



Design of Mission-Critical Apps & Systems:

Expanding to RT Theory for RTES Design

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Pre-requisites and Required Skills

- Knowledge, Skills, Theory, Understanding and Analysis from Prior RTES Coursera Courses
 - RTES Concepts and Practices
 - RTES Theory and Analysis
- Intermediate to **Advanced C** Programmer
- **Intermediate C++** Programming Skills
- **Intermediate POSIX** Threading – Concurrency
- **Intermediate SCHED_FIFO and POSIX 1003.1b (d, j) RT Extensions** Knowledge and Experience
- **Linux Platform at home** and experience with self-support for tools and configuration

Mission Critical Apps & Systems

Can be small scale, deeply embedded Cyclic Executives

- e.g. Anti-lock braking system in a car
- Cruise control in a car
- Simple auto-pilot for a UAV, e.g. Pixhawk PX4
- MPEG Decode in a smart phone

Can be larger scale, systems with an RTOS

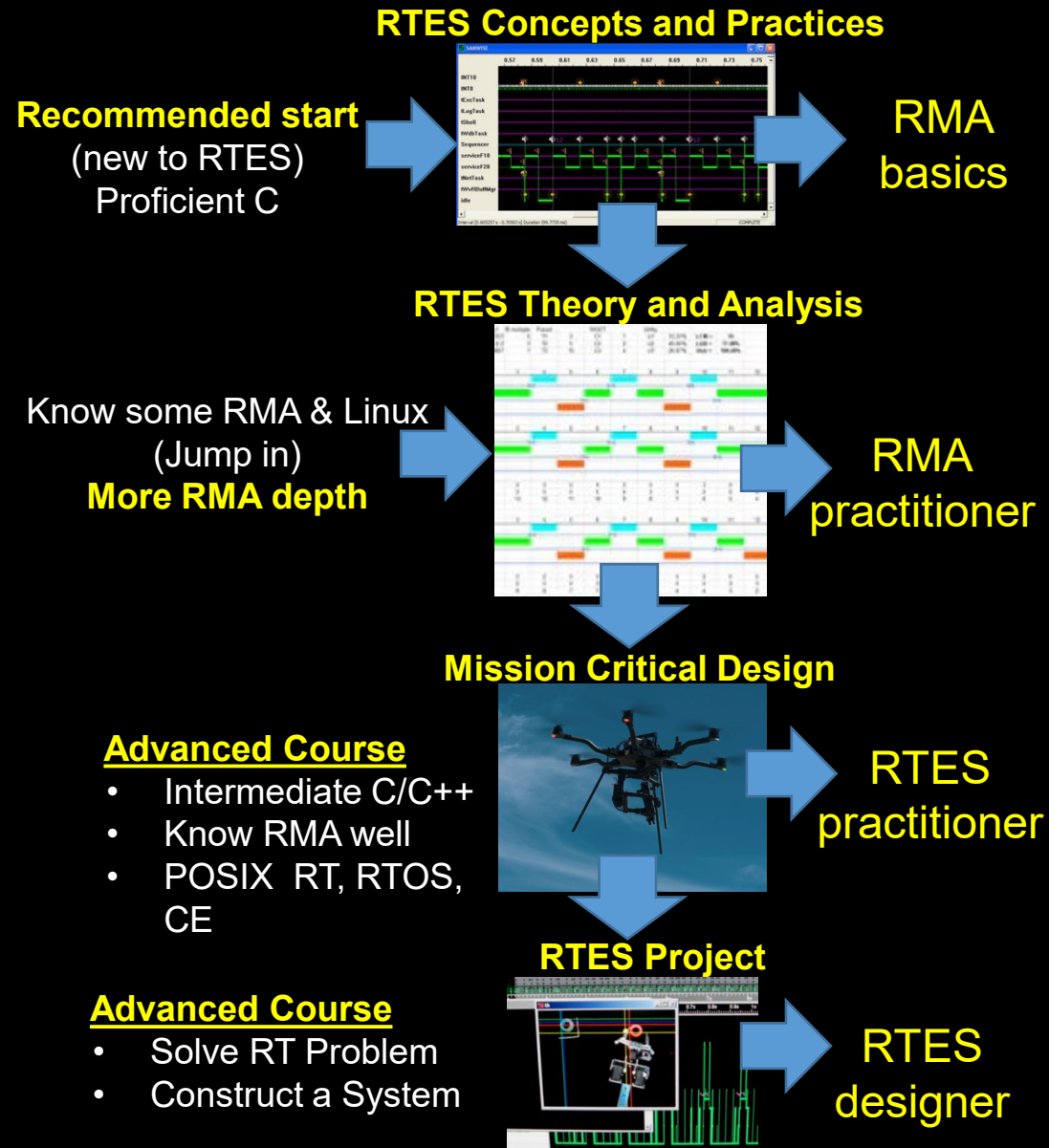
- e.g. Aircraft avionics Flight Control System
- Flight Management System
- Earth orbiting spacecraft bus
- Instruments for science
- Transportation systems
- Medical systems (diagnostic, therapeutic, monitoring)

Can be scalable systems with an OS + RT Extensions

- Distributed RT System – e.g. intelligent transportation, shipping, and military
- Soft RT Digital Media head end (data center)
- Automated financial systems (stock market)

Course Flow

- Standard Path
- Jump in at “RTES Theory and Analysis”
- Exit after “RTES Theory and Analysis”
- Exit after “RTES Mission Critical Apps & Systems”
- Complete full series



Real-Time with OS + Extensions

First feasible in late 1990's ... today

Key OS added POSIX RT Extensions

Portable Operating Systems Interface

Real-Time extensions focus

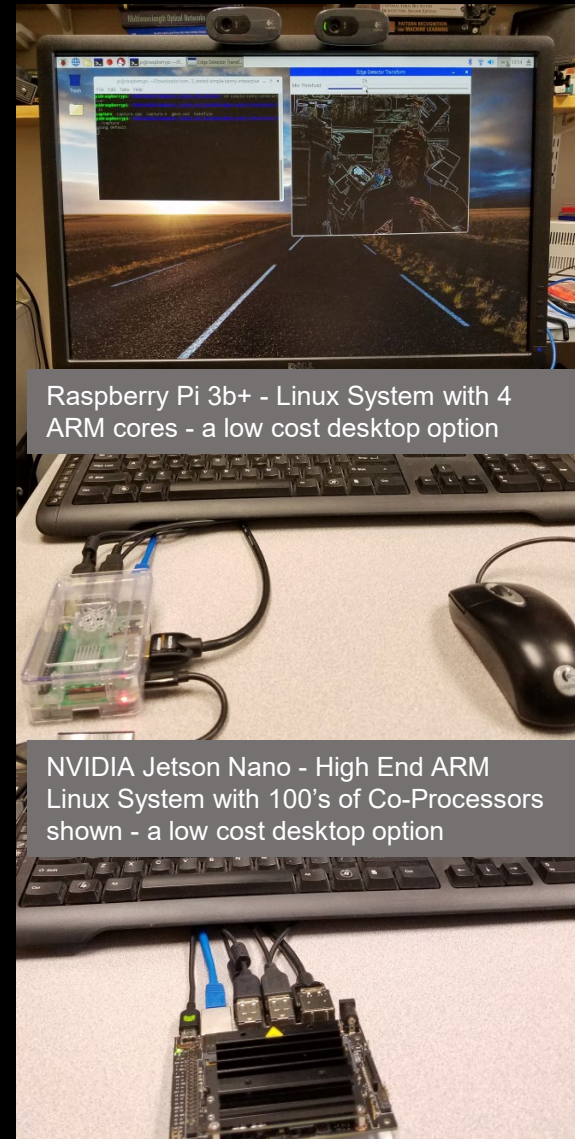
- Scheduling – RMA fixed and dynamic
 - Linux SCHED_FIFO
 - Linux SCHED_DEADLINE
- Synchronization
- Shared memory processing
- AMP and SMP (thread affinity)
- Advanced memory features (locking pages)
- Software signals (that queue)
- Message queues

Gallmeister, Bill O. "Programming for the real World, POSIX. 4." *O'Reilly & Associates, Inc* (1995).

Obenland, Kevin M. "The use of posix in real-time systems, assessing its effectiveness and performance." *The MITRE Corporation* (2000).

Required Equipment for Course

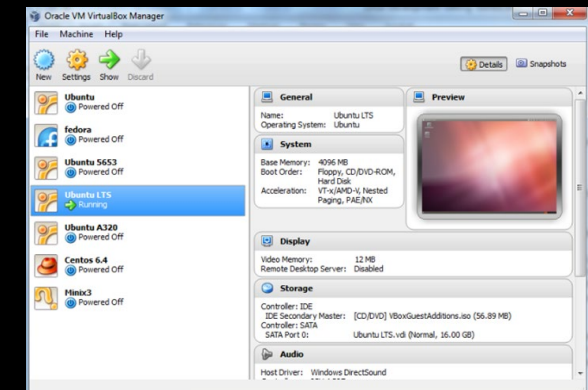
- Option #1 - Raspberry Pi 3b+
 - \$80 kit
 - [CanaKit for Raspberry Pi 3 B+ on Amazon](#)
 - [CanaKit for Raspberry Pi 4](#) with 2,4,8 GB RAM
 - You own it, can be used for entire course
- Option #2 - NVIDIA Jetson Nano
 - \$99 for students
 - JetPack Linux installation
- Option #3 – [Virtual-Box](#) with [Ubuntu LTS](#)
 - Use Windows or Mac PC
 - **Software Development ONLY**
 - No real-time execution or camera streaming
 - Learn Linux with minimal cost and risk
 - Real-time testing with native Linux (Option #1, 2)
- Option #4 - Linux Laptop (Native installation)
- Option #5 - Intel NUC with Ubuntu LTS



Home Lab Setup for Course (Resources Video)

- From RT Theory and Analysis
- Use for this Course as well
- Used for all Courses in Series
 - RT Concepts and Practices
 - RT Theory and Analysis
 - Design of Mission-Critical Applications and Systems
 - RT Embedded Systems Project

Virtual Box Linux
Functional Development



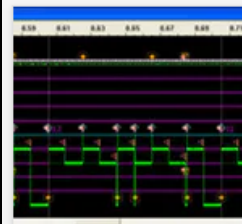
Course #3 – Mission Critical Apps & Systems

- **Course #1 – RT Concepts and Practices**
 - Real-Time Embedded Concepts (HW, FW, SW)
 - Concurrent programming
 - RT Scheduling – Rate Monotonic
 - Feasibility and Safety Margin
 - RM LUB
 - Cyclic Executive, RTOS and OS + RT Extensions
 - Best Effort, SRT, HRT
 - Static and Dynamic Priorities
 - AMP vs. SMP and use of Linux SCHED_FIFO
 - Basic tracing and comparison to expected timing
- **Course #2 – RT Theory and Analysis**
 - Full derivation of the RM LUB
 - Dynamic Priority timing analysis practice and theory
 - In-depth practice with Exact Worst-Case analysis
 - Issues with RMA, shared memory, priority inversion
 - In-depth look at dynamic priorities
 - Wrap-up of the state or practices, starting point for RT R&D

Course Focus

Designs with no SPOF (Single Point of Failure)

Full resource view of computer
CPU + I/O + Memory (Power)




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Real-Time Embedded Systems Concepts and Practices

Instructor: Sam Siewert

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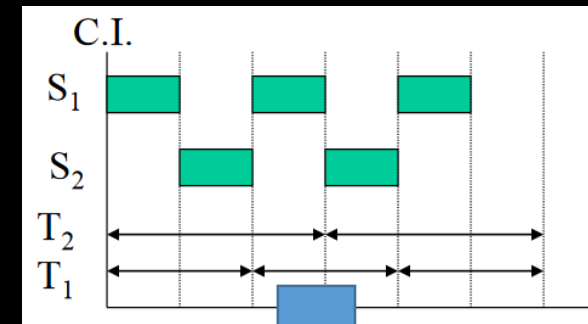
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RTES Theory and Analysis (Review)

- Focus on CPU and Shared Memory RT Services (Beyond Concepts)
 - RM Least Upper Bound – Derivation and **what it means**
 - Exact Feasibility Analysis – **Lehoczky, Sha, Ding**
 - Comparison of fixed and **dynamic priority policies**
 - **EDF, LLF, Enhanced LLF**
 - **SCHED_DEADLINE for Linux (new!)**
 - Real-Time Service Design Patterns
 - Analysis and Verification of Real-Time
 - Secondary Resources and Synchronization
 - **Priority Inversion**
 - **Deadlock, Livelock**
 - Solutions to Design Challenges with RMA
 - Solved – PIP, PCP/PCEP, $T < D$, $T > D$, and Period Transform
 - Research Topics – RTES with VMs, RT SMP (vs. AMP or AMP emulation practice), RT with Co-processors
 - Linux – RT_PREEMPT patch, kernel/user space, RT Linux distributions



$$U = \sum_{i=1}^m (C_i / T_i) \leq m(2^{\frac{1}{m}} - 1)$$

Discrete
Math

Calculus
Bound

Exact
Analysis of
Worst Case

Key Background Papers

Beyond RM LUB and Fixes

Lehoczky, John, Lui Sha, and Yuqin Ding. "The rate monotonic scheduling algorithm: Exact characterization and average case behavior." *RTSS*. Vol. 89. 1989.

Buttazzo, Giorgio C. "Rate monotonic vs. EDF: Judgment day." *International Workshop on Embedded Software*. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2003.

Design of Mission-Critical Apps & Systems (Goals)

- Focus on Memory, I/O, and Build of no SPOF Apps and Systems
 - Performance Tuning and Timing Analysis for RMA (deadline challenges)
 - I/O Device Interfaces and Drivers
 - Working memory, persistent memory, error detection and correction
 - Design concept for High Availability
 - Design concept for High Reliability
 - Integration of RMA for SRT and HRT with HA/HR Systems
 - Applications – Digital Media (Audio, Video, Computer Vision)
 - Systems – UAS/UAV, Small Satellites, Avionics, and Robotics

