

Embedded Applications on Intelligent Systems

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1. About This Topic...



- Intelligent Systems
- Embedded Applications





Intelligent systems are technologically advanced machines that perceive and respond to the world around them.

A synonym word(also a very hot word): Artifical Intelligent.

Intelligent systems can take many forms.

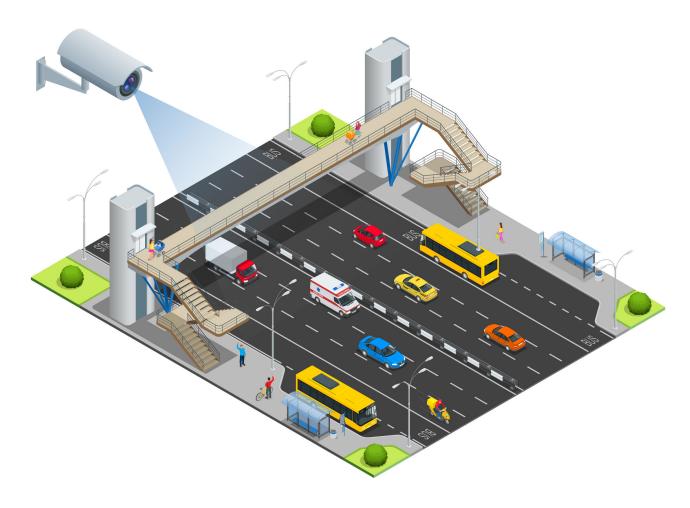
Almost all Intelligent systems are based on computer system.



Smart City



Intelligent Transportation System





Smart House





Precision Agriculture





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Artifical Intelligent





3. What are Embedded Systems?



- Embedded systems are application-orientied computer systems.
- A computer system consists of hardware and software.
- Embedded system will deal with embedded hardware (embedded processor, embedded platform, etc) and embedded software (most important of which is embedded OS).





- Microcontroller Units (μ Cs, or MCUs)
- Digital Signal Processors (DSPs)
- Embedded Microprocessors
- System on Chips (SoCs)



Micro Controllers

A microcontroller is a system that integrates a microprocessor with peripheral circuits and memory.

It is low-cost, low power-consumption with abundant on-chip I/Os. Widely used in industrial control system.

- Intel 8048 (In PC keryboard)
- Intel 8051 series (Remarkable, widely used in controlling)
- TI MSP430 (Very low powered processor, 1μ A in idle mode)
- TI C2000 (Real-time control MCUs)

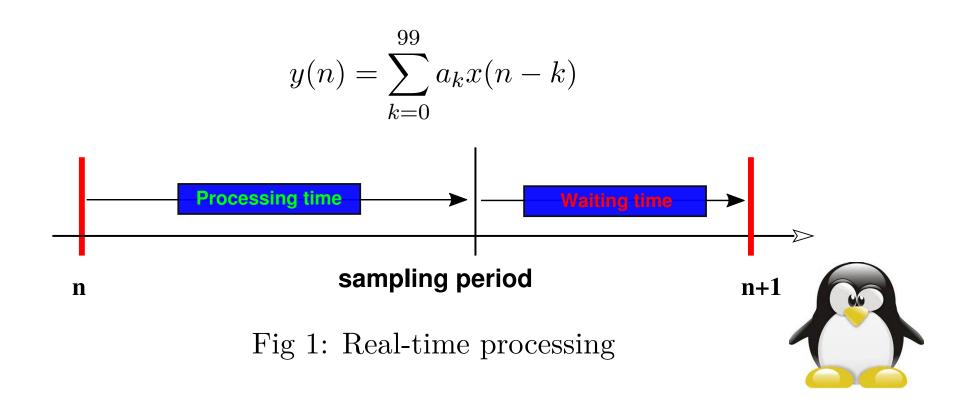




A practical digital system needs to be very fast and efficient.

Implementing of digital signal processing algorithm.

Suppose following algorithm:



DSPs

DSPs

DSPs (Digital Signal Processors) are dedicated designed microprocessors, which are suitable for digital signal processing algorithm:

- Hardware multiplication units
- Advanced bus architecture
- Multiple ALUs (fit for parallel computing)
- Optimized interrupt latency

DSP theories are widely used in audio, video and image processing.

MPUs

Microprocessor is a multipurpose, clock driven, register based digital-integrated circuit

As a general purpose system, MPU incorporates the functions of a CPU on a single IC.

Some Remarkable processor IP cores:

- x86 Atom (Designed by INTEL)
- ARM, Cortex (Designed by ARM Inc.)
- MIPS (Designed by MIPS)
- PowerPC (Apple, IBM and Motorola, AIM alien)
- **...**



SoCs

An SoC is an IC that integrates all components of a computer or other electronic systems.

SoC integrates a microcontroller (or microprocessor) with advanced peripherals like graphics processing unit (GPU), Wi-Fi module, or coprocessor.







Modern GPUs are very efficient at manipulating computer graphics and image processing, and their highly parallel structure makes them more efficient than GPP (General-Purpose Processors) for algorithms where the processing of large blocks of data is done in parallel.

As an example, take a look at transform between colorspace RGB and YUV:

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ -0.147 & -0.289 & 0.436 \\ 0.615 & -0.515 & -0.100 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

A GPP needs 9 multiplications and 6 additions to finish this transform. This takes too long time.



GPU

Embedded OS

Operating system is the most important software in a computer.

Most desktops and supercomputers are equiped with Time-sharing operating system, however, embedded applications need real-time performance.

Embedded operating systems are dedicated designed to be resource-efficient and reliable.

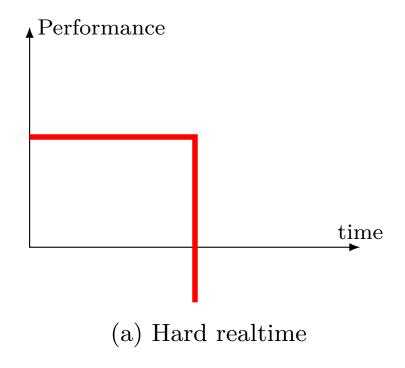
A simple list of Embedded OSes:

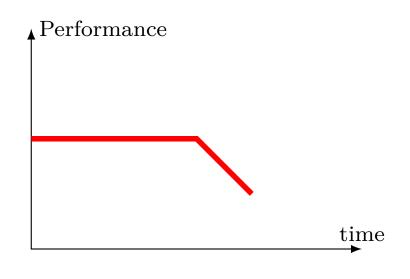
- VxWorks(The most famous hard real-time OS)
- Windows Embedded(past tense)
- Real-time Linux and other Linux variations
- OpenWRT (home routers)
- RTEMS(military system→multiprocessor system)



Embedded OS

Embedded OSes are often considered to be real-time, or RTOS (Real-Time Operating System).





(b) Soft realtime



Scheduling of an OS

An RTOS has an advanced algorithm for scheduling. The most common designs are:

- Event-driven switches tasks only when an event of higher priority needs servicing. (preemptive priority)
- Time-sharing switches tasks on a regular clocked interrupt, and on events. (round robin)



RTOS is valued more for how quickly or how predictably it can respond than for the amount of work it can perform in a given period of time.

- Time sharing systems The programmed reaction to an event will certainly happen sometime in the future.
- Soft Real Time systems The programmed reaction to an event is almost always completed within a known finite time.
- Hard Real Time systems The programmed reaction to an event must be guaranteed to be completed within a known finite time.



RTOS

6. About OS

- Linux
- Because of its free software license, the Linux kernel code is available for study and modification.
- A wide range of computing machinery, from supercomputers (top 385 in Feb.2017, top 500 in Jun. 2018) to wearables.
- Linux runs on dozens of hardware platforms:

s390

alpha	h8300	mips	sh	arc	mn10300	sparc
arm	arm64	x86	ia64	nios2	tile	hexagon
blackfin	m32r	parisc	c6x	m68k	powerpc	arc

xtensa

frv

• Linux desktop users are increasing.

openrisc

cris

microblaze

6. About OS



Some Features of Linux

- Open source
- POSIX standard
- Plenty of software supports
- Network connectivities
- Reliability, almost virus-free



7. Questions

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- In your opinion, what are intelligent systems, what is different between intelligent system and artifical intelligent?
- Learn more about Linux Operating system. What is different between Linux, Windows and MacOS?

