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进入 21 世纪，世界各国的经济、科技以及综合国力的竞争将更加激烈。竞争的中心无疑是对人才的竞争。谁拥有大量高素质的人才，谁就能在竞争中取得优势。高等教育，作为培养高素质人才的事业，必然受到高度重视。目前我国高等教育的教材更新较慢，为了加快教材的更新频率，教育部正在大力促进我国高校采用国外原版教材。

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# Preface to the Second Edition

Embedded system design needs hardware and software professionals as a team. Explaining both hardware and software concepts while keeping multidisciplinary undergraduates in mind in a single book is a difficult task. It appears that the earlier edition met this task successfully, considering the positive response it has received in India as well as internationally. A rough estimate is that 80000 engineering and professional training students became the first-time readers of this book in India alone. The book originally published in India has now McGraw-Hill translations published in China and South Korea, an International Students Edition and McGraw-Hill USA editions published from Singapore and New York.

After the publication of the earlier edition, there have been two developments: (1) numerous technology advancements occurred at a fast pace, and (2) many universities introduced syllabi on an Embedded Systems course at the Bachelors of Technology level in multiple engineering disciplines, for example, Computer Science and Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication, and Instrumentation and control engineering.

The new edition has been written to take the above-mentioned developments into account, besides providing a simpler presentation, keeping the multidisciplinary undergraduates in mind.

The new edition includes several new topics, the important ones being 'Design Process in Embedded Systems', 'Formalism of System Design', 'Wireless Communication Devices', 'Internet Enabled Systems', 'Wireless and Mobile System Protocols', and 'Windows CE and RTLinux RTOSes'.

The reader will find application of software engineering practices and UML modeling in all case studies and also three additional case studies (Digital Camera, Robot Orchestra and Mobile Phone SMS Creating and Sending).

Further, since the publication of the earlier edition I have been interacting with a number of teachers and students, and receiving feedback from them almost at regular intervals. The chapters of the new edition have also been reviewed by a few young, forthright and dedicated engineering college teachers. It is hoped that this edition takes care of most of their valuable suggestions and criticisms.

This book caters to young minds, who constantly crave for knowledge and would also be a useful reference for professionals, who are required to learn latest topics. The following are new to this edition.

1. Design process in embedded systems and formalism of system design (Chapter 1)
2. 8051 basics, real-world interfacing and introduction to advanced architectures (Chapter 2)
3. Additional topics for port interfacing, for example, touch screen interfacing, an inclusion of SDIO, wireless communication devices, *internet enabled systems*, wireless and mobile system protocols (Chapter 3)
4. Examples of software interrupts and interrupt service routines, and interrupt service threads as second-level interrupt handlers (Chapter 4)
5. Timer and event functions, basic design using a real-time operating system (Chapter 8, *Chapter 9 of the earlier edition*)
6. Host- and target-based, and self-host based development approaches, and types of RTOSes (Chapter 9, *Chapter 10 of the earlier edition*)
7. Two new RTOSes—Windows CE and RTLinux (Chapter 10, *a new chapter*)
8. Use of software engineering and UML modeling practices in seven case studies, and three more case studies—Digital Camera, Robot Orchestra and Mobile Phone SMS Creating and Sending (Chapter 11 and Chapter 12)
9. Select bibliography at the end of the book, (a highlight of the previous edition) has been more enriched.

I would encourage every reader to login at the book's website for accessing the entire information. The new edition has a number of enhancements in the web supplement accompanying this book. A chapter titled 'Software Engineering Practices in the Embedded Software Development Process' in the earlier edition is included in the web supplement at <http://www.mhhe.com/kamal/emb2>

A student can hone his/her problem-solving and system design skills using modeling practices and learn more key concepts in embedded hardware architecture, interfaces, buses, software programming design and RTOSes from the new edition.

This book is expected to find even more favour internationally than the first edition. It would be helpful to

- Undergraduate and post-graduate engineering students of computer science, information technology, electronics and communication, instrumentation and control
- Software professional trainers, and
- Embedded system design professionals.

## Salient Features

- Thorough explanation of embedded hardware architecture, interfacing techniques, buses and protocols, hardware and software interrupts, embedded software programming, modeling, inter-process synchronization and real-time operating systems
- Comprehensive explanation with examples for learning the widely used RTOSes— $\mu$ COS-II, VxWorks, Windows CE, OSEK and RTLinux
- Insight into the fundamental aspects that form the basis of hardware and software designing of Embedded Systems
- Explains modeling of programs and software engineering practices for system design using case studies of systems for automatic chocolate vending machine, digital camera, TCP/IP stack creation, robot orchestra, automatic cruise control, smart card and mobile phone
- Incorporates pedagogical features such as a large number of examples, sample codes and demonstrates how to use design and program a system. Also includes chapter-end glossary of terms, review questions and practice exercises
- Detailed selected bibliography of books, journal references and important web links at the end of the book to facilitate building a startup library for further studies in embedded systems

There is an accompanying web supplement at <http://www.mhhe.com/kamal/emb2> that is periodically updated and includes

- Solution guide to review questions and practice exercises
- Write-up on ‘Software Engineering for Embedded Systems Design’
- Additional details of seven case studies described in the book
- Multiple-choice questions (with answers) for each chapter to test the understanding of concepts and their solutions
- PowerPoint slides for each chapter to supplement lecture presentations

Although much care has been taken to ensure an error-free text, yet a few mistakes may have crept in—I shall be grateful if they are pointed out. The feedback on the content of the book as well as online PPTs and web supplement material at the McGraw-Hill site from readers will be highly appreciated through ‘Query’ or ‘Contact me’ links at my website (<http://www.rajkamal.org>).

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# Introduction to Embedded Systems

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### Section 1.1

*Definitions of system and embedded system*

### Section 1.2

*The processing unit of an embedded system consists of*

1. A processor
2. Commonly used microprocessors
3. Application-specific instruction set processors (ASIPs), microcontrollers, DSPs and others
4. Single purpose processors

### Section 1.3

*The hardware unit of an embedded system consists of*

1. An embedded system power source with controlled power-dissipation
2. A clock oscillator circuit and clocking unit that lets a processor execute instructions
3. Timers and a real time clock (RTC) for various timing needs of the system
4. Reset circuit and watchdog timer
5. System and external memories
6. System input output (IO) ports, serial, parallel and wireless communication, serial Universal Asynchronous Receiver and Transmitter (UART) and other port protocols and buses
7. Devices such as Digital to Analog Converter (DAC) using Pulse Width Modulation (PWM), Analog to Digital Converter (ADC), Light Emitting Diode (LED) and Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) units, keypad and keyboard, touch screen, pulse dialer, modem and transceiver
8. Multiplexers, demultiplexers, decoder for interfacing of the devices and buses

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9. Interrupt controller (handler)

#### **Section 1.4**

1. Languages that are used to develop **embedded software** for a system
2. Program models
3. Multitasking using an operating system (OS), system device drivers, device management and real time operating system (RTOS)
4. Software tools for system design

#### **Section 1.5**

*Examples of applications of embedded systems*

#### **Section 1.6**

*Designing an embedded system on a VLSI chip*

1. Embedded SoC (System on Chip) and examples of its applications
2. Uses of Application Specific Instruction Set Processor (ASIP) and Intellectual Property (IP) core
3. Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) core with single or multiple processor units on an ASIC chip

#### **Section 1.7**

*The complex system consists of*

1. Embedded microprocessors or GPPs in complex systems
2. Embedding ASIPs, microcontrollers, DSPs, media and network processors
3. Embedding application-specific system processors (ASSPs)
4. Embedding multiple processors in systems

#### **Section 1.8**

*The design process has*

1. Challenges in embedded system design
2. Design metrics optimization
3. Co-design of hardware and software components

#### **Section 1.9**

*The system design formalism is defined*

#### **Section 1.10**

*The design of embedded hardware and software in an automatic chocolate vending machine, smart card, digital-camera, mobile phone, mobile computer and robot are given as examples*

#### **Section 1.11**

*Classification of embedded systems into three types*

#### **Section 1.12**

*Skills needed to design an embedded system*

## 1.1 EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

### 1.1.1 System

A system is a way of working, organizing or doing one or many tasks according to a fixed plan, program, or set of rules. A system is also an arrangement in which all its units assemble and work together according to the plan or program.

Consider a watch. It is a time-display system. Its parts are its hardware, needles and battery with the beautiful dial, chassis and strap. *These parts organize to show* the real time every second and continuously update the time every second. The system-program updates the display using three needles after each second. *It follows a set of rules.* Some of these rules are as follows: (i) All needles move only clockwise. (ii) A thin and long needle rotates every second such that it returns to same position after a minute. (iii) A long needle rotates every minute such that it returns to same position after an hour. (iv) A short needle rotates every hour such that it returns to same position after twelve hours. (v) All three needles return to the same inclination after twelve hours each day.

Consider a washing machine. It is an automatic clothes-washing system. The important hardware parts include its status display panel, the switches and dials for user-defined programming, a motor to rotate or spin, its power supply and control unit, an inner water-level sensor, a solenoid valve for letting water in and another valve for letting water drain out. *These parts organize to wash clothes automatically according to a program preset by a user.* *The system-program* is activated to wash the dirty clothes placed in a tank, which rotates or spins in preprogrammed steps and stages. *It follows a set of rules.* Some of these rules are as follows: (i) Follow the steps strictly in the following sequence. Step I: Wash by spinning the motor according to a programmed period. Step II: Rinse in fresh water after draining out the dirty water, and rinse a second time if the system is not programmed in water-saving mode. Step III: After draining out the water completely, spin the motor fast for a programmed period for drying by centrifuging out water from the clothes. Step IV: Show the wash-over status by a blinking display. Sound the alarm for a minute to signal that the wash cycle is complete. (ii) At each step, display the process stage of the system. (iii) In case of an interruption, execute only the remaining part of the program, starting from the position when the process was interrupted. There can be no repetition from Step I unless the user resets the system by inserting another set of clothes and resets the program.

### 1.1.2 Embedded System

**Definition** One of the definitions of *embedded system* is as follows:

*“An embedded system is a system that has embedded software and computer-hardware, which makes it a system dedicated for an application(s) or specific part of an application or product or a part of a larger system.”*

Embedded systems have been defined in books published recently in several ways. Given below is a series of definitions from others in the field:

Wayne Wolf author of *Computers as Components – Principles of Embedded Computing System Design*: “What is an *embedded computing system*? Loosely defined, it is any device that includes a programmable computer but is not itself intended to be a general-purpose computer” and “a fax machine or a clock built from a microprocessor is an embedded computing system”.

Todd D. Morton author of *Embedded Microcontrollers*: “*Embedded Systems* are electronic systems that contain a microprocessor or microcontroller, but we do not think of them as computers—the computer is hidden or embedded in the system.”

David E. Simon author of *An Embedded Software Primer*: “People use the term *embedded system* to mean any computer system hidden in any of these products.”

Tim Wilmshurst author of *An Introduction to the Design of Small Scale Embedded Systems* with examples from PIC, 80C51 and 68HC05/08 microcontrollers: (1) “An embedded system is a system whose principal function is not computational, but which is controlled by a computer embedded within it. The computer is likely to be a microprocessor or microcontroller. The word embedded implies that it lies inside the overall system, hidden from view, forming an integral part of [the] greater whole”. (2) “An embedded system is a microcontroller-based, software-driven, reliable, real time control system, autonomous, or human- or network-interactive, operating on diverse physical variables and in diverse environments, and sold into a competitive and cost-conscious market”.

A computer is a system that has the following or more components.

1. A microprocessor
2. A large memory of the following two kinds:
  - (a) Primary memory (*semiconductor* memories: Random Access Memory (RAM), Read Only Memory (ROM) and fast accessible caches)
  - (b) Secondary memory [(*magnetic* memory located in hard disks, diskettes and cartridge tapes, *optical* memory in CD-ROMs or memory sticks (in mobile computers)] using which different user programs can be loaded into the primary memory and run
3. I/O units such as touch screen, modem, fax cum modem, etc.
4. Input units such as keyboard, mice, digitizer, scanner, etc.
5. Output units such as an LCD screen, video monitor, printer, etc.
6. Networking units such as an Ethernet card, front-end processor-based server, bus drivers, etc.
7. An operating system (OS) that has general purpose user and application software in the secondary memory

An embedded system is a system that has three main components embedded into it:

1. It embeds hardware similar to a computer. Figure 1.1 shows the units in the hardware of an embedded system. As its software usually embeds in the ROM or flash memory, it usually do not need a secondary hard disk and CD memory as in a computer
2. It embeds main application software. The application software may concurrently perform a series of tasks or processes or threads
3. It embeds a real-time operating system (RTOS) that supervises the application software running on hardware and organizes access to a resource according to the priorities of tasks in the system. It provides a mechanism to let the processor run a process as scheduled and context-switch between the various processes. (The concept of process, thread and task explained later in Sections 7.1 to 7.3.) It sets the rules during the execution of the application software. (A small-scale embedded system may not embed the RTOS.)

**Characteristics** An embedded system is characterized by the following: (1) Real-time and multirate operations define the ways in which the system works, reacts to events, interrupts and schedules the system’s functioning in real time. It does so by following a plan to control latencies and to meet deadlines. (Latency refers to the waiting period between running the codes of a task or interrupt service routine and the instance at which the need for the task or interrupt from an event arises). The different operations may take place at



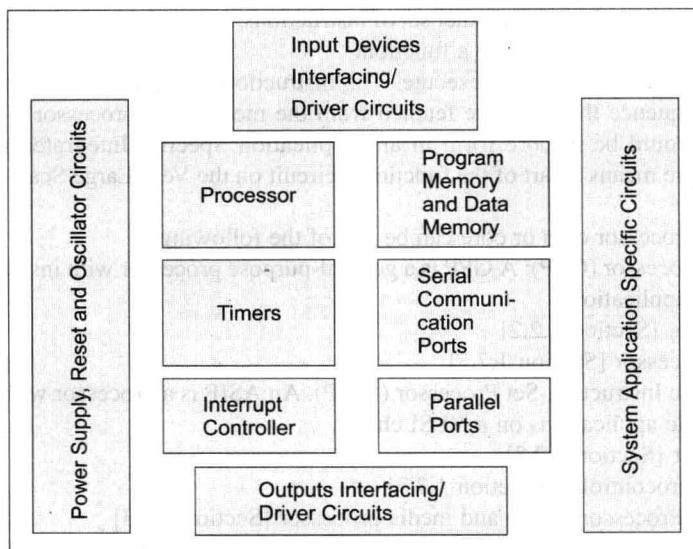


Fig. 1.1 The components of embedded system hardware

distinct rates. For example, audio, video, data, network stream and events have different rates and time constraints. (2) Complex algorithms. (3) Complex graphic user interfaces (GUIs) and other user interfaces. (4) Dedicated functions.

**Constraints** An embedded system is designed keeping in view three constraints: (1) available system-memory, (2) available processor speed, (3) the need to limit power dissipation when running the system continuously in cycles of 'wait for events', 'run', 'stop', 'wake-up' and 'sleep'.

The system design of an embedded system has constraints with regard to performance, power, size and design and manufacturing costs.

## 1.2 PROCESSOR EMBEDDED INTO A SYSTEM

A processor is an important unit in the embedded system hardware. It is the heart of the embedded system. Knowledge of basic concept of microprocessors and microcontrollers is must for an embedded system designer. A reader may refer to a standard text or the texts listed in the 'References' at the end of this book for an in-depth understanding of microprocessors, microcontrollers and DSPs that are incorporated in embedded system design. Chapter 2 will explain 8051 and a few processors.

### 1.2.1 Embedded Processors in a System

A processor has two essential units: Program Flow Control Unit (CU) and Execution Unit (EU). The CU includes a fetch unit for fetching instructions from the memory. The EU has circuits that implement the instructions pertaining to data transfer operations and data conversion from one form to another. The EU includes the Arithmetic and Logical Unit (ALU) and also the circuits that execute instructions for a program