd



Programmatics

- Lectures:

1. From Textbook
2. Lecture slides and additional materials posted on blackboard and webpage.
3. Reading assignments will be posted the weekend before prior to coverage. You should read and familiarize yourself with materials before lecture.



Programmatics

- Academic Honesty: Very important. You are required to do your own work.
 - Labs can be done by partners. It's ok to work together, get together after to discuss. However, you need to write up your own report in your own words.
 - TA will give you formats and expectations for reports.
 - Dishonesty will be dealt with swiftly !
 - See the Universities Procedure at:
<http://provost.uark.edu/245.php>



Embedded Systems

- What you will study:
 - Embedded Systems interfacing and design
 - Where Hardware and Software co-exist
 - Hardware Organization:
 - CPU: Basic components (how to build in CSCE 2214)
 - Bus Interfacing: Signals and protocols for communication between CPU & all other components
 - Memory: Decoding and hooking up to Bus
 - Peripherals
 - I/O getting data in and out
 - Priority Interrupt Controller: How things get the CPU's attention
 - Custom Components: Accelerators and additions



Embedded Systems

- What you will study:
 - Embedded Systems interfacing and design
 - Where Hardware and Software co-exist
 - Software Organization:
 - Assembler := CPU's language.
 - Internal CPU Arithmetic and Boolean Instructions
 - Data Movement into and out of CPU: How to communicate with other system components
 - Protocol Stacks (How C/Java Functions & Subroutines actually get implemented)
 - Interrupt Routines:
 - Special Instructions that allows external devices to request service



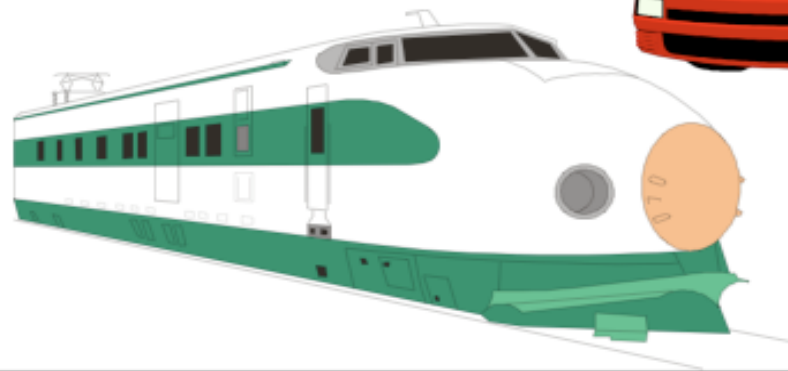
Embedded Systems

1. What is an Embedded System ?





Embedded System = *Computers Inside a Product*





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Computer System Design Lab

Embedded Systems

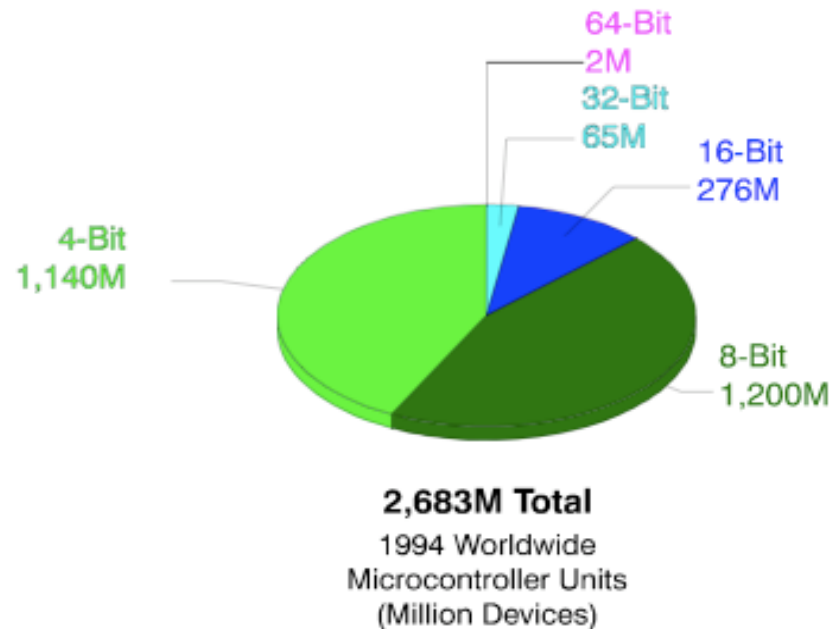
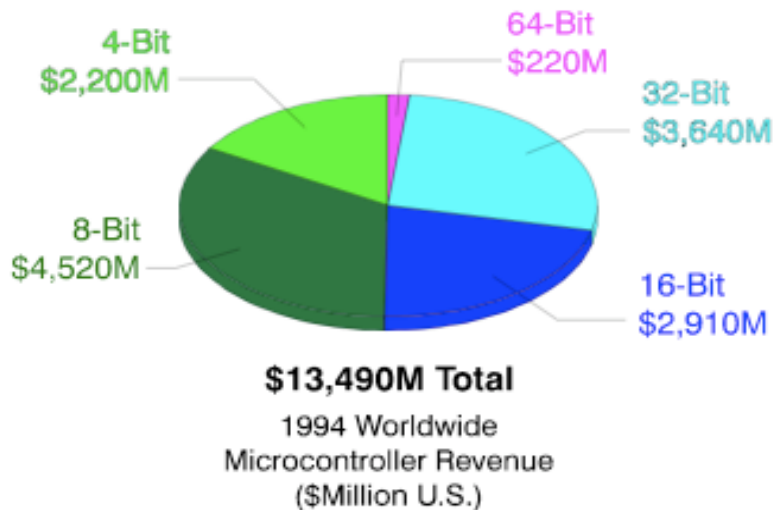
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2. Why are Embedded Systems Important ?



Small Computers Rule The Marketplace

◆ ~80 Million PCs vs. ~3 Billion Embedded CPUs Annually in 1995

- 150 Million PCs and 7.5 Billion embedded CPUs + in 2000



Approximated from EE Times, March 20, 1995
Source: The Information Architects

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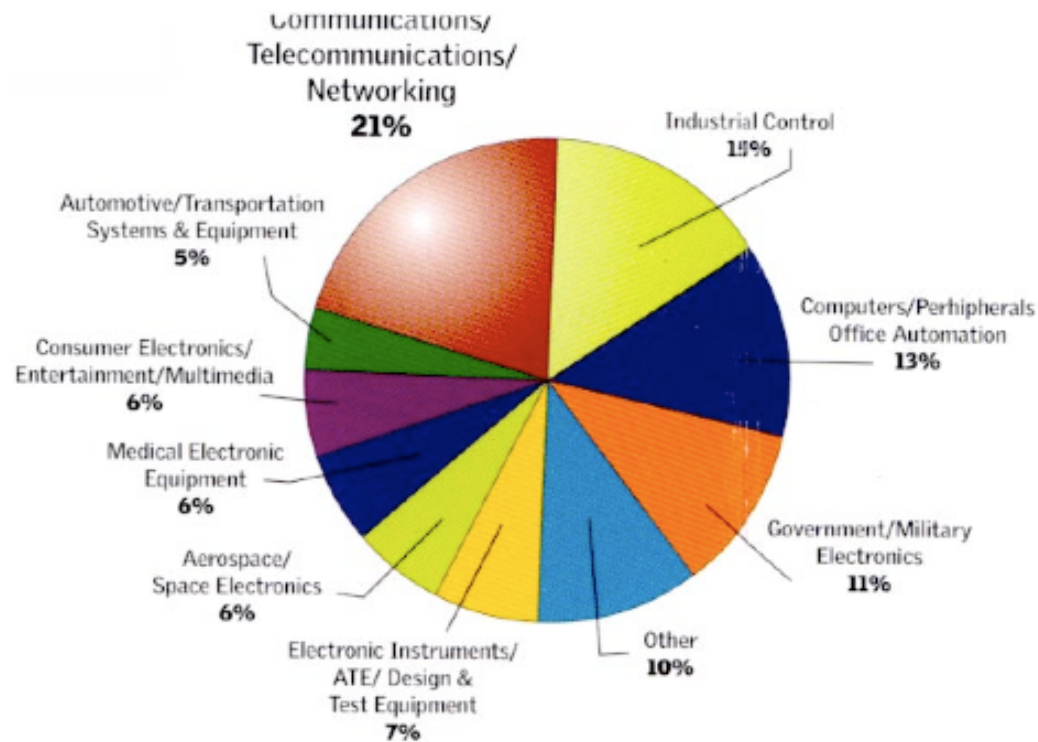
> 99% of CPU's sold go into Embedded Systems



There Are Many Application Areas

Primary End Product of Embedded Subscribers

Source: *ESP* Dec. 1998 BPA Audit



Which one will you be working in ?

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Embedded Systems

1. What is an Embedded System ?
2. Why are Embedded Systems Important ?
3. What do You Need to Know ?



Generic Embedded System Designer Skill Set

- ◆ **Appreciation for multi-disciplinary nature of design**
 - System skills; system = HW + SW + ...
 - Understanding of engineering beyond digital logic
 - Ability to take a project from specification through production
- ◆ **Communication & teamwork skills**
 - Work with other disciplines, manufacturing, marketing
 - Work with customers to understand the real problem being solved
 - Make a good presentation; even better -- write “trade rag” articles
- ◆ **And, by the way, technical skills too...**
 - Low level: Microcontrollers, FPGA/ASIC, assembly language, A/D, D/A
 - High level: Object-oriented Design, C/C++, Real Time Operating Systems, Critical System design
 - Meta level: Creative solutions to highly constrained problems
 - Likely in the future: Unified Modeling Language, embedded networks
 - Uncertain future: Java, Windows CE



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Summary

- This course will give you appreciation for the fun and difficulty of designing and building an embedded system
 - If you are a "Software Person": you will learn how your software is being implemented. You will learn how to write embedded software
 - If you are a "Hardware Person": you will learn how your hardware is being used and controlled. You will learn how to create hardware that is usable by software.

