

The Art & Science of Embedded Systems

Theoretical and practical session

Intro



- FW consultancy company
- Activities
 - On-site FW development
 - Workshops
 - Product development
- Areas of expertise
 - Medical
 - Wearables
 - Aviation

Brain implant



Smartwatch



Pregnancy monitor







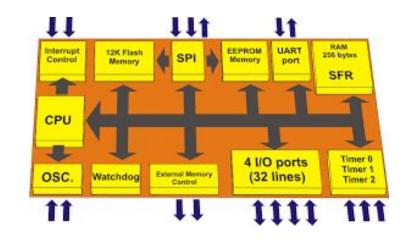
C/C++ language for embedded systems

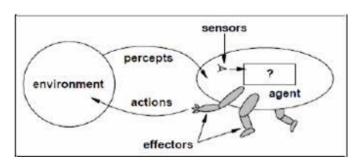
- Why C/C++?
 - Compiled:
 - runs on native hardware
 - no need for runtime/interpreter (unlike Python, Java)
 - Typed: full control over memory footprint
 - Popular: forums and books provide knowledge
- Ideal for embedded projects
 - Tool vendors 99% of time provide C/C++ API
 - Compilers optimized for embedded code (memory usage vs performance)
 - Large amount of free libraries (code re-use speeds up development)
- Scalable, can tackle hugely complex projects
 - Bare metal (no OS, wait for events in a loop)
 - Scheduler (tick based)
 - Real Time OS



Microcontrollers (MCU)

- What is it?
 - Device with interface to the real world
 - Digital, analog I/O
 - Peripherals
 - Supporting hardware: counter, Real Time Clock, ADC, ...
 - Communication buses: talking to other devices / sensors
 - I2C
 - UART
 - SPI
- Sensors and effectors can be attached
 - Sensor measures the state of the environment
 - Effectors change the environment









Source code (sketch): textual, human readable set of instructions (program)

Compile (verify): make machine executable code from source code

Variable: store/remember a number

Array: set of variables of the same type, no need to name them individually

Function: stop, execute a piece of code, then go back where it left off

Delay: do nothing for some time, then continue program execution

Basic programming concepts - syntax

Semicolon

Types

Expressions

Comments



More info: https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/c_basic_syntax.htm

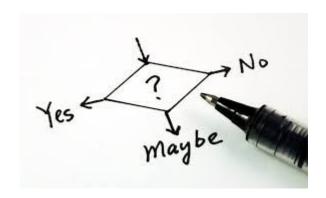
Basic programming concepts - control structures

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Else

Switch

Case



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Basic programming concepts - loops

For

While



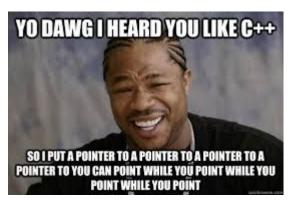
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Basic programming concepts - arrays and pointers

Pointer vs array

Underlying storage

Address in memory



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