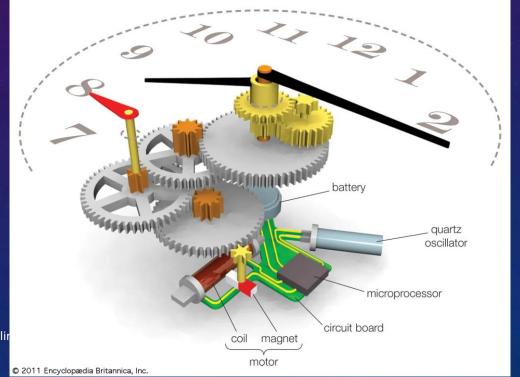


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UNDERSTANDING SYSTEMS & SUBSYSTEMS

The building blocks of technology and robotics



WHAT IS A SYSTEM

Definition:

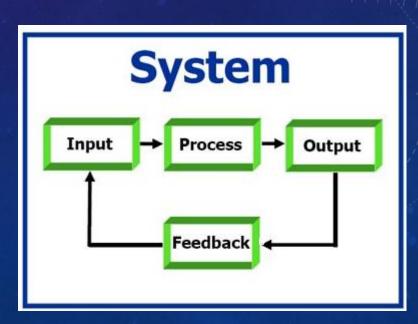
- A system is a group of parts or elements working together to perform a specific function or purpose.
- It can be mechanical, electrical, biological, or even social.
- Every system has:
 - Inputs (what it receives)
 - Processes (what it does)
 - Outputs (what it produces)

WHAT IS A SYSTEM - EXAMPLES

System	Input	Process	Output	Purpose
Human Body	the five senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch)	brain & spinal cord	voice, acts & reacts,	SURVIVAL
School	kids	teaching and training	students	EDUCATION
Vehicle				TRANSPORTATION

CORE COMPONENTS OF ANY SYSTEM

- Input:
 - Information, Energy or material that enters the system
- Process:
 - The transformation or action performed inside the system
- Output:
 - The result or product od the system's function
- Feedback (Optional):
 - Used to adjust or improve the system



WHAT IS FEEDBACK

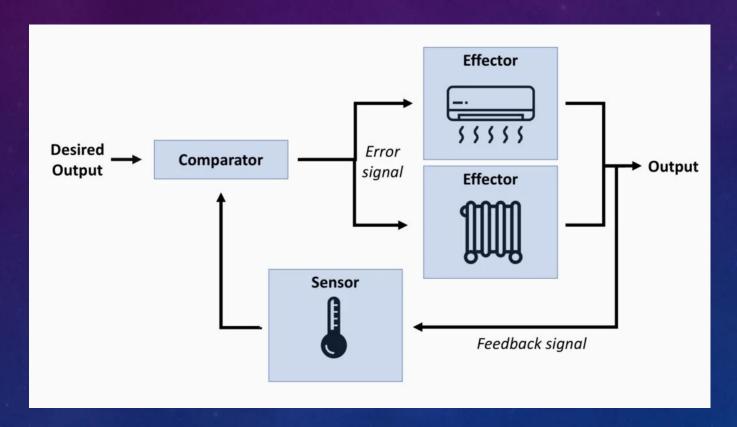
Definition:

- Feedback is information about output of a system that is used to adjust its behavior
- Helps maintain balance, accuracy, or improvement over time
- Can be positive (amplifies changes) or negative (reduce deviation)
- Feedback is essential in Control Systems

Example:

Thermostats, robotic navigation, etc.

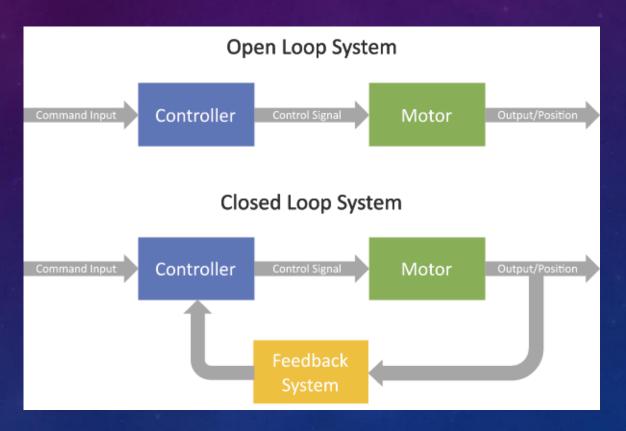
WHAT IS FEEDBACK



TYPES OF SYSTEMS

- Open Loop:
 - No feedback, Fixed with no correction, low accuracy. Microwave oven.
- Closed Loop:
 - Uses feedback, Self-adjusting, high accuracy. Air conditioner with thermostat.

TYPES OF SYSTEMS



WHAT IS A SUBSYSTEM

Definition:

- A subsystem is a smaller system that is a part of a larger system.
- Each subsystem has it's own role but contributes to the overall goal.
- Large systems are usually composed of multiple subsystems.

Example:

In a car, engine, braking system and electrical system are subsystems.

HUMAN BODY AS A SYSTEM

- What is the goal of this system?
- What are the main system components?
- What are the main subsystems? Describe each one.

COMPUTER AS A SYSTEM

A computer is a system